



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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TOMORROW - LENTEN CHARITY FUNDRAISING – GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

One of our Christian duties during Lent is to 'give alms', so we have arranged a 'Legs for Lent' day, **Friday 21st March**. Children are invited to wear wacky legwear, with the top half being normal school uniform. We kindly ask for a donation to our Lenten charities using the "Legs for Lent" payment item in ParentPay. Suggested minimum donation of £1 per child, however, you can pay more if you are able to. Many thanks for your support.



PTA EASTER BINGO – TICKETS NOW ON SALE

We are delighted to be hosting our annual Easter Bingo event again this year on **Tuesday 1st April at 6.00pm**. Due to the size of our school hall, there will be a total number of 200 entry tickets available, so please be quick to secure your spot! Items on ParentPay have been allocated to the eldest / only child to make it easier to administer so please purchase all tickets required through that one child on ParentPay. Thank you.



To purchase entry tickets: please use the "Easter Bingo Entry Tickets" item on ParentPay and select the number of entry tickets you would like (priced at 50p each). We are limiting entry tickets to immediate family (parents and children only) to allow as many families to attend as possible.

To purchase Bingo Ticket Booklets: please use the "Easter Bingo Tickets" payment item on ParentPay. These booklets are priced at £1.00 each and there is no limit to the amount you can purchase. We would advise each person playing bingo, has at least one ticket booklet, but the more you have, the more chance you have of winning! These will be available to purchase on the night also.

To purchase Flyer Tickets: please use the "Easter Bingo Flyer tickets" item on Parent Pay. This is an additional game of Bingo which will be played at the very end and there will be a BUMPER prize for this game. Flyer tickets will also be priced at £1.00 each.

There will be a small 'tuck shop' available selling some juice and small treats for the children but families are welcome to bring along their own food and drink also. We are super excited to be able to bring this much-loved family fun night back again this year and we look forward to seeing you there!

EASTER BINGO DONATIONS

To populate the prizes, we kindly ask that children make a donation. We thank you for your support with this. Every penny raised for PTA will be spent on enhancing the school for your children.

See chart below for donation requests for each class:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Small eggs (e.g. cream egg etc)	Easter crafts (see below info)	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Small eggs (e.g. cream egg etc)

Rather than winning huge bundles of chocolate, this year we'd like to include some more wholesome Easter craft activities in the prizes. There are some lovely cheap options available in places like The Works and supermarkets. To get an idea of options, please click on the links: [Example 1](#) [Example 2](#) [Example 3](#) [Example 4](#) There are many others available, so please just choose one that is affordable.

EASTER ASSEMBLY – SAVE THE DATE

All are welcome to join our Easter Assembly on **Thursday 3rd April at 9:30am**. The children will lead us in song, narration and drama to retell and reflect on the Easter Passion Story. Please use the back doors to the main hall any time after drop-off.

END OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURE TIMES

As usual, at the end of term **school closes at 2:15pm and After School Club will run until 5:00pm**. With such low numbers at our After School Club on the last day of term (usually 2 or 3 children), it is not viable to operate the club. From the end of summer term, we therefore kindly ask that parents make arrangements for their child/ren to be collected at the end of the school day. Thank you.

EASTER LUNCH

We will be offering our Easter lunch on **Wednesday 23rd April**. The menu will be:



Roast Chicken with Potatoes, Veg & Gravy
or
Cheese Whirl and Beans
Followed by
Easter Treat Dessert

This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday but wishes to take part, please email Mrs Southworth bursar@stchads.lancs.sch.uk to add them onto the list (please also confirm their meal choice). Children who normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday do not need to reply, they will choose from the menu on the day as usual. 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).

CAKE WITH KATE

Lately, we have been giving consideration to children who *always* put in 100% effort with everything they do, whether it be behaviour, learning, friendships, etc. As such, we are introducing a new reward in school called 'Cake with Kate'. Each month a child from each class will be selected to spend some special time on a Friday afternoon with our wonderful cook, Kate. What a lovely treat! Children selected this month are:



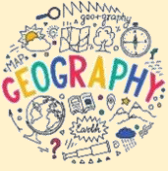
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hallie P.	George Ho.	Emily W.	Penelope S.	Wilf C.	Poppy O.	Mason S.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE – WALK AND MASS

You may be aware that Pope Francis announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee (occurs every 25 years), with the theme being 'Pilgrims of Hope'. To celebrate this, on Tuesday this week our Year 6 joined around 600 other children for a special Mass at St Mary's church, walking as 'Pilgrims of Hope' from St Gregory's. All Chorley Catholic schools were represented, which made it a very special occasion. It was also fun catching the Number 2 bus back to school! We were very proud of their conduct and engagement!



GEOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



Well done to everyone who contributed to the Geography exhibition! All the exhibits were truly remarkable and, as ever, we were blown away by everyone's efforts. The children demonstrated excellent knowledge of their topics and their projects really brought all this to life, allowing others to enjoy learning about it too.

37th ANNUAL DAFFODIL DODDLE

Congratulations to those who took part! We were really pleased to hear how much they enjoyed it and impressed with how well they placed.



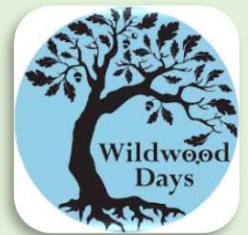
INFANTS' FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

We are excited to offer forest school sessions for all our infant children for the duration of the summer term, starting on Wednesday 23rd April. We will confirm final details next week, but they will take place every Wednesday.

