



4th September 2026

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our first week back following the summer holidays, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for helping to make such a positive start to the new academic year.

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school. We have been incredibly pleased with how well they have returned, settling quickly into their new classes and routines. Across the school, classrooms have been full of excitement, enthusiasm and a real eagerness to learn. It has been lovely to see new friendships forming and familiar ones being rekindled after the summer break.

A particularly special welcome goes to our new Reception children. We have been delighted by how confidently they have come into school and embraced their new surroundings. Starting school is a significant milestone, and our youngest children have impressed us all with their independence, enthusiasm and positive attitudes. They have settled into school life exceptionally well and we are very proud of them.

Throughout the week, staff have focused on helping children establish routines, build relationships and begin the exciting learning journey that lies ahead this year. The positive atmosphere around the school has been fantastic and it has been a pleasure to see so many smiling faces each day.

We would like to invite parents to our Open Classroom Event on Monday 14th September, between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Please note that this is a change from the previously communicated date of Wednesday 16th September. We hope you will be able to pop in and meet your child's teacher, take a look around their classroom and see where they will be learning this year. This is also a valuable opportunity to ask any questions you may have and to find out more about the exciting year ahead. We look forward to welcoming you.

We would also like to share that we have an after school wrap around provider who can be contacted should you require wrap around care after school.

Please find details and information below.

<https://www.tiney.co/childminder/isabel-moss/>

- Pick-up at 3 or 4pm depending on clubs/demand etc.
- Open until 6pm latest
- £7.50 per hour, including afterschool snack around 3.15 and tea at 4.30 (simple hot meal)
- Payable monthly in advance
- Registered for Tax-Free childcare
- Fully registered with the Childminding Agency tiney (who are in turn Ofsted-registered)
- DBS checked, paediatric first aid trained and annual Quality Assurance inspections by tiney
- Email address/number for enquiries: izzymoss@hotmail.co.uk, 07817 502 695

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful term ahead and will continue to share updates and celebrations from across the school in future newsletters.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you Monday.

Mrs Hale



The newly elected School Council Reps

Thank you for Mrs Chapman –

To all of the wonderful staff, parents, children, governors and volunteers at Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop CE Primary school. I just wanted to thank you all so VERY much for the amazing cards and very generous gifts you gave me, as well as the fabulous 'send-off' on my retirement. Over the Summer I have had the opportunity to re-read all of the beautiful cards you gave me and your kind and lovely words brought tears to my eyes!



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP



CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

I have absolutely loved my Chilmark days (but I must admit I am enjoying getting up a bit later in the mornings!)

With my heartfelt thanks and love to you all,

Joanna Chapman

Key Dates

Wednesday 9th September – Sycamore Class to Woodlands Alive (rearranged from summer term)

Monday 14th September – Open Classrooms 3pm – 4pm

Wednesday 14th October – Full Governors Meeting 5.30pm

Half Term – 26th - 30th October

Tuesday 17th November – Flu immunisation

Tuesday 1st December – Whole school trip to pantomime at Salisbury Playhouse

Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

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Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Back to School

Half Term – 15th – 19th February

Thursday 25th March – Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 12th April – Back to School

Half Term – 31st May – 4th June

Friday 16th July – Break up for summer holidays (INSET days – 19th, 20th & 21st July)

SAFEGUARDING - We take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Hale and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Murphy. Our safeguarding governor is Caroline Marking. If you have any concerns about a child, please speak directly to either Mrs Hale or Miss Murphy email – safeguarding@chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.sch.uk . Or you can ring MASH on 0300 456 010