



# Christ Church Sowerby Bridge C.E. (VA) Primary School

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## RE: Important Updates for September

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents

Following much chancing of the local authority, I am pleased to be able to communicate final plans for September.

When we return to school in September, ALL children will be accommodated on the Christ Church site. This is brilliant news and I know how much easier this will be for parents with children in both key stages. We seem to have been working on this for so long, and all the plans are falling into place!

We will be operating 5 classes initially, whilst Calderdale proceed with the building project which will see the current caretaker's bungalow extended and converted into a new EYFS unit. The classes will be as follows:

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Support Staff
Willows	EYFS/Year 1	Miss K. Crawshaw	Mrs T. Fletcher Mrs R. Hughes
Junipers	Year 1/Year 2	Mrs L. Chapman	Mrs N. Marshall Mrs C. Pigott Mrs J. Stimpson Ms T. Cromack
Chestnuts	Year 2/Year 3	Miss R. Larkin	Mrs J. Murphy Ms S. Taylor
Maples	Year 4/Year 5	Mr G. Dow	Mrs M. Mudd Ms S. Smith
Sycamores	Year 5/Year 6	Miss E. Mor	Miss B. Woodhead
Miss Firth will be teaching Year 4 mornings for English, Maths and Science			
Mrs Stewart will be delivering teachers' PPA sessions in all classes.			

Please note, in the interim period whilst the EYFS unit is being created, we will have a limited number of nursery places available. For 15 hour funding, these places will be offered on 2.5 full days only, either the first or second half of the week.



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We have been robustly planning for necessary changes to the curriculum which will be implemented in mixed age classes. These have been extremely successful in Key Stage 2 for the last two years, and we will be extending the provision throughout school. For core subjects of English, Maths and Science, children will be taught the year group expectations explicitly, regardless of which class they are in. Afternoons will then be taught on a rolling curriculum, as is currently in place successfully throughout Key Stage 2.

We are currently finalising end of year reports, which will come out via email for the first time. Please make sure email addresses are up to date with Mrs Hibbert. We will also communicate which class children will be in at this point. Statutory Assessment results for Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 will also come out to parents electronically via email.

We have now begun a very busy end to the term, which includes the packing up and transporting of all the provision required to be moved from Tuel Lane to Christ Church, as well as emptying classrooms at Christ Church ready for Tuel Lane provision to arrive. This is a significant logistical undertaking for staff, alongside a professional removal firm. Consequently, the Local Authority have granted extraordinary permission for us to shorten the term by one week, enabling staff to pack up, move and set up the new classrooms ready for September. **School will therefore close to all children on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026.** We know that this will potentially cause some concern for working parents, but I hope you can understand that what we need to do to close one site and prepare for all the children at Christ Church is an enormous task which cannot be done whilst children are in the building.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this exciting time. We can't wait to welcome you all, in one place, in September!

Kind regards

Miss Embleton  
Headteacher



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