The sessions will take place on the school field, which will make the most of the natural environment that we are blessed to call our home. Naturally, at times the children will be getting muddy and wet, so we need to prepare the kit that they will need to stay safe, warm and dry.

The ideal scenario is for every child to have a pair of wellies, waterproof over-trousers and a waterproof coat (or all-in-one), although we can't expect that every family will have these. We already have a limited supply that could be used by some children in Class 1 and we plan to build up a bank of kit in school for children who don't have their own, but this may take some time due to limited finances.

It would be really helpful to get an update from both infant classes of how many families will be able to provide some or all of their own kit, which will inform how much we will need to provide as a school. We have created an online form to generate this information. **I would be most grateful if you could take a couple of minute to complete the relevant form(s) below. Please select the correct class for your child(ren). Please complete a separate form for each child. Many thanks!**



[CLASS 1 KIT SURVEY](#)

[CLASS 2 KIT SURVEY](#)

If you are able to provide your own kit, click links for [an excellent example of dungaree over-trousers](#) and [all-in-ones](#). Cheaper options are also available, such as [Mountain Warehouse Over-Trousers](#) and [Regatta all-in-ones](#).

We don't wish for any family to feel they have to buy new kit though; we are happy to do what we can to help provide for the children. If you are able and willing to provide kit, please don't go to any great expense. We are really excited to offer this opportunity for our children, who we know will reap so many benefits, not to mention the fun and enjoyment! Thank you for your support.

WEDNESDAY WORD – LENT EDITIONS

[Click for this week's Wednesday Word](#)

SPRING / SUMMER 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 \(click for link\)](#). This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 21 st March	-	Legs for Lent
Tuesday 25 th March	-	Feast of the Annunciation
Thursday 27 th March	9:15am	Class 1 Mass-Postponed to 24/04/25
Friday 28 th March	2:30pm	Class 2 'Celebration of the Word' (parents invited)
31 st March – 2 nd April	-	Year 1 Road Safety Course
Monday 31 st March	-	Easter Bingo donations deadline
Tuesday 1 st April	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
Thursday 3 rd April	9:30am	Easter Service in school
Friday 4 th April	2:15pm	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April	-	School reopens for summer term
Wednesday 23 rd April	-	Easter Lunch
Wednesday 23 rd April	7:30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Thursday 24 th April	9:15am	Class 1 & 2 Mass
Thursday 1 st May	11:00am	Service in church (May, the Month of Mary)
	TBC	Spelling Bee at Holy Cross (TBC)
Thursday 8 th May	9:15am	Class 4 Mass
12 th – 15 th May	-	Year 6 SATS Week
19 th – 23 rd May	-	Sports Week
Tuesday 20 th May	1:30pm	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 5 th June	-	Y3-5 Anderton Centre Trip
	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Friday 6 th June	9:30am	Music Concert
Sunday 8 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 4 (Pentecost)
10 th – 13 th June	-	Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6)
Thursday 12 th June	2:00pm	Good Shepherd Mass - Leyland (Y5)
Sunday 15 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 5 (Father's Day)
16 th – 18 th June	-	Reception Road Safety Course
Thursday 19 th June	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
	TBC	Thomas Martland Maths Competition (Holy Cross)
Saturday 21 st June	11:00am	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 th June	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 26 th June	9:15am	Class 2 Mass
Friday 27 th June	2:30pm	Class 1 'Celebration of the Word' for parents
Monday 30 th June	-	Y4 Communicants Celebration Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	-	New Classes Sample Day (& High School)
Thursday 3 rd July	9:15am	Class 1 Mass (with Buddies)
Friday 4 th July	-	Year 6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's
Tuesday 15 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Celebration Evening
Thursday 17 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all invited)
Friday 18 th July	3:15pm	Art Gallery
Monday 21 st July	9:30am	Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday 22 nd July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to those who have kindly made a donation in support of our book fund from World Book Day. So far we have raised **£200**. We will keep the payment item open on ParentPay until Easter for anyone who still wishes to make a donation.

200 CLUB RENEWALS – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

Just a reminder that there is still time to renew / join the 200 club for the next 12 months (March 2025 - February 2026 inclusive).

To renew your 200 club subscriptions for the next 12 months, or to join the 200 club if you are not already a member, please use the new items which have been added to ParentPay.

If you do not wish to renew or join the 200 Club, please instead consider paying the voluntary £10 levy via the “School Levy” payment item which has also been set up within ParentPay.



CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM - REMINDER

There are many clubs on offer this half term. In an attempt to keep things simple, we have produced a chart with all details in one place. Please see document sent with last week’s newsletter, which also contains links to book on where necessary. We hope this helps.

RAISE BIG DONATIONS FOR OUR PTA!



If you are planning on booking your Easter or Summer Holiday during March with TUI, please use EasyFundraising to make your booking (see link below) as **TUI has made a Classroom Commitment to give a £100* donation to St Chads PTA Fund if you book a holiday this month.** With no minimum spend required, all TUI bookings (excludes flight-only bookings) will raise a HUGE £100 limited-time donation. [Booking Link](#)

SHOPPING ONLINE



Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do any shopping online, book your next Holiday or buy home, travel or car insurance.

Over 6,000 shops including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Etsy and many other high street stores, fashion brands and sites will donate to:

St Chad’s PTA Fund at no extra cost to you! You can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, food and lots more.

Scan the QR code or visit : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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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”.

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.

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 in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved.