



Checkendon Church of England (A) Primary School

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September 2025 Newsletter 82



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand new school year at Checkendon Primary! We hope you all had a fun filled and enjoyable summer break, and we're delighted to see the children return full of enthusiasm, curiosity, and energy.

There's something special about the start of a new academic year, whether your child is joining us for the first time in Reception or returning for their final year in Year 6, we are excited to embark on another year of learning, discovery, and growth.

Our staff team have been busy preparing engaging learning projects and meaningful experiences to ensure a smooth and positive transition for all children. A warm welcome also to the new members of staff joining our Checkendon family, we're already seeing the impact of their energy and expertise in classrooms and around the school.

This year, we're looking forward to deepening our curriculum, further developing subject leadership, and continuing our work to nurture confident, happy, and successful learners. You'll also notice some ongoing improvements to our environment, which we're excited to share with everyone!

We know that strong partnerships with families are key to a successful school year. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher or with me directly if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Together, we can ensure that every child at Checkendon has the very best start to the year. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Thank you for creating such a wonderful environment where children can thrive and truly enjoy their learning journey. We look forward to another fantastic year.

It was so exciting to read XXX's Annual Report. What a fantastic report it is. We really appreciate all the hard work and support given. We feel very lucky to be part of such a nurturing and caring school. Thank you very much.

We are delighted with XXX's progress. Thank you for providing such a well-rounded curriculum that broadens his education. We feel we are very lucky to be able to offer him all the additional clubs and hobbies that school provides.

Thank you to all 74 families who returned their **report forms** at the end of last term. Your comments help us to improve our practice and your kind words are very much appreciated by the teachers and myself. Please see the website for more!

Welcome back from PTA.

PTA AGM is on Thursday 5th September at 7pm at school – please come to offer your support.

Everyone is invited to join us for Celebration Worship after drop off on Friday 9th September, following this there is a Coffee Morning to welcome our new families – everyone welcome!

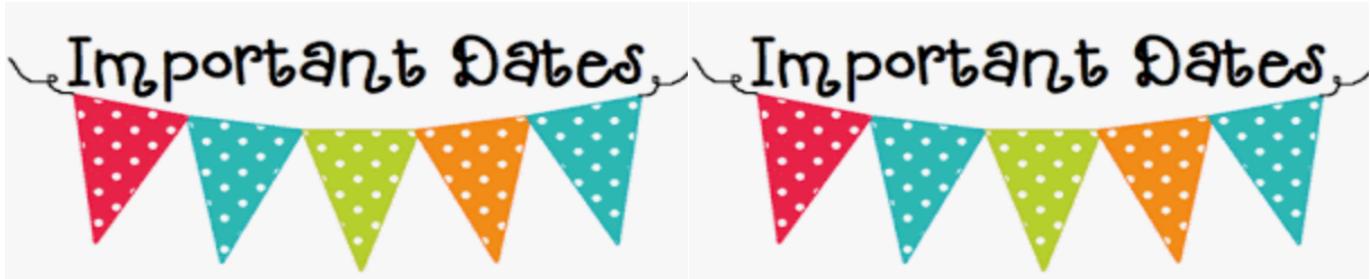
Some polite reminders for the new year:

- 1) **We are a nut free zone.** Please don't send any snacks or packed lunches containing nuts.
- 2) **Uniform:** Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate **named school uniform everyday** and bring your PE kit in a bag because children will be changing at school.
- 3) **Drinks:** Remember a water bottle everyday, this should be filled with water, not squash. We encourage the children to regularly drink from their bottles. Regularly sipping sugary drinks causes damage to children's teeth.
- 4) **Breaktime snacks:** Fruit or vegetables please.
- 5) **Parking:** The preschool have asked us to remind everyone not to use their car park.
- 6) **Dogs:** For the wellbeing of children (and dogs) please do not bring dogs onto school grounds or tie them up just outside the gates.
- 6) **School day:** Our doors open at 8.40 and the registers are taken at 8.50. If your child arrives in class after this time, they will be marked as late.

We finish at 3.20, if you are going to be late, please let us know so that your child can be warned. If your child is going home with another adult, please can you inform the office because we can't let them leave without specific permission from a parent.

We're pleased to welcome children back to After School Club

Open every school day until 5:00 PM + Cost-effective and safe childcare + 🧑 Limited to 12 spaces
Please remember to book online — demand is high, and places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to another fantastic term!



Term 1

Monday 1st September 2025 INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Term starts at 8.40 (register at 8.50)
Friday 5th September 2025 9am Open Celebration Worship followed by coffee morning to welcome our new families
Week beginning 8th September 2025 Class information sessions
Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 2.30 Harvest Festival (all welcome)
Friday 17th October 2025 9am Open Celebration Worship (all welcome)
Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 3.20 term ends
Thursday 23rd October 2025 INSET – First Aid training for all staff
Friday 24th October 2025 INSET Day

October holiday Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 Term starts
Wednesday 17th December 2025 2.30 Christmas Church Service (all welcome)
Friday 19th December 2025 9am Open Celebration Worship (all welcome)
Friday 19th December 2025 at 1 pm term ends

Christmas holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Term 3

Monday 5th January 2026 Term starts
Friday 13th February 2026 Open Celebration Worship (all welcome)
Friday 13th February 2026 at 3.20 Term ends

February holiday Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 Term starts
Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 2pm Holy Communion Easter Service (all welcome)
Friday 27th March 2026 Open Celebration Worship and class cups (all welcome)
Friday 27th March 2026 at 1 pm Term ends

Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

Term 5

Monday 13th April 2026 Term starts
Monday 4th May 2026 Bank Holiday Monday (no school)
Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 1.30 Pentecost followed by Maypole and Country Dancing (all welcome)
Friday 22nd May 2026 Open Celebration Worship (all welcome)
Friday 22nd May 2026 at 3.20 Term ends

Late Spring holiday Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd June 2026 Term starts
Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 2.30 Celebration Worship in church (all welcome)
Friday 17th July at 9am Open Celebration Worship and Class Cups (all welcome)
Friday 17th July 2026 at 1pm Term ends
Monday 20th July 2026 INSET Day