



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 18th September 2026

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HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 21st September – Spanish Club – **spaces available**

Wednesday 23rd September – Shinpo Martial Arts @ Breakfast Club – **spaces available**

Wednesday 23rd September: Forest School for Years 5&6

Thursday 24th September – Welcome Mass 9:30am (in school)

Thursday 24th September – Year 3 swimming

Thursday 24th September – Mrs Strickland music lessons resume

Thursday 24th September – Year 6 Football League at Holy Cross

Friday 25th September – Guitar lessons

Friday 25th September – Toddler group

LITTLE CHURCH

All our children are invited to come along to Church for **Sunday Mass at 9:15am**, where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church". This is a really lovely opportunity to become part of the wider St Chad's family and support your family's journey of faith. Little Church volunteers are fully DBS cleared and provide a lovely nurturing environment for all children.



WELCOME MASS & COFFEE MORNING –DATE CONFIRMED

We have confirmed the date for our Whole School Welcome Mass to take place on **Thursday 24th September in school at 9:30am**. We also plan to host a coffee morning afterwards. All are welcome! If you can join us for this special service, please enter the main hall any time after drop off and before 9:30am via the back doors to the hall.

COATS IN SCHOOL REMINDER



Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day, regardless of the weather. We aim to go outside for playtimes whenever possible, including during light showers, but children cannot take part in outdoor play without a coat. Unfortunately, a small number of children missed playtime outdoors last week because they did not have one with them.

EARRINGS REMINDER

Only plain stud earrings should be worn, and removed entirely for PE days. Thank you.

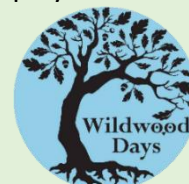
FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Year 5 parents: We strongly recommend that children bring a spare coat for lunchtime play on Forest School days. We'd suggest a light (and cheap!) waterproof anorak for Forest School, and their normal school coat for playtime. Several children became very wet during last week's session and having a second coat available would help keep them comfortable for the rest of the day and take part in playtimes.

Year 5 & 6 parents: Thank you to everyone who has completed the online forms. This helps us prepare the necessary kit and, most importantly, keep your children safe. If you have not yet completed the form, please do so as soon as possible. For your convenience, the relevant form links are included below.

[YEAR 5 FORM](#)

[YEAR 6 FORM](#)



BABY & TODDLER GROUP HELPERS

Our first toddler group was wonderfully well attended today. We were delighted to welcome far more young families than we could ever have expected, which is fantastic news for our school community. A huge thank you to the two mums who helped set up, make drinks and tidy everything away afterwards. Your support was greatly appreciated. With such encouraging attendance, we would really benefit from a few extra pairs of hands. If you are able to help, even occasionally or on a rota basis, please let Mrs Aldridge know. Your support would make a real difference and help us continue to provide a warm welcome for all families.

TOAST



Toast will continue to be offered in school on Friday mornings throughout the school year. If your child would like toast, and you haven't yet sent in your £5, please do so by the end of next week for your child to continue to be offered toast on a Friday morning. **Please send in payments in a clearly named envelope.**

MEDICAL FORMS FOR MEDICATION AND INHALERS KEPT IN SCHOOL

If your child normally has medication or an inhaler kept in school, please complete a new form using the link below to ensure we have the most up to date information. Please also remember to check expiry dates on medication so that you can replace them before they expire. If your child has previously had medication in school which they no longer need, please inform the school office. Many thanks. [MEDICATION FORM](#)



PARENT & TEACHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (PTA AGM) SAVE THE DATE

More details to follow, but for now please bookmark **Monday 28th September at 7:00pm.**

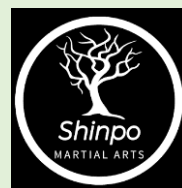
CHOIR

Mrs Topp's choir club will start on Thursday 24th September. This is open to all junior children. See email sent to all junior parents today.

MARTIAL ARTS – BRAND NEW EVENING CLASSES

In addition to the Martial Arts sessions which children can attend on Wednesday mornings at Breakfast Club, Shinpo are also starting some **brand-new kids and adult** classes every **Monday evening in our School Hall**. This is open to both St. Chad's pupils and their families and the wider community so if you know anyone who might be interested, please pass on these details:

- **Start Date:** Monday 21st September 2026
- **Schedule**
 - 6-7pm – **Kids Kapap**
 - 7-7:30pm – **Nunchuck Sparring (Kids & Adults)**
 - 7:30-8:45pm – **Adult Kapap**
- **Cost:** Kapap is £8 a session. Nunchuck sparring is £4 a session. Both will be invoiced at the beginning of each half term.



What is Kapap?

Krav Maga, is a practical and highly effective self-defence system developed by Imi Lichtenfeld, a champion boxer and martial artist, during the 1930s. Today, Krav Maga is used by military units, law enforcement agencies and civilians around the world for its direct approach to personal protection. Kapap is the civilian version of Krav Maga, allowing people from all walks of life to study this system as a self-defence. Whether you're looking to build real-world self-defence skills, improve fitness, or develop mental resilience, these classes deliver.

