



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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HAPPY HALF TERM

It has been a very busy and productive few weeks since returning after Christmas. Typically, this period of the year is where children work hard, without too many interruptions, and make good progress with their learning. I am pleased to say that this year has been no different and we are proud of all their efforts and achievements. It can also be a difficult time of year for many, with dark, cold and wet days taking their toll, along with the customary coughs and colds. The children (and staff!) really need and deserve a good break, and I wish everyone an enjoyable and restful half term. I hope that you are also able to manage a well-deserved break too! We look forward to an exciting half term ahead, with the launch of a new Mission Statement and the joy and hope that spring offers us, culminating in our most important Christian feast of Easter. Lots to look forward to, but not before a good break!

School closes for half term at 3:15pm on Friday 14th February and reopens on Monday 24th February.

MISSION STATEMENT LAUNCH ASSEMBLY – ALL INVITED!

We are excited to be launching our new Mission Statement in an assembly, led by children, on **Wednesday 26th February at 9:15am**. We invite everyone in our St Chad's family to join us. Please enter the main hall through the back doors via the back playground, any time after 9:00am.

FOREST SCHOOL

TERM	NUMBER OF WEEKS/ SESSIONS PER GROUP	YEAR GROUPS	
		MORNING	AFTERNOON
Spring 2	6	Year 3	Year 4
Summer 1	5	Class 1	Class 2
Summer 2	5	Class 2	Class 1

Thank you for your responses to the kit survey. For those who have replied and asked for help with waterproofs, we will provide your child with kit on the first day which they will take home each week to be washed and used again for the duration of the sessions.

If you are able to provide your own kit, an excellent example of dungaree over-trousers can be found at https://wetwednesdays.co.uk/outdoors-dungaree#actual_colour=51

Cheaper options are also available, such as <https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/pakka-ii-kids-waterproof-overtrousers-p43836.aspx/black/>

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.



OFFERS OF PRE-WORN KIT – THANK YOU!

Thank you to anyone who has offered to send in outgrown waterproofs to add to our school supplies. This would be really helpful indeed! Please just send in through the school office or with your child FAO Mr Riley. Thank you!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOOK CLUB

The latest Scholastic Book Club leaflets were sent home in school bags earlier this week. Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-chads-pr6/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. **Please place any orders online by Monday 24th February.**



SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS IN MARCH

PANCAKE DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a Pancake Day lunch on **Tuesday 4th March**. 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

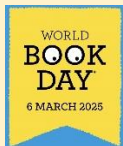
We will be offering a "World Book Day" themed lunch on **Thursday 6th March**. The menu will be:

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 20th 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 to add them onto the list (please also confirm their meal choice). Children who normally have a school lunch on a 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).

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

CLUBS FOR NEXT HALF TERM

We are busy finalising details of the clubs on offer for next half term. We will send out all the information when it has all been confirmed, rather than in stages. Details of the **NEW jam coding club** starting after half-term for children in KS2 was sent home earlier this week.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 6TH 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. This is a lovely cosy day, and also reduces the demands on parents to arrange fancy dress. More details to follow, but we just wanted to inform you of this sooner rather than later so that you don't need to worry about arranging outfits etc.

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.

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 14 th February	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 24 th February	-	School reopens
Wednesday 26 th February	9:15am	Mission Statement Launch Assembly (all invited!)
Friday 28 th February	-	Rec & Y6 health checks (change of date)
Thursday 27 th February	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Sunday 2 nd March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 1)
Wednesday 5 th March	9:15am	Ash Wednesday service in church (juniors only)
Thursday 6 th March	-	World Book Day – Bedtime Reading (Pyjama day!)
Sunday 9 th March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 2)
Tuesday 11 th March	6:00pm	Y6 SATS Information Meeting for Parents
Thursday 13 th March	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
Sunday 16 th March	9:30am	Sacramental Preparation (session 3)
Monday 17 th March	3:30pm	Geography Exhibitions
Wednesday 19 th March	6:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 20 th March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Thursday 27 th March	9:15am	Class 1 Mass
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

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

A-TISSUE!

Unfortunately, it is that time of year when there are multiple types of infections, coughs and colds around school. If your child has the sniffles, please equip them with a packet of tissues to use through the day. Thank you for following guidance on infection control and reporting symptoms to the school office when reporting absences. Guidance on recommended periods away from school for various types of infections can be found [on our website](#).



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 th February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Friday 28 th February 2025



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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".

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.