



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



*'Be who you were created to be'*

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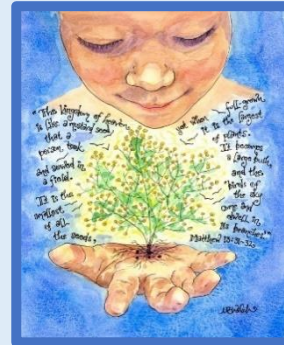
## Mission Statement

*'Be who you were created to be.'*

St. Catherine of Siena.

At St. Chad's this means that,  
with Christ in our hearts, we:

- **Nurture** our faith
- **Grow** as a family
- **Flourish** in all we do



### MISSION STATEMENT LAUNCH

Thank you to the children who read and sang so beautifully in our special assembly this morning. We launched our new mission statement (see above), along with the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' (more details to follow). Children took home wild flower seeds as a symbol of the mission statement's theme: nurture, grow, flourish.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March) marks the start of Lent, a 40-day period of reflection and preparation leading up to Easter. It's a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that ends on Holy Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> April). Children in the juniors will attend a service in church on Wednesday at 9:15am and will receive ashes. Parents are welcome to join this parish service. Infant children will receive ashes in school as part of a separate service geared to their age group.



### WEDNESDAY WORD

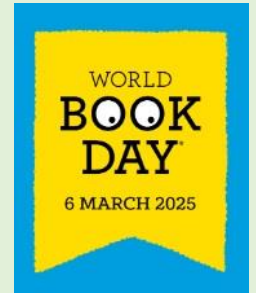
[Click for this week's Wednesday Word](#)

## CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

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 attached document, which also contains links to book on where necessary. We hope this helps.

## WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

This year our theme will be 'Bedtime Stories', so we invite children to come to school in Pyjamas and dressing gowns for the day. They may also bring in their favourite bedtime story. This is a lovely cosy day, and also reduces the demands on parents to arrange fancy dress. We are keen to keep our books updated and of a high quality, so if you are able to contribute to our book fund, **there is an item on ParentPay titled 'World Book Day'. Any voluntary contributions, no matter how big or small, would be gratefully accepted. Thank you.**



## SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS IN MARCH

### PANCAKE DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a Pancake Day lunch on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (change of date)** The menu will be:

Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps & Rolls with Sausage Roll and Tortilla Chips  
Followed by

American Style Pancakes with a choice of toppings:  
Traditional Sugar & Lemon or Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee or Chocolate Sauce



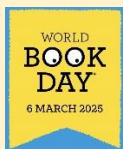
### WORLD BOOK DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "World Book Day" themed lunch on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. The menu will be:

Charlotte's Crispy Chicken or Quorn Goujons  
with Mogs 'Un'forgetful Katsu Curry Sauce & Matilda's Mixed Veg Rice  
or

Sherlock Holmes Sausage Roll with Mr Fox's Fantastic Fries  
& Bertie Bott's Beans or Mr McGregor's Garden Peas

Followed by Willy Wonka's Chocolate Traybake or Jemima Puddle-Duck's Jelly



### BE HAPPY DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "Be Happy Day" lunch on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. The menu will be:

Harmonious Hotdog with Smiley Faces & Glorious Garden Veg  
or

Playful Pasta Bake with Gleeful Garlic Bread & Sunshine Salad  
Followed by

Wonderful Waffles or Joyous Jelly & Incredible Ice Cream



These menus will be available to the whole school on these days. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on these days but wishes to take part, please email Mrs Southworth [bursar@stchads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto: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 these days 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).

## ADMISSIONS POLICY 2026/27 CONSULTATION & UPDATE

You may recall that the Admissions Policy for 2026/27 was added to our website for consultation last term. The consultation period has now ended and it has been determined by school governors that we will revert back to the previous version of the Admissions Policy for 2026/27, rather than that consulted on. For your information, this has now been updated on the [school website](#). If you have any questions in relation to this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## BREAKFAST CLUB TIMES

Please note that Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am and staff are unable to open the doors any sooner. Thank you.

## 200 CLUB RENEWALS – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

It is that time of year when we start to collect our 200 club renewal subscriptions / levy payments for the next 12 months (March 2025 - February 2026 inclusive). In common with all other Catholic parishes, the Archdiocese is responsible for the buildings. School's would struggle to fund the cost of the levy from within school budgets, so our 200 Club is a fun way to raise funds to pay the church and school levy and members of the 200 club have the chance to benefit from the prize money. With dwindling numbers in the 200 club over recent years, however, school is having to subsidise more each year to cover the cost of the levy, meaning that we have less of our budget to spend directly on the children. Although contributions from families is completely voluntary, the more parents, staff, governors and parishioners that are in the 200 club or who pay the levy, the less school has to subsidise from our school budget, so if you feel that you can contribute in this way, it really does help make a difference.



Subscriptions for the 200 club are only £15.00 for the full year and there are three prizes totalling £100 offered each month (£50, £30 and £20). The draw takes place in school at the end of each month and the winners are published in the newsletter. 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 item which has been added to ParentPay. To increase your chances of winning, you are able to have more than one membership number in the 200 club draw. If you wish to have more than one number, just enter the quantity of subscriptions you wish to purchase in ParentPay and we will ensure that you have the correct number of membership numbers in each draw. Details of any new membership numbers will be emailed to you. As there are less than 200 people in the draw, your chances are far better than winning the lottery! The first draw of the new year will take place at the end of March.

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.

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our February winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Mrs C Lawrenson	90	£50.00
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Mrs H Kirton	3	£30.00
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Holly Sofield	4	£20.00



## SPRING 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 <https://st-chads-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/diary/subscribe/> This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Rec & Y6 health checks (change of date)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 1)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Ash Wednesday service in church (juniors only)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Pancake Day Lunch (change of date)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	-	World Book Day – Bedtime Reading (Pyjama day!)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	-	World Book Day Lunch
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 2)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm	Y6 SATS Information Meeting for Parents
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 3)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30pm	Geography Exhibitions
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Be Happy Day Lunch
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Class 1 Mass
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:30am	Easter Service in school
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	2:15pm	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	-	School reopens for summer term



## REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

### 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/>



### MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCREENING SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Program	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025



### 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.