St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 13th November 2026

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HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 16th November	3:15-4:25pm	Spanish Club – spaces available
	3:15-4:20pm	Junior Dance Club
Tuesday 17th November	9:00 – 10:00	Reception Stay & Play
Wednesday 18th November	7:45-8:45am	Shinpo Martial Arts @ Breakfast Club
	3:15-4:20pm	Infant Dance Club
Thursday 19th November	-	Year 3 Swimming
	-	Mrs Strickland Piano & Vocals Tutoring
	3:15 – 4:00pm	Junior Choir
Friday 20th November	9:00 – 10:30am	Baby & Toddler group
	-	Mr Wadsworth Keyboard & Guitar Tutoring



ADVENT MASS – SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for this special Mass to mark the start of our Christmas preparations, if you are able to join us – **Thursday 3rd December at 9:30am in church**. This will be a beautiful Advent Mass for both school and parish and our children will lead the readings, prayers and hymns.

NATIVITY PLAYS – PLEASE READ AND SAVE THE DATES/TIMES



Our much-loved Infant Nativity Performances will be held in school on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December at 3.30pm**. These productions are always among the highlights of the Christmas season. There is something truly special about seeing our youngest children retell the Christmas story with such enthusiasm, innocence and joy. The singing, acting and wonderful costumes combine to create a beautiful celebration of the Nativity, and the memories made are treasured by families and staff alike.

Whilst we would prefer to offer tickets free of charge, we kindly ask for a **minimum donation of £1 per person**, payable via ParentPay. These contributions help us to maintain and replace costumes, decorations, lighting and backdrops which naturally become worn over time. Although these items are costly to replace, they play an important role in creating the magical atmosphere that makes our Nativity performances so special. We hope that a £1 contribution per ticket represents a reasonable request and thank you, as always, for your support.

CAROL SERVICES – PLEASE READ AND SAVE THE DATES/TIMES



The juniors will once again host their annual **Carol Service**, a beautiful occasion of reflection, worship and spiritual renewal. Held in church, it is always a much-loved event for both our school and parish communities. As attendance continues to be very popular, we need to manage numbers carefully to ensure the comfort and safety of everyone present. While we would love to operate an open-door policy, our risk assessments limit the church congregation to 160 people. This would ordinarily allow only two tickets per junior-aged child.

To enable more family members to attend, we have decided to hold the service **twice this year**. To make this manageable for the children during what is already a busy and tiring season, both services will take place at **4.00pm** rather than in the evening.

Please save the following dates:

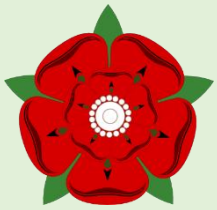
- **Tuesday 15th December, 4.00pm**
- **Wednesday 16th December, 4.00pm**

To ensure we can limit the numbers each night, we are asking you to book tickets through ParentPay with a maximum of 4 tickets per family **in total** across the 2 nights. See full details on the Christmas Events 2026 attachment sent last week. As in previous years, we are suggesting a minimum donation of £1 per adult, although you can donate more if you wish, as this raises vital funds for Chorley Help the Homeless. We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible to this special celebration of the Christmas story.

SPECIAL LUNCHES THIS TERM

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

ELF BEHAVING BADLY LUNCH

We will be offering this lunch on **Tuesday 1st December**. The menu will be:



Assorted Buffet Sandwiches, Mini Pizza Bites & Cocktail Sausage
With Crispy Ridge Fries & Veg Stick & Dips
Followed By
Sprinkle Krispie Cakes or Fruit Wedges

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be offering our Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 16th December**. The menu will be:



Festive Roast Dinner with Chipolata Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding
Or
Cheese & Onion Slice
with Roast Potatoes, Mash & Veg
Followed by
Festive Christmas Treat Dessert

These menus will be available to the whole school. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on these days but wishes to take part in any, 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 these days do not need to reply. Payment for these lunches should be made via the Pupil School Meal payment item on ParentPay for children who are in KS2 (unless entitled to Free School Meals).

'FAITH IN ACTION'

Derian House:
We will soon be selling Christmas Gingerbread Beanies, in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice priced at £2 each.

Help the Homeless:
Donations from the Junior Carol Services

Poppy Appeal:
Thank you for your donations.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Support for Ukraine:
We are again supporting our parish with this worthwhile cause. See extract form parish newsletter:
This Christmas we are sending shoebox parcels of goodies so that people who have lost so much during the conflict in Ukraine can have something for Christmas that might be useful and enjoyable. The box and lid must be wrapped separately and closed with a rubber band or string around it. Please then label it to show if the contents are for a Girl, Boy, Man, Women or Soldier (Male/Female). If it is for a child, please also add an approximate age group the parcel is appropriate for. Please donate gloves, scarves, hats, chocolate, sweets, toys, soap, socks, razors, plasters, compasses, matches, candles, heat pads, drink sachets, soup sachets, notepads, pens and perhaps even a letter or Christmas card. The donation can be left at the back of church in the Appeal boxes or dropped off at the school entrance. The final dates for donations will be at St. Chad's after Mass on Thursday 12th Nov.