To sign up for any of these classes, please complete the attached registration form, indicating which class you are interested in attending, and return it to school.

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

N.B. Dates may be subject to change. We will update with changes and highlight new dates in yellow. You may also subscribe to our calendar [via the school website](#). Click on 'SUBSCRIBE' and follow the instructions for your device.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 22 nd September	-	Coding Day Lunch
Thursday 24 th September	9:30am	Welcome Mass & Coffee Morning (TBC)
	4:00 – 6:00pm	Year 6 football league matches
Saturday 26 th September	-	Scarecrow Festival
Monday 28 th September	7:00-8:00pm	PTA AGM
Tuesday 29 th September	6:00-7:00pm	Infant Phonics Workshops for Parents
Thursday 1 st October	4:00 – 6:00pm	Year 6 football league matches
	-	Space Day Lunch
Friday 2 nd October	2:15pm	Harvest Assembly
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th October	-	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 12 th October	-	Tempest Individual and Family Photographs
Monday 12 th & Wednesday 14 th October	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evenings
Friday 16 th October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Saturday 31 st October	-	Closing date for Secondary School Applications
Monday 2 nd November	8:45am	School reopens
Monday 9 th November	-	Years 3-5 Trip to Dewa Chester (see email sent)
Thursday 12 th November	4:00pm	Years 5/6 Athletics Competition
Friday 13 th November	2:30pm	Class 5 Family Celebration of the Word (parents welcome)
Thursday 3 rd December	9:30am	Advent Mass (TBC)
Tuesday 8 th & Wednesday 9 th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity Play
Tuesday 15 th & Wednesday 16 th December	4:00pm	Junior Carol Service (TBC)
Wednesday 16 th December	-	Infant parties
Thursday 17 th December	-	Junior parties

ATTACHMENTS:

- Holy Cross Open Evening Flyer
- Shinpo Martial Arts – New Member Form
- Inspire Youth Zone Flyer
- Inspire Youth Zone Timetable
- Heads Up from Health Protection – September
- Face Family Support Timetable

SCHOOL VACANCY

If you know a teaching assistant who is looking for a new position, please signpost them to our advert at https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=68324 The closing date is Monday 21st September.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

We are already planning ahead for the next round of admissions for Reception in September 2027. It would be most appreciated if you could spread the word with family and friends who have an eligible child. Families may register their interest and book on to open days throughout the autumn term using the QR links below.



Please see details below about how to apply for either a reception class place or a secondary school place for September 2027 and the application closing dates for each:

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2027 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2027

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2027 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 31 October 2026

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



INSPIRE YOUTH ZONE

Please see attached leaflet and timetable for sessions on offer at Inspire Youth Zone

Junior Sessions are for school year 3-6

Senior Sessions are for school year 7+

Inbetweeners are for school year 6-8

Young people need to be a member to book sessions. Use the link below to sign up 

<https://inspireyouthzone.org/become-a-member/>



FREE SCHOOL MEALS – HAVE YOU RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY?

If you have already applied for and received notification of being eligible for either Targeted or Expanded Free School Meals, please forward your eligibility confirmation email on to k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk as the school meals team have a backlog of claimants to update on our school systems.

To check if you might be eligible or to apply for Free School meals visit:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

CLUBS

DAY	TIME	CLUB	START DATE	YEAR GROUPS
Every Day	7:45-8:45am	Breakfast Club	03/09/26	All year groups
	3:15-6:00pm	After School Club		
Monday	3:15-4:20pm	Junior Dance	14/09/26	Years 3 - 6
	12:00-12:30pm	Spanish	14/09/26	Years 1 - 6
	3:15-4:25pm			
Wednesday	3:15-4:20pm	Infant Dance	16/09/26	Reception – Year 2
	7:45-8:45am	Shinpo (Breakfast Club)	16/09/26	Years 1 - 6
Thursday	3:15 – 4:00pm	Choir	24/09/26	Year 3 -6
	During school time	Piano & Vocals	17/09/26	Years 3 - 6
Friday	During school time	Guitar & keyboards	18/09/26	Years 3 - 6

DANCE CLUBS ARE BACK!

Please see the details for the 4 week block of dance classes at St Chad's:



KS1: Wednesdays 3.15–4.20pm



KS2: Mondays 3.15–4.20pm



4 week block commencing the week beginning 14th September

Cost of block: £24

Contact Claire on 07703057272 to book your place.

EL CLUB ESPAÑOL

We are delighted to invite you to join our Fun Languages Clubs, returning lunchtimes & after school this term. Learning Spanish at primary age is fun, practical, and helps build a lifelong love of languages. Not only that, children make friends, learn valuable social and life skills and build confidence. In our clubs, the children learn Spanish the fun way, with songs, games, stories, drama, crafts and more! Our Fun Spanish Clubs have begun again at St Chad's. New children in Years 1 to 6 can come along for a no obligation taster any Monday. Our fun clubs allow your child to get started on a new and exciting language, with the help of fun games, songs, stories and drama, and children can try any time! We have two clubs – one takes place at lunchtime and one after school, offering a fun and educational alternative to after school club, and they are open to all levels of ability.



