



Bapchild and Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Week beginning: 07/09/2026

Rooted in God as our vine; we bear fruits.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break, whether you enjoyed a holiday or spent some quality time with family and friends. After 25 + years in teaching I feel very lucky to have the same buzz and excitements about starting a new academic year and the promise of what lies ahead. I heard a lovely statement the other day that simply said "every year is just a chance to do it again" and this is what makes this school a great place to work and learn in. We don't take for granted all the special things we do throughout the year and the new families that we welcome. For all this to be possible though I am extremely grateful to you, our parents and carers, for preparing the children so well for their return, with smart uniforms, positive attitudes and a real readiness to learn. I would also like to thank all of our staff who worked hard over the summer to prepare the school, ensuring that our classrooms are bright, welcoming and well organised for the year ahead. Have a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes, Christian Kelly

Dates for the Diary

18th Sept – FOBS AGM at 9.00am

23rd Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning

25th Sept – FOBS Film Night

28th Sept – 2nd Oct – Year 6 PGL Residential

5th Oct – 1.45pm New Year R Welcome Service at St Laurence Church – 2.30pm Year R/1 Phonics Parent Meeting

7th Oct – Year R, 2, 4 and 6 Parents Afternoon – 2.00pm

14th Oct – Harvest Festival

9.30am – Year R, 2, 4 and 6;

11.00 - Year 1,3, 5; 2.45 - Nursery

Academic Year 2026/27

Term 1 - 01/09/26 - 23/10/26

Term 2 - 02/11/26 - 18/12/26

Term 3 - 04/01/27 - 12/02/27

Term 4 - 22/02/27 - 25/03/27

Term 5 - 12/04/27 - 28/05/27

Term 6 - 07/06/27 - 21/07/27



New Reception Class

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children as they settle into school life. A very warm welcome to all our new families—we're sure our existing families will make you feel right at home! Over the summer, we refreshed many of our toys and resources and the garden into an exciting space for learning and play. We've already enjoyed seeing some wonderful paintings and lots of happy children playing together. Next week, the children will be joining us full-time. We're looking forward to another exciting week!

Drop off and pick-up's

Please be mindful when dropping off or picking up in cars outside the school. We have received a few complaints about parents blocking the road and stopping bin lorries etc. Please be considerate to our neighbours and safe for children when dropping off and picking up!

Heathy Snacks

Crisps, croissants and dunkers? No, thank you—fruit and veggies are the way to go! Please remember healthy snacks for break and water in bottles not juice.



House Captains

Congratulations to our House Captains who were elected by their House peers. Well done to all of the year 6's who put themselves forward for elections and gave brilliant speeches.