



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



*'Sharing, Caring and Learning Together
Through Christ'*

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Thursday 12th December 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

ADVENT: A SEASON OF JOY

On the third Sunday of advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, we light the rose coloured candle, representing joy. This is to remind us of the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity. Appropriately, we experienced such joy this week during the infants' retelling of the nativity story.



*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice”
Philippians 4:4-7*

SCHOOL CLOSURE TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

School closes for Christmas holidays at **2:15pm on Friday 20th December**. School reopens for the Spring Term on Monday 6th January 2025.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB LAST DAY

Please note, as usual at the end of term After School Club will **close at 5:00pm on Friday 20th December**.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas parties will take place on **Thursday 19th December**. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform for the day and Christmassy clothes are welcome, if you have them. Please provide safe and suitable footwear for running around on the playground in winter.

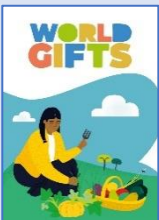
JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

This beautiful annual service takes place in church on **Tuesday 17th December** starting at 6:00pm. Please note that staff and the camera-man need time to prepare, so **doors will only be opened at 5:45pm**. There is no expectation to arrive any earlier than this time and we wouldn't want you to be waiting around outside in the cold. If you are unsure what children should be wearing, please check messages sent by your child's teacher on Seesaw. We expect church to be very busy, so please be as considerate as ever and allow the more elderly members of the community to have a seat. I have no doubt that everyone will work together in the Christmas spirit to make this a special and enjoyable service for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there.



BAUBLES & CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – QUICK REMINDER

You may recall that we invited children to decorate cardboard baubles for our tree, with an option to donate to **CAFOD World Gifts**, rather than sending Christmas cards. So far you have raised around £80. Thank you! If we could reach £100, each class could choose gift of £20 to help the neediest around the world. **We will leave the item open on Parent Pay until 10am on Monday 16th December.** [CLICK TO VIEW THE TYPE OF GIFTS AVAILABLE](#)



INFANT NATIVITIES

Well done to all the infant children for staging an incredible performance of the Nativity. They were all simply wonderful and brought such joy to everyone who was fortunate enough to watch it. We are very proud of them all. At such a busy time, they reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you also to the staff in the infants for their hard work and relentless efforts to prepare the children so well.



AUTUMN 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 16 th December	-	Infant Trip to Bolton Octagon Theatre
Tuesday 17 th December	6:00pm	Junior Carol Service (church)
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th December	-	Christmas Parties (Christmas party clothes)
Friday 20 th December	2:15pm	Close for Christmas

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 18th December**. The menu will be: **Traditional Roast Turkey and chipolata sausage with Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Veg, Stuffing & Gravy followed by a Festive Dessert**

(The vegetarian option of Quorn Fillet and Vegetarian Sausage MUST be pre-booked)

This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on Wednesday's but wishes to take part in this special lunch, please email Mrs Southworth bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk to add them onto the list. 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 in KS2 who are not entitled to Free School Meals.



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

PE TOPS - OFFER OF HELP

It has been brought to our attention that some of the PE tops are out of stock. These are:

- Boys PE top (32-34)
- Girls PE top (30-32)

Stock is quite low on most of the other boys PE top sizes, but there seems to be a decent supply of the other sizes in the girls PE tops. We would like to help those affected, while stocks are being replenished. If anyone has a good quality PE top that no longer fits, could they please kindly be sent into school to help others. Therefore, if you are in need of a PE top that is out of stock, please let us know the size and we'll do our best to match you up with a donated one. We hope this will help.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY WORK

Jesus' birth was an act of divine generosity. We are encouraged to imitate God's love by giving gifts and helping those less fortunate. Catholic Social Teaching also guides us towards living in solidarity with those less fortunate and helping the poor and vulnerable. With this in mind, we plan to support the following causes this Christmas:

- Help the Homeless (donations from the Junior Carol Service)
- Poinsettias for church dedicated to each class – see below (from the baubles project donations)
- CAFOD World Gifts – see below (from the baubles project donations)

POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

As is tradition, St Chad's church will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. They are inviting anyone who would like to dedicate a plant in memory of someone to make a donation of £6.50 towards the cost. Like everything, the cost of plants has risen this year. A card of dedication will be placed by each plant, which you are able to take away with you in the New Year. If you would like to get involved, please place your donation and dedication in an envelope and put it in the collection tray at the back of church or put it through the door of the presbytery. Thank you.

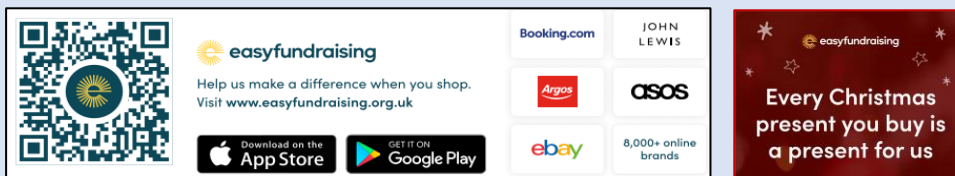


CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do any Christmas 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



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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
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Apply for a place at :

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

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.