Fun Spanish After School Club for Y1-Y6 is a 1-hour club and takes place on Mondays until 4.25pm for 12 weeks in the Autumn Term, fees are £7.30 per session, payable termly.

Fun Spanish Lunchtime Club for Rec-Y6 is a 30-min club and takes place at 12-12.30 on Mondays for 12 weeks in the Autumn Term, fees are £5.90 per session, payable termly.

Membership fee for new members is £14.50 and new children receive a songbook & CD with folder and sticker chart and it includes free access to our internet gamezone and access to all the LCF French & Spanish music via streaming on any device. 10% Discounts for siblings. Monthly direct debits/standing orders/card payment options are available. Beginners are most welcome and all children can have a **no obligation taster** for these clubs by signing up at www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol and paying AFTER the trial session, by skipping the payment stage of the signup until the trial is complete. If your child doesn't wish to continue, then you don't need to pay anything. Please contact Chris Abalain if you would like more information on these clubs, you can email chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk or call 07917 848745.

CODING DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "Coding Day" themed lunch on Tuesday 22nd September. The menu will be:
Glitching Chicken Goujons with Data Stream Dips, Micro-Chip Fries, Server Sweetcorn & Processor Peas
or



Pizza Pocket Programmes, Micro-Chip Fries, Server Sweetcorn & Processor Peas (v)
or

Binary Baked Jacket Potato with a choice of filling

Followed by

Waffle Grid & Cache Chocolate Sauce or Java Jelly pots with Ctrl+Alt+Del-icious Fruit Wedges

SPACE DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "Space Day" themed lunch on Thursday 1st October. The menu will be:

Meteor Meatball Marinara & Solar Spaghetti with Galactic Garlic Bread

Or

Cosmic Cheese & Onion Roll with Planet Potato Wedges & Lunar Peas (v)

Or

Jupiter Jacket Potato with choice of filling

Followed by

Sonic Boom Rocket Ice Lolly or Super Moon Cookies with Frontier Fruit Wedges



This menu will be available to the whole school. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on this day but wishes to take part, please ask for your child to be added to the list by emailing Mrs Southworth at k.southworth@stchads.lancs.sch.uk. Children who normally have a school lunch on this day do not need to reply. Payment for this lunch should be made via the Pupil School Meal payment item on ParentPay for children who are in KS2 (unless entitled to Free School Meals).

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SEE FULL DETAILS IN PARISH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT

<http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>



LITTLE CHURCH: All our children are invited to come along to Church for Sunday Mass at 9:15am, where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church".

COFFEE MORNINGS: Regular coffee mornings will be held in St. Chad's Parish Centre every second Sunday of each month. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served for a small donation. Everyone welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS: Any young people who have made their first Holy Communion are welcome to become altar servers. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved.

PARISH CENTRES FOR HIRE: St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. **Enquiries :** **St Bede's** call Aidan on 01257 271818 / **St Chad's** call 07719 718523. If you get the answerphone, please leave your name and number and they will call you back.

FREE CHILD CAR SEAT/BOOSTER SEAT

A grandparent has kindly offered a free car seat and a booster seat, should anyone need one. Please let us know if you are interested.

SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Please follow these accounts to receive our feed and share with friends and prospective families. They are not intended as a communication tool, but rather for promoting the school to prospective parents. Thank you.

Facebook: St Chads Catholic Primary School

Instagram: StChadsChorley

ST CHAD'S PARISH SOCIAL GROUP COMEDY NIGHT

A night of massive laughs is coming to Chorley this autumn! Friday 2nd October 2026.

Local comedy legend, radio presenter, and Britain's Got Talent finalist Steve Royle is bringing an incredible line-up of funny friends to host a special, non-profit charity evening.

Expect a fantastic night of top-tier stand-up and entertainment as Steve shares the stage with a handpicked group of his closest comedy chums to guarantee non-stop laughs—all while raising vital funds for St Chad's Church in Whittle-le-Woods.

Event Details: Charity Comedy Night hosted by Steve Royle and Friends. St Marys Parish Centre, Devonshire rd, Chorley PR7-2BY

Ticket Sale Locations & Times:

Tickets can be purchased in person after mass at the following locations starting 5th September:

Price £15.00pp

- **St Chad's Church (Whittle-le-Woods):** Sundays 10:00am (also available from the school)
- **St Bede's Church (Clayton Green):** Saturdays at 6:45pm or Sundays at 11:45am (also available from the school)
- **St Joseph's Church (Harpers Lane, Chorley):** Sundays 10:15am
- **St Gregory's Church (Weld Bank, Chorley):** Sundays 10:15am



Contact Information:

Phone: 07904 984322 (For enquiries or ticket questions)