



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 2nd October 2026

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HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 5 th October	3:15-4:25pm	Spanish Club – spaces available
	3:15-4:20pm	Junior Dance Club
		CAFOD Day
Wednesday 7 th October	7:45-8:45am	Shinpo Martial Arts @ Breakfast Club – spaces available
	-	Forest School for Years 5&6
	3:15-4:20pm	Infant Dance Club
Thursday 8 th October	9:00 – 3:00pm	Year 6 Bikeability
	2:00 – 3:00pm	Year 3 Swimming
	-	Mrs Strickland Piano & Vocals Tutoring
	3:15 – 4:00pm	Junior Choir
	4:30-7:00pm	Holy Cross Open Evening
Friday 9 th October	9:00 – 10:30am	Toddler group
	9:00 – 3:00pm	Year 6 Bikeability
	-	Mr Wadsworth Keyboard & Guitar Tutoring

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, giving us a special opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus through Mary.

Throughout the month, our junior children who have their own rosary beads are warmly invited to bring them into school. During class collective worship, children will learn and pray a decade of the Rosary together. Rosary beads will be provided in school for our infant children to use.

Each class also has its own beautiful set of rosary beads, given as a gift from school following my visit to the Vatican last October, making them particularly special to us.

We hope that October will be a lovely opportunity for our children to deepen their understanding of the Rosary and enjoy praying together as a school family.



HARVEST TIME & FOOD BANK DONATIONS

As part of our traditional Harvest celebration, throughout next week we are continuing to collect 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. Please drop donations off in the school entrance. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.



PARENT & TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) UPDATES

We had a **really positive and productive PTA meeting** this week, with lots of enthusiasm and great ideas for the year ahead. We discussed our **fundraising aims for the year**, which we'll be sharing with families in full very soon as part of our PTA re-launch for 2026-27, as well as planning some exciting events and fundraisers for the autumn term.

Here's what's coming up:

- **Friday 16th October – Non-Uniform Day**

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for a **£1 donation** to the PTA.

- **Half-Term Spooky Challenge**

Get creative over half term by producing a **spooky picture and/or writing a spooky story!** Entries will cost **£2**, with a prize draw for those taking part. Full details will follow soon.

- **Wednesday 4th November, 3:15–5:00pm – Movie Night**

We're excited to be holding a special after-school **Movie Night**. Children will be able to choose from **three different films, voted for by the children**, which will be shown on three separate screens. **Popcorn will be provided**, and children are also welcome to bring a drink and a small treat snack. Please **no fizzy drinks**.

- **Friday 27th November – 5:30-7:30pm – Christmas Fair** – More details to follow soon.

Ticket information and further details will follow shortly.

A huge thank you to everyone involved with the PTA. We're really looking forward to an exciting year of events, while raising valuable funds to benefit all our children.



Unbeaten and Proud to Represent St Chad's!



What a fantastic couple of weeks it has been for our school football team, who have completed their league campaign unbeaten and without conceding a single goal! The boys recorded victories against Trinity (1–0), All Saints (2–0) and Highfield (2–0) before earning a superb 0–0 draw against St Lawrence's. St Lawrence's are traditionally one of the strongest sides in the competition, with players signed to Premier League clubs, making this an achievement of which we can all be incredibly proud. What made their performances even more impressive was that the children chose their own formation and tactics, showing maturity, confidence and a wonderful understanding of how to work together as a team.

We now eagerly await the final league standings to find out whether St Chad's has made it through to the finals. These boys weren't just playing for themselves, they were representing every child, member of staff and family in our St Chad's community, and they did so brilliantly. Their skill, resilience and determination were fantastic, but I was proudest of their conduct and the way they continually encouraged and supported one another. This is their team, but it is our school, and this is an achievement we can all share and be proud of. If there were a league for team spirit, St Chad's would certainly be at the top! Well done, boys. You have represented us all magnificently!

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.



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**. Information has already been sent via email and paper consent forms have been sent home. 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.



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
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	-	Non-Uniform Day for £1 donation to PTA
	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
Wednesday 4 th November	3:15 – 5:00 pm	Movie Night
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)
Friday 27 th November	5:30 – 7:30pm	Christmas Fair
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:

- Online Safety Newsletter - October
- Ebb & Flo bookshop – events flyer
- PATH support – October 2026
- British Heart Foundation – unwanted furniture collections for FREE

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



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SEE FULL DETAILS IN PARISH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT

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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