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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! It's so lovely to see all the children back in school and to meet our new pupils and families. Hollie in particular, has enjoyed all the attention. We have begun the year by looking at our school rules. Each class has spent some time discussing this and as a result, the whole school has agreed on our new school rules:

**Ready  
Respectful  
Safe**

I was really pleased to see how quickly the children are remembering these rules already. We have talked about displaying our rules throughout the school and I have created a competition to design a poster to do this. If your child would like to part, they need to create an A4 poster with the text:

We are...

*Ready Respectful Safe*

It needs to be clear to read and can be landscape or portrait. The closing date is Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. The winner will receive a book token!

### **The Pool**

Thank you so much to our amazing Pool Committee and parent helpers for all their work over the summer in keeping the pool open so that everyone could enjoy it. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team!



**Meet the Head  
Coffee morning  
Thursday 12 Sept  
Atworth 8.45 – 9.45**

**Monkton Farleigh  
Tuesday 17 Sept  
8.30 – 9.30**



Best Wishes

**Heather Saunders**

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The new academic year has not even started yet, and we already have some mathletes inspired and ready for the new season. It's brilliant to see you getting the year off to a flying start. Well done for being so keen!

Bronze : Jason, Rosemary, Jasper, Olivia S, Harry L, William, Meadow (2), Finlay (2), Leighton (2), Louie (3), Benjamin (3), Oliver CJ (3), Jazmyne (4), Alexis G (5), Maddox (5), Felix (5)

### **Atworth Outdoor Swimming Pool**

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped us out at the pool over the summer and everyone who came along to swim.

We opened the pool 22 times. The weather wasn't really on our side for some of the days however, children came to swim every single day it was open.

We had a total of 13 volunteers, who kept the pool clean, ensured the chemical levels were correct and ran the shifts on the opening days.

We used two local lifeguards. After paying them we have made a fantastic profit of **£424** which will go towards replacing the liner.

Most of all we had a lot of fun. The sunshine saw a huge turnout last week, it was fantastic to see so many families enjoying themselves in the water, we are so lucky to have this facility. Also, a huge thanks to Louise, Marc and George for donating the incredible selection of inflatables, unfortunately not all of them have survived the summer!

**The pool will be open on Saturday afternoon, 1-4 pm**, so please come along for a swim. We will keep it open for as long as possible before shutting down for winter. During this time, we will hopefully be able to replace the liner and make improvements for next summer.

Please look out for future fundraising efforts, the liner desperately needs replacing and it isn't cheap – please support us in any way you can – watch this space!!

Finally, we always welcome new volunteers to help us run and maintain the pool, if you would like to volunteer, please contact Emma for more information on [ebennett@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ebennett@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk)



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On behalf of St Peter's Church, we just wanted to take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to all those who are new to Churchfields and say hello to those who are returning for another year. We look forward to our visits to the school and to welcoming you to the church during the course of the year. For those who are unaware, St Peter's Church is open everyday so please do come and make use of it as a quiet space to pause and reflect or to light a candle for someone you care about or a situation in the world that concerns you. We also have a children's area at the back of church and there are always things to make use of, should you pop in with young children after school drop off. Should you ever wish to talk with anyone in the church then here a few points of contact for you:

Katie Jackson (Rector) 01225 722230 [katiejacks139@gmail.com](mailto:katiejacks139@gmail.com)

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Wishing you every blessing for the coming school year,

Katie

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### Term dates for 2023/2024

<p><b>Term 1: Monday 2 September – Wed 23rd October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> <li>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Term 2: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>
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### Term 1 & 2

TERM 1	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Inset day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	WOW day KS1 Atworth KS2 Monkton Farleigh
Thurs 12 Sept	Coffee Morning Atworth 8.45 – 9.45
Tues 17 Sept	Coffee Morning Monkton Farleigh 8.30-9.30
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bucket Golf AT 9-12 MF 1- 3
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Tempest Photography individual photos
30 Sept – 4 Oct	Book Week
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Parents evening until 7.30
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Parents evening until 6.00pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET DAY (school closed)
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Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival Atworth 1.15
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bedtime stories (5-6pm)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MF Open day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	End of term 1
TERM 2	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Friday 15 Nov	Anti - bullying week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in need
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Open day both sites Atworth 10-2 Monkton Farleigh 10-2
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School nurse Whole school Flu immunisations
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Production 4pm/6pm TBC
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	R/KS1 Production 4pm/6pm TBC
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 17 Dec	Carols St Peters Monkton Farleigh 1:15
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols St. Michaels Atworth 1:15
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term 2

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**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024 -25**



September 2024					October 2024					November 2024										
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25		
Tu		3	10	17	24		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		W		2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	
Th		5	12	19	26		Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27		F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29
Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30
Su		1	8	15	22	29	Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	

December 2024					January 2025					February 2025										
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24		
Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25		
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F		6	13	20	27		F		3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		4	11	18	25		Sa		1	8	15	22	
Su		1	8	15	22	29	Su		5	12	19	26		Su		2	9	16	23	

