



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 25th September 2026

Parish Newsletter Available at <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>



HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 28 th September	12:00-12:30pm	Spanish Club – spaces available
	3:15-4:25pm	
	3:15-4:20pm	Junior Dance Club
	7:00-8:00pm	PTA AGM Meeting – All Welcome
Tuesday 29 th September	6:00-7:00pm	Infant Phonics Workshops for Parents
Wednesday 30 th September	7:45-8:45am	Shinpo Martial Arts @ Breakfast Club – spaces available
	-	Forest School for Years 5&6
	3:15-4:20pm	Infant Dance Club
	2:00 – 3:00pm	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 1 st October	4:00 – 6:00pm	Year 6 Football League
	-	Mrs Strickland Piano & Vocals Tutoring
	3:15 – 4:00pm	Junior Choir
	9:00 – 10:30am	Toddler group
Friday 2 nd October	-	Mr Wadsworth Keyboard & Guitar Tutoring
	2:30pm	Harvest Assembly – All Welcome
		Please enter via back doors to main hall

OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT

Our Ofsted Inspection Report has now been published and will be sent to parents in a separate email. It will also be available on the school website and the Ofsted website. For us, one of the most important sections of the report is **'What it's like to be a pupil at this school'**. We are incredibly proud of what this says about our school and our children. It is a wonderful reflection of our whole school community and a real credit to our dedicated staff, governors, supportive parents and, of course, our fantastic children!

PARENT & TEACHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (PTA AGM)

As we relaunch our PTA for the new school year, we warmly invite all parents to join us for this year's AGM on **Monday 28th September at 7:00pm in school**. Coming along does not mean you are committing to regular meetings or taking on a particular role. It is simply a chance to meet other parents, find out a



little more about the work of the PTA and discover how you might like to get involved. Whether you can help occasionally at an event, share an idea, offer a little of your time or simply come along to find out more, every level of involvement is welcome and appreciated. There is absolutely no pressure, just a friendly and supportive group of people working together to help our school and our children. We would love to see some new faces!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

This lovely community event takes place tomorrow, Saturday 26th September. Maps are available from the Village Hall between 11:00am and 3:00pm, where there are also stalls and activities. Look out for our entry on your walk!



HARVEST ASSEMBLY & FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We will be celebrating Harvest with a special assembly on **Friday 2nd October at 2:30pm** in the school hall. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us and should access the hall via the back doors. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, including the food we have, while also remembering those who may be hungry or facing difficult circumstances. As part of our Harvest celebration, we will be collecting donations for **Chorley Help the Homeless**. Their biggest food priority at the moment is items that they can serve for breakfast at their Community Café, such as: **UHT milk, coffee, sugar, jam, cordial and biscuits**. Storable foods in **tins** are also great, and these will be used with the food bank. They can also accept toiletries like **deodorant, shower gel and soap**. Every contribution, however small, will help us to put our faith into action by supporting people in our local community who are in need. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.

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.



SAFETY RISK

The metal fence was broken this week as a result of children climbing on it, which created an additional hazard. Also, our risk assessments consider the area behind the climbing wall (see photo) as a higher risk due to its height, particularly for younger children. Children are therefore not allowed in this area during playtimes. It would be helpful to maintain this consistency before and after school too please.



NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-2CZB9NH1>



to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by **5th October**. Books will be delivered to school soon after the order deadline.

HEALTH CHECKS IN SCHOOL

Reception Class Vision Screening

This will take place in school on **Monday 2nd November**. Please look out for more information via email and paper consent forms in school bags. This is an "opt-out" check so you only need to return the form if you do not wish your child to be screened.

Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccinations

This will take place in school on **Friday 13th November**. Information about the vaccine and how to give consent will be sent out soon.



200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our September winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Marie Gorton	18	£50.00
2 ND	Mr P Hughes	157	£30.00
3 RD	Hayley Stirling	80	£20.00



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
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
Wednesday 14 th October	-	Infant Exotic Zoo Workshop
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
	-	Reception class Vision Screening
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	-	Flu Vaccinations in school
	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:

- Neu Way Support Flyer
- Shinpo Evening Classes Timetable
- Little Voices Flyer
- Sweet Snack Shack Flyer

FOOTBALL LEAGUE!

A huge well done to our **Year 6 football team**, who played their first league games last night and came away with two fantastic victories, **1-0 and 2-0**. Even more impressive than the results was the wonderful teamwork and team spirit shown by everyone. We are very proud of you all!

ST CHAD'S PARISH SOCIAL GROUP COMEDY NIGHT – FINAL CALL FOR TICKETS!

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 Road, 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**

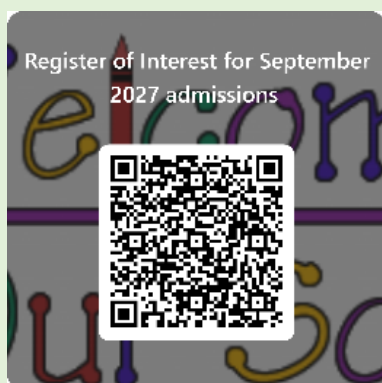
- **St Chad's Church (Whittle-le-Woods):** Sundays 10:00am (also available from the school)
- **St Bede's Church (Clayton Green):** Saturdays at 6:45pm or Sundays at 11:45am (also available from the school)
- **St Joseph's Church (Harpers Lane, Chorley):** Sundays 10:15am
- **St Gregory's Church (Weld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

Contact Information:

Phone: 07904 984322 (For enquiries or ticket questions)

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



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

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.



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