



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Through Christ'*

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WELCOME BACK!

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back after the Christmas holidays. I hope the break was filled with quality family-time and that 2025 brings you all health and happiness. It has been lovely to see the children (and parents!) return with smiles and enthusiasm for the new term and new year. The spring term is typically a settled and productive period, in terms of children's learning and progress. Children enjoy the routine and sense of fulfilment that this brings. We also look forward to days getting longer and all the joys of spring!



CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Teachers are busy compiling their class newsletters, which will be sent to you next week. Please take the time to read these, as they will keep you informed of the topics and learning that will be taking place in each class.

ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDERS

We try to help parents to avoid penalty notices and unauthorised absences by providing policy reminders and updates throughout the year. The last update to the policy was September 2024 and any updated information was shared at that time. As way of a reminder, please see our [Attendance Policy 2024-25](#) on the school website. This includes important information about the Lancashire County Council system for issuing **penalty notices and prosecutions for holidays in term time**, which came into effect on 19th August 2024. Please carefully read Section 5.6 so that you are aware of the systems and thresholds. In short, LCC issue penalty notices when 10 or more sessions of holidays are taken in term time (equivalent to 5 days), or other unauthorised absences, within a rolling 10-school week period. Please also share this information with anyone who has parental responsibility, as penalty notices are issued per parent, per child. 'Parents' are classed as adults living in the same household who have some element of responsibility for the child/ren living there. I hope this reminder helps. Thank you for your support with our policy.

HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR 2025

Reporting Absences:

Please report all absences (including symptoms) to the school office answer machine on 01257 264480, even if you have informed a teacher of an absence. This helps to reduce room for error in our systems. It also really helps us to record and monitor infections accurately and fulfils our responsibilities to safeguarding children. Many thanks.

Earrings:

Plain stud earrings are allowed, but must be removed for days of PE and swimming lessons. Hooped earrings are considered too high risk, so are not permitted. No other jewellery should be worn. Thank you.

PE Kit:

In accordance with our Uniform Policy, on PE days the school sweater should be worn rather than sports branded versions.



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 20 th December	2:15pm	Close for Christmas
Monday 6 th January		School reopens for the spring term
Wednesday 8 th January	3:15pm	KS1 Jam Coding Club starts
Wednesday 15 th January	-	Primary Admissions Application Closing Date
Thursday 16 th January	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
Thursday 16 th January	-	Build a Burger Lunch
Tuesday 21 st January	2:30pm	Compass Bloom Assembly for Parents (Mental health and wellbeing support)
	7:30pm	PTA meeting in school
Thursday 23 rd January	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Tuesday 28 th January	-	International Lego Day Lunch
Thursday 30 th January	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church
Tuesday 4 th February	3:30 – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 5 th February		
Tuesday 11 th February	-	Internet Safety Day Lunch
Wednesday 12 th February	3:15 – 4:30pm	Valentine Disco
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!)

CONTACT DETAILS – PLEASE CHECK

If your contact details (phones and address) have changed since September 2024 and school haven't been informed, please email the school office with any updates. Many thanks.

PTA SURVEY & MEETING

Before the break, we invited parents to offer feedback on the Christmas Fair, to help influence plans for the future. I am mindful that this was during such a busy time, so we will leave the survey open until Monday morning should anyone else wish to add their thoughts. [Click here to access survey](#)

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

MISSION STATEMENT LAUNCH ASSEMBLY – ALL INVITED!



Similar to how the wise men followed the Star of Bethlehem to find baby Jesus, school Mission Statements act as a guiding star to lead a whole community towards its common goals. 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 26th February at 9:15am.**

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Please see attachments for this month's online safety newsletter, which is designed to support parents to keep your children safe online. This month's focus is on parental controls on Fortnite, age limits and smartphone free childhood. We hope it helps.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 DEADLINE NEXT WEEK

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to start school in September 2025 who might be interested in a place at St. Chad's, please register interest by contacting Mrs Southworth (bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk) so that we can send details about the admissions process. School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in September 2025. Apply using the link below:

SEPTEMBER 2024 ADMISSIONS APPLICATION DEADLINES

#SchoolAdmissions #LCCSchoolAdmissions

Primary Application Closing Date

15th January 2025

Apply for a place at :

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

WILDWOOD DAYS – AMAZING COMMUNITY EVENT!

BRINSCALL LANTERN PARADE: Saturday 18th January, 4:45 - 6:45pm, meet at Brinscall cricket club.

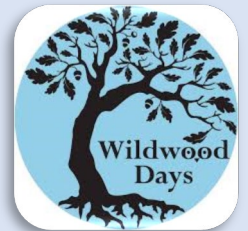
This **free** event is funded by Withnell Parish Council and aimed primarily at residents of Brinscall and the surrounding villages, with music provided by Music 4 All and refreshments at Wildwood Days.

Tickets for refreshments are just £2 per person: www.wildwooddays.co.uk/event/brinscall-lantern-parade-2025/ DIY lantern making kits are available for collection from the school office next week, 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/>



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 21st January at 2:30pm**. All parents are welcome to attend. Please enter via back doors to main hall. The gates will be opened to allow access.

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 th February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 26 th 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.