March 2025					April 2025					May 2025										
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26		
Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	
W		5	12	19	26		W		2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	
Th		6	13	20	27		Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		1	8	15	22	29
F		7	14	21	28		F		4	11	18	25		F		2	9	16	23	30
Sa		1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31
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June 2025					July 2025					August 2025										
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25		
Tu		3	10	17	24		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		W		2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	
Th		5	12	19	26		Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	
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key:

<span style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> School Holiday
<span style="background-color: #FFD700; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> Bank holiday
<span style="background-color: #FFFFFF; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> Term Time

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.  
5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

**Term dates summary:**

<b>Term 1</b>	02 September to 23 October 2024	38 days
<b>Term 2</b>	04 November to 20 December 2024	35 days
<b>Term 3</b>	06 January to 14 February 2025	30 days
<b>Term 4</b>	24 February to 04 April 2025	30 days
<b>Term 5</b>	22 April to 23 May 2025	23 days
<b>Term 6</b>	02 June to 24 July 2025	39 days
<b>TOTAL</b>		195 Days

**Bank and Public Holidays 2024/2025**

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2024
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2024
New Years Holiday	1st January 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025
Easter Monday	21st April 2025
May Day Holiday	05th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025

**INSET DAYS**  
MONDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2024; FRIDAY 04 OCTOBER 2024; FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2025;  
WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2025 & THURSDAY 24 JULY 2025

## Raise £ for Churchfields



Did you know you can raise £ whilst shopping in Asda by using the Asda Reward App? All you need to do is sign up and set up Cash Pots, then select our school using our post code SN12 8HY. Its fantastic opportunity for Churchfields and we get £1 for each sign up made! Woohoo!



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Crime Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support.

- 1 LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED**  
Figure out a list of all equipment needed for the start of the school year, so you can comfortably get your hands on the necessary items in time. If children have any financial issues and receive free school meals, the school may be able to provide some monetary aid or other support.
- 2 COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL**  
If you notice that a child is feeling anxious about a change of teacher or school, arranging a one-to-one meeting with their new teacher can be a good way to alleviate some of the anxiety. Just knowing that they understand the child's worries and will be able to help them if the need arises can build the foundations of a good working relationship. Knowing that you can contact them with any queries can also be reassuring.
- 3 CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**  
There will be plenty of information about the start of term on the school's website to keep you updated. Furthermore, you should be able to find other useful information such as contact details for staff, important school equipment, clubs, and news about any special events on the school calendar for the year. It could be helpful to look through this with children for anything which might reassure them.
- 4 HELP TO MANAGE FRIENDSHIPS**  
If a child is feeling anxious about making new friends – especially if they're moving up to secondary school – it can be a good idea to remind them of what they could do or say when meeting new classmates. Investigating the extracurricular activities available could be a good way to open a conversation about their hobbies and pastimes, and joining such clubs could allow new friendships to be built on this mutual interest.
- 5 PLAN SELF-CARE**  
Talking to children about how they can manage their self-care can be an effective way of helping them understand its importance. This might involve playing a computer game they love with friends, or weekly visits to the cinema, getting to bed at the same time each night, or a range of other activities that support their wellbeing and provide the consistency and safety of a routine that works for them.
- 6 MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS**  
Explain that it's okay to have difficult feelings around returning to school. This can help reduce any shame or embarrassment a child might be feeling over these emotions. Emphasise that other children – even some of the teachers – will be feeling the same way. Consider practical ways to manage these feelings and help children feel more in control of their emotions. Some examples include fidget toys, breathing exercises or a notepad for doodling.
- 7 SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
Parents and carers should try to buy a child's uniform for the new academic year well in advance of the new term (although allowing for potential holiday periods apart) and give them time to adapt to any changes. Make sure they can comfortably change into and out of it for PE lessons. Double check the requirements for PE on the school's website, as some schools will also have requirements for PE kits.
- 8 PREPARE FOR TRANSITION DAYS**  
Ensuring that children attend transition days is a vital step in preparing for the new year. Some schools also have transition evenings for parents and carers to attend, offering extra opportunities to reach out for any emotional support.
- 9 READ THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY**  
If a young person struggles with their mental health, it's important to understand their school's mental health policy and provision to know what support is available. This should be on the school's website. A range of aid is typically on offer – from individual fortnightly appointments to group sessions on emotional wellbeing. You can then discuss these options with the child to reassure them that help is there if they need it.
- 10 LEARN ABOUT SEN SUPPORT**  
If a child has SEN and receives help in school, try to confirm exactly what support is available, to ensure they'll be having their needs met. If they're moving up to secondary school, it's a good idea to meet with the SENCO to ensure that all teachers receive the most relevant, up-to-date information about the child's needs and have a contact to base with if these change over time.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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**#WakeUpWednesday** **The National College**

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-going-back-to-school>

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