St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 16th October 2026

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As we break up today, we would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half term. The children have worked incredibly hard and made so much progress in such a short space of time, so they certainly deserve a well-earned break!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term together. Have a wonderful break!

HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AFTER HALF TERM:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 2nd November	8:45am	School Re-Opens
	3:15-4:25pm	Spanish Club – spaces available
	3:15-4:20pm	Junior Dance Club
Tuesday 3rd November	-	Spooky Stories/Pictures deadline
	7:00-8:00pm	PTA Meeting – Christmas Fair Planning (Online)
Wednesday 4th November	7:45-8:45am	Shinpo Martial Arts @ Breakfast Club
	3:15-4:20pm	Infant Dance Club
	3:15-5:00pm	Movie Night
Thursday 5th November	-	Year 3 Swimming
	-	Mrs Strickland Piano & Vocals Tutoring
	3:15 – 4:00pm	Junior Choir
Friday 6th November	9:00 – 10:30am	Toddler group
	-	Mr Wadsworth Keyboard & Guitar Tutoring

HALF TERM SPOOKY COMPETITION

Get creative over half term and enter our Spooky Competition! Children can create a spooky picture, write a creepy poem or produce their very own spooky story. You could take inspiration from *Funnybones*, draw some skeletons having a party or let your imagination run wild with your own spooky idea!

£2 per entry via ParentPay

Deadline: 3rd November

Every entry will be included in a random prize draw for each year group. All entries will also be proudly displayed in school for everyone to see, enjoy and celebrate. We can't wait to see your spook-tacular creations!



FAITH IN ACTION - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

A huge thank you to all our families for your wonderful Harvest donations for Chorley Help the Homeless. Our Year 6 School Councillors delivered a car full of donations to the centre, where the staff were incredibly grateful and asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone who contributed.

Your generosity and kindness will support people in our local community and really will make a difference. Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support.

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.

SCOREFLASH!



What an incredible week for our football team! On Tuesday, the boys won the Small Schools Tournament, winning every game before defeating St Joseph's Withnell in the final. They now progress to the Lancashire Finals in January. At that point, they remained unbeaten all season without conceding a goal!

On Thursday, they competed brilliantly in the district finals against the larger Chorley schools, beating Christ Church Charnock Richard and St Mary's Chorley before narrowly missing out in the semi-final against a very strong St Mary's Euxton side.

Most importantly, the Chorley School Sports Partnership praised St Chad's for their team spirit, respect, sporting behaviour and skill. Every boy played his part and represented our school brilliantly. We couldn't be prouder of them!

TERM DATES 2027–2028

Our governors have now agreed the school term and holiday dates for 2027–2028. As usual, these largely follow the same holiday pattern as Holy Cross, helping families with children at both schools.

Please note that some INSET days are different, including around Easter, so families with children at both schools should check the dates carefully. We have received lots of positive feedback about our longer October half term, particularly as some families have been able to take advantage of cheaper holidays during the first week. We have therefore chosen to continue with this arrangement, both to align closely with Holy Cross and in response to parental feedback. Please see the attached term dates, which are also available on the school website.

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**. Consent is now made online so look out for consent information being sent to you directly from Intrahealth.

POPPY APPEAL

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

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.



BONFIRE NIGHT LUNCH

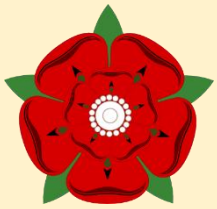
We will be offering a "Bonfire" themed lunch on Thursday 5th November. The menu will be:

Firecracker Sausage in a Bun with Crispy Onions & Tomato Ketchup
or
Fizz Popping Pizza Pocket (v)
Served with
Smokey Ridge Fries & Peas or Beans
or
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with a choice of filling & Salad
Followed by
Sparkling Toffee Cake



LANCASHIRE DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "Lancashire Day" themed lunch on Thursday 26th November. The menu will be:



Red Rose Corned Beef Hash with Beetroot & Bread Basket
Or
Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie with Peas or Beans (v)
Or
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with choice of filling & Salad
Followed by
Sticky Toffee Muffin

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).

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.

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 31st October	-	Closing date for Secondary School Applications
Monday 2nd November	8:45am	School reopens
	-	Reception class Vision Screening
Wednesday 4th November	3:15 – 5:00 pm	Movie Night
Thursday 5th November	-	Bonfire Night Lunch
Monday 9th November	-	Years 3-5 Trip to Dewa Chester (see email sent)
Friday 13th November	-	Flu Vaccinations in school
	2:30pm	Class 5 Family Celebration of the Word (parents welcome)
Thursday 26th November	-	Lancashire Day Lunch
Friday 27th November	5:30 – 7:30pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday 3rd December	9:30am	Advent Mass in church
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity Play
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th December	4:00pm	Junior Carol Services
Wednesday 16th December	-	Infant parties
Thursday 17th December	-	Junior parties

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Term Dates for 2027/2028**
- **Spooky Challenge Flyer**
- **Bonfire Night Menu**
- **Lancashire Day Menu**
- **Story Sport Chorley Saturday Classes flyer**
- **FACE November Timetable**
- **World Youth Sunday flyer**

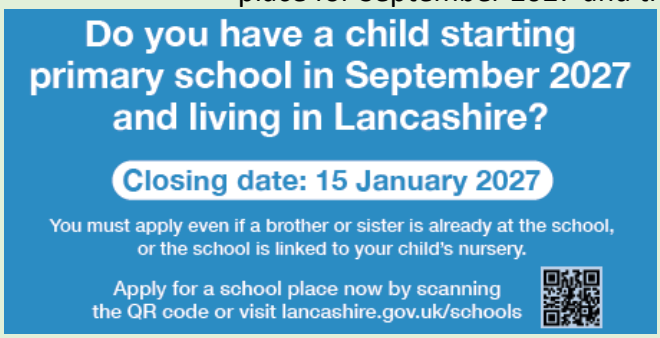
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

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:





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 envrionment for all children.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SEE FULL DETAILS IN PARISH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT

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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