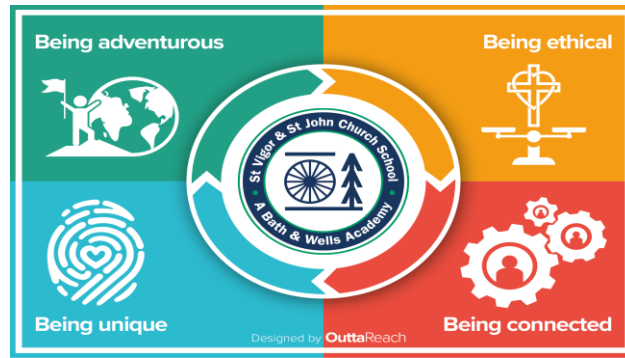




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05 June 2026

Dear Parents and carers of St Vigor & St John and St Aldhelm's Church Schools.

I would like to begin by apologising for my recent absence. My wife is currently receiving end-of-life care and this is an incredibly difficult time for me and my family. They, quite rightly, are my priority. I am deeply grateful for the kindness, compassion and understanding shown by the staff and governors of our school communities. I am indebted to both Leah Sheppard and Amanda Phillips who are very capably taking additional responsibilities and workload during my absence

I will be doing my best to be present across both schools whenever I am able, as I feel it is important to remain connected and to provide you with clarity where I can. Sadly, I am not able to deliver some of the learning opportunities I usually would and I apologise for this. I know that the time will come soon when I need to step away again. Please be assured that I remain fully committed to both schools and will continue to support the leadership teams as much as I am able. I miss the children and the daily life of our schools very much.

I recognise that this is a busy and important time of year, with planning and decisions being made for the year ahead. We will be sharing further information with you soon. I would like to reassure you that all decisions have been made collectively, with myself, the wider leadership teams, governors and BWMAT working closely together. My current personal circumstances have not influenced these decisions in any way.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely

Chris Chorley
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