HOLY CROSS OFSTED REPORT

Our local Catholic High School, Holy Cross, were recently inspected by OFSTED and we are delighted to share their very positive report.

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 17th November	9:00 – 10:00	Reception Stay & Play
Thursday 26th November	-	Lancashire Day Lunch
Friday 27th November	5:30 – 7:30pm	Christmas Fair
Sunday 29th November	9:15am	First Sunday of Advent Mass
Tuesday 1st December	-	Elf Behaving Badly Lunch
Thursday 3rd December	9:30am	Advent Mass in church
Sunday 6th December	6:00pm	Whittle-le-Woods Christmas Lights Switch-on
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity Plays in school
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th December	4:00pm	Junior Carol Services in church
Wednesday 16th December	-	Infant parties (party clothes)
	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December	-	Junior parties (party clothes)
Friday 19th December	2:15pm	School closes for Christmas

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Parish Newsletter**
- **School Health Newsletter**
- **Holy Cross OFSTED report**

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2026 & PARENT PAY

We have created a document which is attached to this week's Newsletter titled 'Christmas Events 2026' which details how to buy tickets / pay for items for all events running up to the end of term. We hope that having everything listed in one place makes it easier for you to ensure you don't miss anything.

SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS FAIR – FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 5:30-7:30PM

Visit the traditional tombolas, lucky dip, raffles, mulled wine, cakes, refreshments, children's games, elf grotto (letter writing to Santa, crafts, etc), tuck shop, etc. Entry is entirely free and everyone in our St. Chad's community are very welcome to join us.

Donations:

To populate the various stalls, we kindly ask for some donations, albeit fewer than in previous years. We must stress that donations towards stalls are not compulsory, but are very much appreciated if you can manage it. To help make this manageable for you and to reduce the pressure of sending items in on certain weeks with children, we ask that donations are just dropped off in the school entrance anonymously in a bag any time up to **Friday 20th November**. The items we are asking for are:

Donation	Notes	Purpose
Chocolate	Bars, selection boxes, tubs, etc.	Chocolate Tombola
Bottles	Can be anything from shampoo to champagne!	Bottle Tombola
Parent 'secret' gift	Any gifts that our children may like to choose for a family member or loved one (e.g. candles, bath sets, gift sets etc.) Please also include a gift bag if possible. If possible, boys donate for dads and girls donate for mums.	Parents' Secret Gift Stall
The following are extra requests for anyone who is able to help…		
Raffle Prizes	We are also seeking any businesses or individuals who may be able to offer a donation for the raffle. If so, please kindly send into the school office.	Raffle

Helpers:

The Christmas Fair doesn't work without the help and support of staff and parents, mostly setting up, running the stalls and tidying up afterwards. Please look out for email from PTA with details and invitations to help.

Other Information:

- Most stalls will be cash only, so please come equipped with 50p's and £1s wherever possible, especially for the children's games.
- There will be a card reader on the refreshment stall, which can also be used to exchange £1 tokens, should you need them.

We expect this to be a lovely wholesome event for the whole community. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS



Raffle tickets were sent home in bags last week. **Payment for raffle tickets can be made on ParentPay** at the same time as you are purchasing tickets for our other Christmas events. All you need to do, is pay for the desired quantity of raffle tickets on ParentPay, then return the same number of raffle tickets to school in an envelope marked 'Christmas Raffle'. Tickets are priced at **£1 EACH**.

Please put your name or your child's name and a contact number on the back of each ticket being purchased and return to school! Returned tickets will then be entered into the draw, once we can see that payment has been made on ParentPay. **Please remind children to hand in returned raffle tickets to their class teacher during morning registration**. More tickets will be available at the Christmas Fair, but selling tickets beforehand is often more convenient for you and helps save time on the night! Please retain the raffle ticket counterfoils so that you know which numbers you have in the draw.

PARENTS' SECRET GIFT STALL

This will take place on **Thursday 17th December.** All children will visit the Secret Gift stall with their class at some point during the day and every child will be able to choose a gift from the stall and have it wrapped for a lucky parent so that they can take it home to save for Christmas Day. We are inviting parents to make a suggested voluntary donation of between £2 and £5 for this via ParentPay.



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

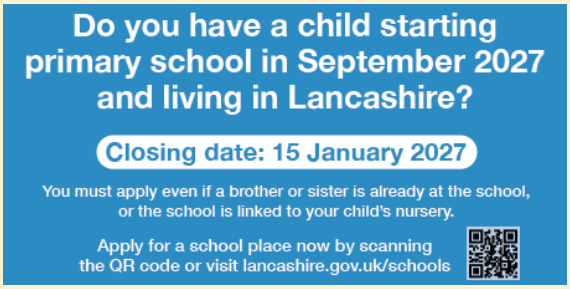
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

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.





How and when to apply for a reception class place for September 2027:



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

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.