



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 9th October 2026

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HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 12 th October	From 8.30 am	Tempest Photographs – pre-school siblings welcome
	3:15-4:25pm	Spanish Club – spaces available
	3:15-4:20pm	Junior Dance Club
	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13 th October	3:15-5:30pm	Y6 Football Tournament
Wednesday 14 th October	7:45-8:45am	Shinpo Martial Arts @ Breakfast Club – spaces available
	-	Infant Exotic Zoo Workshop
	-	Forest School for Years 5&6
	3:15-4:20pm	Infant Dance Club
	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 15 th October	2:00 – 3:00pm	No Year 3 Swimming
	-	Mrs Strickland Piano & Vocals Tutoring
	3:15 – 4:00pm	Junior Choir
	3:15-5:30pm	Y6 District Football Finals
Friday 16 th October	9:00 – 10:30am	Toddler group
	-	Non-Uniform day for £1 donation to PTA
	-	Mr Wadsworth Keyboard & Guitar Tutoring

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS – PRE-SCHOOL SIBLINGS WELCOME



Tempest photography will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs, on **Monday 12th October**. Any parents with preschool siblings who would like a photograph of their children altogether, can come to school (main hall via the back doors) at 8:30am. If your child normally has PE on a Monday, they will need to wear their normal blue polo shirts and school sweater/cardigan, with the rest of their PE kit please. Thank you.

PARENT & TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) UPDATES

Here's what's coming up:

- **Friday 16th October – Non-Uniform Day**
See separate item below for more details
- **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**
See separate item below with more details
- **Friday 27th November – 5:30-7:30pm – Christmas Fair** – More details to follow soon.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on **Friday 16th October** for a **£1 donation** to the PTA. **A new item has been added to ParentPay** so that you can pay your £1 per child. Please pay this in advance of the non-uniform day so that your child can take part.

**NON-UNIFORM
DAY**



PTA MOVIE NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 3:15-5:00pm

Tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay if your child would like to attend. There will be 3 different screens showing children's movies and popcorn will be provided. Children may also bring a drink and a treat snack. No fizzy drinks please. Tickets are priced at £4 per child. No physical tickets will be issued. Once a ticket has been purchased, your child will be added to the list of those attending.

TEACHING ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT & THANKS TO MRS MONAGHAN

Following a successful recruitment and interview process, we are delighted to share that a lovely lady called Mrs Purnell has been appointed as our new Teaching Assistant in Class 3 and will be joining us after half term. Mrs Purnell brings valuable skills and experience to the role, which we know will be a real asset to Class 3 and to our wider school team. We look forward to welcoming her to St Chad's and hope she will be very happy with us.

We would also like to say a very sincere thank you to Mrs Monaghan, who very kindly came out of retirement after four years to support us during this period. Her willingness to step in has helped ensure that the children in Class 3 have continued to receive the fantastic support and care they deserve. We are incredibly grateful for her commitment, kindness and support of our school.

ST CHAD'S PARISH BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The concert is in Church on **Sunday 22nd November** from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. It will be a fabulous afternoon of Christmas themed music, with the benefit of the fantastic church acoustics. Tickets are £10 which includes refreshments - **children are free!** Tickets available from Church after 9.15am Sunday Mass, or contact Angela on 07761983041 or Ann on 07708992621. Payment can also be made to the school office with cash.



UNBEATEN AND PROUD TO REPRESENT ST CHAD'S!

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 football team, who finished joint top of their league (unbeaten and with no goals against) and have secured their place in the District Finals next Thursday! This is a fantastic achievement and the boys should be incredibly proud, particularly as they have been competing against some much bigger schools from across Chorley.



Before then, the team will also be representing St Chad's in the Small Schools Football Tournament on Tuesday after school, so they have an exciting week of football ahead!

We are extremely proud of the team spirit, determination and togetherness the boys have shown to get this far. They have represented our whole school brilliantly and we know they will continue to do so.

Good luck, boys! Play with pride, enjoy every moment and keep showing that fantastic St Chad's spirit!

NEW SCHOOL MEAL MENU



The new Autumn/Winter Menu starts after October half-term (see attached leaflet from Lancashire County Council). As you know, however, we always make a few adjustments as well as making our own menu a little more child friendly so please refer to the 3 weekly menu attached for the actual options if you wish to discuss them with your child. As we approach the colder months, we are switching to offering the third option of a hot jacket potato three times per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the sandwich option of cheese, ham or tuna sandwich on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

JUNIOR DUKE



As you know, Mrs Derbyshire previously ran the Duke of Edinburgh style scheme, the Junior Duke Award, for all year groups in school. Miss Gillibrand has kindly offered to take over so that we can continue offering this to all children in school who wish to take part. The scheme involves completing a range of challenges such as a cookery challenge, an exercise challenge, a creation challenge, a caring for others challenge and an eco-challenge. Once they have completed their challenges, they receive a certificate and badge to wear. There are different levels to complete depending on which year your child is in, each year group is different.

If your child would like to take part this year (even if they have taken part previously) you will need to register your child(ren) using the form link below by Monday 2nd November to confirm they wish to take part and to confirm which level they completed last time (if they have taken part before) so that Miss Gillibrand can order the correct resources for your child.

[Junior Duke Registration 2026/2027 – Fill in form](#)

Once you have completed the registration form, you will be added to the Junior Duke 2026/27 item on ParentPay so that you can pay the annual fee of £10.50 which covers the cost of the resources, certificates and badges. **Both new children wishing to take part AND children who have taken part before who want to complete the next level of Junior Duke need to pay the annual fee. The fee will need to be paid via ParentPay by Friday 6th November** so that we have the final numbers taking part to order the resources. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Miss Gillibrand. You can also find more information at [www.https://juniorduke.com](https://juniorduke.com).

POPPY APPEAL

This year, we will again be selling poppies and other items in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

Our Year 6 children will be selling a variety of Poppy merchandise during playtimes the first week back after half-term. If you would like your child to buy something, children may bring their money into school and keep it safe in their trays until break time. It would be extremely helpful if children could bring the correct change into school for the item they wish to buy. Our Year 6's will be selling every morning during playtime between **Monday 2nd and Friday 6th November.**



Item	Suggested donation
Paper Poppies	20p – 50p
Zip Pull	£1
Reflector Poppy	£1
Pencil	£1
Snap Band	£1.50

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
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:

- New Autumn Winter Menu – LCC version
- New Autumn Winter Menu – School Version
- Let's talk flyer
- CSSP – October Sports Camp flyer
- CSSP – Learn to ride flyer
- Brass Band Poster

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

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.



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