



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Parish Newsletter Available at <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>

## CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Class newsletters are now available on the [school website](#). These provide information about the spring term curriculum in each class.

## Compass Bloom Assembly for Parents



We have partnered with an organisation class Compass Bloom, who offer support for mental health and wellbeing for children. They offer a range of services and will be introducing themselves in an assembly on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2:30pm**. All parents are welcome to attend. **Please enter via back doors to main hall any time from 2:20pm to 2:30pm**. The gates will be opened to allow access.

## PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7:30pm** in school. All are welcome to help plan our spring and summer events.

## INTERNATIONAL LEGO DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "Lego" themed lunch on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The menu will be:

Lego Pizza with choice of Toppings – Ham or Cherry Tomato with Skinny Fries & Sweetcorn or Beans  
or

Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Dough Balls

Followed by Warm Waffle with Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee Sauce



## INTERNET SAFETY DAY LUNCH

We will be offering an "Internet Safety Day" themed lunch on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The menu will be:

Cautious Crispy Chicken Burger or Antivirus Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans and Tomato Ketchup  
or

Trusted Tomato Pasta Spirals with Garlic Bread & Salad

Followed by Careful Cookie or Firewall Fruit



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 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 in KS2 who are not entitled to Free School Meals.

## TEMPEST YEAR-GROUP PHOTOS

The children will be having their year-group photos taken on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. Please be sure that all children are in their full uniform and looking their usual smart selves for their photographs. If your child normally has PE on a Monday, they will need to wear their school sweater/cardigan, with the rest of their PE kit. Please make sure that PE bottoms are navy blue as per our uniform policy. Proofs will be sent home in due course.



## 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
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Tempest Class Photographs
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	2:30pm	Compass Bloom Assembly for Parents (Mental health and wellbeing support)
	7:30pm	PTA meeting in school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9:15am	<del>Class 4 Mass in church postponed</del>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	-	International Lego Day Lunch
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9:15am	<del>Class 3 Mass in church postponed</del>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30 – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Internet Safety Day Lunch
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	3:15 – 4:30pm	Valentine Disco
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	-	School reopens
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15am	Mission Statement Launch Assembly (all invited!)

## MISSION STATEMENT LAUNCH ASSEMBLY – ALL INVITED!

You may recall that, following a period of evaluation, we concluded that our existing Mission Statement was in need of renewal. We then gathered contributions from parents, children and governors to feed into the creation of a new Mission Statement. We are delighted with the outcome and excited to share it with everyone! **We will be launching the new Mission Statement in an assembly, led by children, on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am.**

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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

## WILDWOOD DAYS – AMAZING COMMUNITY EVENT!

**BRINSCALL LANTERN PARADE:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 4:45 - 6:45pm, meet at Brinscall cricket club. This **free** event is funded by Withnell Parish Council and aimed primarily at residents of Brinscall and the surrounding villages, with music provided by Music 4 All and refreshments at Wildwood Days. Tickets for refreshments are just £2 per person: [www.wildwooddays.co.uk/event/brinscall-lantern-parade-2025/](http://www.wildwooddays.co.uk/event/brinscall-lantern-parade-2025/) DIY lantern making kits are available for collection from the school office, or outside St John's school between 3:00PM and 3:20pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week (7th, 8th and 9th Jan) or from Wildwood days during the day (9 - 3pm) on any week day. See flyer attached for details.

**WILDWOOD DAYS TODDLER GROUPS:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during term time, 10 - 11:30am. Different theme every week. Hot drinks, snack and cake included. Perfect for ages 1 - 4 (walkers and upwards) who like the outdoors. To book and for more information go to: <https://wildwooddays.co.uk/toddler-groups/>



## OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS – UPDATES AND REMINDERS



Thank you for your support in adopting the new systems for booking and paying for Breakfast Club and After School Club places through ParentPay. This seems to have worked very well during the first term and we now wish to provide you with some useful reminders and some important updates.

There is a **NEW dedicated email address** for the Breakfast and After School Club staff: [asc@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:asc@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk). This should **only** be used to:

- 1. Make a general enquiry**
- 2. Request an EMERGENCY place** at one of the clubs after the ParentPay booking deadlines have passed. This email address should only be used for the “occasional” need for emergency, last minute childcare. All regular bookings should continue to be made through ParentPay before the following cut-off deadlines :
  - **Breakfast Club:** Bookings on ParentPay can be made up until 5:00pm the day before
  - **After School Club:** Bookings on ParentPay can be made up until 8:00am the same day
- 3. Request a booking cancellation or change.** To help support families’ changing circumstances, cancellations and changes can be made by request. The following terms will apply:
  - Cancellations or changes requested **before** 12:00pm on the Friday of the week prior to the booking can be made **without charge**
  - Cancellations or changes requested **after** 12.00pm on the Friday of the week prior to the booking **will still be charged for** due to the need to arrange catering and staffing in advance.

Alternatively, you can continue to call the school number, 01257 264480 and select option 2 for any of the above matters. You can then leave a message for the ASC who will pick up and deal with the message when they come into school.

Please do not turn up at Breakfast Club or tell your child to go to after school club without first leaving a message on the Out of School Club voicemail or by sending an email to them.

### CHILDCARE VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT QUERIES:

Anything financial related, including tax free childcare and childcare voucher remittances should still be directed to the school office using the school email address [bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk).

Whenever you make a tax free childcare or childcare voucher payment, please send a remittance email to [bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk) confirming the following details:

**Child Name :**

**Date payment requested :**

**Payment reference (i.e. Tax free Childcare Reference) :**

**Total amount requested : £**

**Amount to allocate to ASC : £**

**Amount to allocate to BC: £:**

**Voucher Providers name :**

## FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Following the success of the forest school sessions in the autumn term, these will resume as planned every Wednesday after February half term (beginning Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February). See chart below for a reminder of the schedule for the remaining classes. You will notice that the junior classes will be in their year groups, rather than classes. This will be a good opportunity for the Year 4 children to work together as one. Infant classes will have two blocks of 5 sessions in the summer term.

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

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 plan the kit that they need to stay safe, warm and dry.

The ideal scenario is for every child to have a pair of wellies, waterproof over-trouser and a waterproof coat, although we can't expect that every family will have these. 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 Year 3 and Year 4 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 year group for your child(ren). Please complete a separate form for each child. Many thanks!**

[YEAR 3 KIT SURVEY](#)

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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](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.

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.

## 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	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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.