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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We have loved seeing all our fabulous children returning looking so smart and eager to learn.

We hope you all had a great summer and that the weather continues to be summery for a little while longer.

Just a few reminders:

- Children can only wear studs if they have earrings in, no loops or dangling ones please. They must be removed for PE. If your child cannot do it themselves please remove in the morning. We do not allow plasters to cover the earrings.
- PE kit needs to be in school every day. Please remember to name everything and it can stay at school for the whole half term. It should be white top and black bottoms.
- If your child is doing forest school they will need joggers/shorts, t-shirt/hoodie a waterproof coat and change of shoes because they do it in all weathers. Wellies and waterproof trousers would also be good but not essential. Sun hat/glasses if warm weather.

The reading diaries have changed for this year and are for adults at home to write in. We will be keeping our own records of your child reading at school (some diaries do not make it past the first term, and the reads sometimes couldn't be counted). Please try reading with your child at least 3 times per week. Reading is the gateway to everything in school and later life.

Rewards for Reading

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| 50 reads - | Sweets or small toy |
| 100 reads - | Fancy pen/pencil to use in class |
| 150 reads - | Book |
| 200 reads - | Box of chocolates or sweets |
| 250 reads - | Toy box free pick |
| 300 reads - | Reading party (34 children achieved this goal- we aim to beat this this year!) |

We already have cardigans and jumpers left behind in classrooms and we would love to find the owners, but they do not have names in. Please could you label everything.

Year 3-6 can bring a healthy snack for playtime; this is usually fruit. No chocolate bars or cakes for this please.

We have an open-door policy at Church Vale and are happy to see you when we can. If your question needs a longer time then please book an appointment via the office or call and we will get back to you.

Remember that it is your responsibility to let us know when your child is off school. Failure to do this becomes an unauthorised absence. You can call us or let us know through the Scholarpack Parent App.

Attendance is so important. Please really consider when you are booking holidays in term time particularly if you had one last academic year. The fines get more severe over 3 years. All holidays will not be authorised unless it is for exceptional circumstances. (examples of these can be found on the gov website.) If your child is not well they obviously need to be at home but for things like headaches why not try to bring them in and see how they go, they will have at least got one of their marks for the day. As a guide to how poorly should your child be to be off school, it is if they really need to see a doctor. If your child has a stomach bug they need to be off for 48 hours after the last bout. Any medical appointments please show the office letters/texts etc to authorise them being out of school.

Here are the important dates for the year. We may add in things and will let you know as they arise. All the term dates and events can be found on our website at www.churchvale.notts.sch.uk in the calendar section.

INSET days for this academic year are:

- Day 1 1st September 2025
- Day 2 3rd November 2025
- Day 3 1st May 2026
- Day 4 1st June 2026
- Day 5 27th July 2026

Let's have a fantastic year again, if you need anything please get in touch.

Mrs Yardley and all the staff at Church Vale

