



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Through Christ'*

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Thursday 3rd October 2024

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Children in the juniors who own rosary beads are invited to bring them into school during this month. Classes will learn to pray a decade of the rosary in their class collective worships. We will provide rosary beads for infants to use.



HARVEST ASSEMBLY & FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We welcome parents to join our Harvest Assembly on **Friday 4th October at 9:15am**. Please use the back doors to the main hall from the back playground after drop off. We are also collecting for **Chorley Help the Homeless Food Bank** once again. If you would like to make a donation, please leave bags in the school entrance. Many Thanks. They have requested any of the following items:

Tinned Fruit	Long-Life Milk
Tinned Vegetables	Instant Mash
Tinned Meat (corned beef, spam)	Breakfast Cereal
Tinned Soup & Baked Beans	Dried Rice and Pasta
Tinned puddings	Jars of pasta and curry sauce
Biscuits	Coffee, Tea, Sugar
Shampoo	Shower gel
Deodorant	



Parents
Evening

PARENTS EVENINGS

Please look out for the online booking forms early next week (via email), so that we have time to turn them around before half term. Many thanks. Dates for the meetings are in the 'Dates for the Diary' section.

TERM DATES 2025-26

Term dates for the school year 2025-26 have been approved by governors and are ready to be published. These will be emailed to you soon. They will also be made available on the school website. We have managed to set these dates earlier than usual to help support families to book any holidays outside of term time, so we hope this helps.

PTA MEETING & EVENTS

We will be planning our first PTA meeting/AGM and would like to make it as accessible as possible for those who wish to attend. I will soon send out an online form to gather preferences of dates and times in an attempt to find a suitable option for as many as possible.

We warmly welcome all parents to these meetings, particularly any new families, to help build a community of people who may be able to offer help and support,

no matter how much or little. We will be discussing plans for events this term. The work of the PTA is crucial in creating enriching events for our children and community.



AUTUMN DISCO – SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding an Autumn Disco after school on Monday 21st October. More details to follow shortly.



YOUTH MASS INVITE – MESSAGE FROM CHAPLAIN AT HOLY CROSS



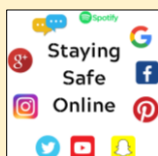
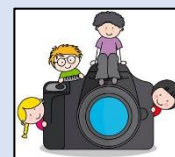
For the first Youth Mass of the academic year, we're working with the Live Simply Group at St Gregory's to host a Creation Mass, on **Sunday 6 October at 6:30pm**. We're hoping to involve as many young people and families as possible. As always, if there is anyone who would like to be involved - readers, greeters, musicians, offertory - please contact me directly l.walmsley@holycross.lancs.sch.uk / 01257 262093

Many thanks, *Linda*

Linda Walmsley - Lay Chaplain

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS – PRE-SCHOOL SIBLINGS WELCOME

Tempest photography will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs, on **Wednesday 9th October**. Any parents with preschool siblings who would like a photograph of their children altogether, can come to school (main hall via the back doors) at 8.30 am. If your child normally has PE on a Wednesday, they will need to wear their normal blue polo shirts and school sweater/cardigan, with the rest of their PE kit please. Children in Year 5&6 doing forest school sessions should also please wear uniform on the top half and bring a change of top. Thank you.



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 mobile phone risks Instagram. We hope it helps.

CHORLEY COUNCIL HALF TERM INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS & ACTIVITY CAMP

Please see attached flyers for details of half term activities provided by Chorley Council. These also include intensive swimming lessons.

MONEY FOR NOTHING! ASDA REWARDS CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Do you shop at ASDA? If so, please 'opt in' to the **Cashpot for Schools** campaign via your rewards card and select our school. ASDA will then donate a percentage of your shop for us to use on what we need most. This does not affect your own rewards... it really is money for nothing! Our total so far stands at over £70 and we haven't even advertised it until now! Thank you for your support. Every penny really does help us.

**you scan,
we donate
££s TO
SCHOOLS.**

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Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app	Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com	Asda does the rest
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.	Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.	The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

BRASS BAND CONCERT IN CHURCH – 24TH NOV 2:00-4:30PM

Please see flyer with details. Tickets available from school or church – children go free!
The last concert was beautiful and enjoyed by all who attended. What a wonderful opportunity for children to see quality live music!

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
Friday 4 th October	9:15am	Harvest Assembly (school hall, parents welcome)
Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th October	All day	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 9 th October	8:30am	Tempest Photographs (individual & sibling)
Thursday 10 th October	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Monday 14 th October – Wednesday 16 th October	-	Year 2 Road Safety Course
Tuesday 15 th October	5:30pm	Phonics Workshop for Parents
Thursday 17 th October	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church
Monday 21st October		Autumn Disco – after school
Tuesday 22 nd October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Thursday 31 st October	-	Secondary School Applications Deadline
Monday 4 th November & Wednesday 6 th November	3:30 - 6:00pm	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 5 th November	-	Bonfire Night themed lunch
Thursday 7 th November	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
	-	Nasal Flu Vaccines
Thursday 14 th November	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Thursday 21 st November	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church
Wednesday 27 th November	-	Lancashire Day themed lunch
Thursday 28 th November	6:30 – 8:00pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday 5 th December	9:30am	Advent Mass in school (all welcome)
Tuesday 10 th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity
Monday 16 th December	-	Infant Trip to the Bolton Octagon Theatre
Tuesday 17 th December	6:00pm	Junior Carol Service
Friday 20 th December	2:15pm	Close for Christmas

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

KS2 CHOIR



Mrs Topp will be again running our junior choir this year on Wednesday's after school Choir will finish at 4.15 p.m. and children can be collected from the back of the big hall. Although we will not be attending Young Voices this year, we will undertake some performances so that you can watch your child perform. **If your child is interested in taking part, please could you give consent using the new "KS2 Choir 24/25" item which has been added to ParentPay.** Consent will need to be given using the notes section on the ParentPay item. We are also asking for a one-off payment of £3 per child for the whole year which will help cover the cost of any music resources we need to purchase. Please also note that there will be **no choir on Wednesday 6th November as it is parents' evening.**

MRS STRICKLAND PIANO AND VOCAL TUITION



There are currently 2 vacancies. If you are interested, please email the school office.

GUITARS

All available spaces have now been filled from children on the waiting list. If your child would like to be added to the waiting list, please email Mrs Southworth bursar@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk



MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCREENING SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Reception Class Questionnaires : Please return completed forms to school by 9th October for collection by the Lancashire Healthy Young People & Families team.



Reception Class Medical Questionnaires	To be returned to school by 9th October
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	7 th November 2024
Reception Class Vision Screening	20 th November 2024
Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement Program	Wednesday 26 th February 2025
Year 6 Electronic School health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 26 th February 2025

SECONDARY AND 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 and opportunities to come and look around school. 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

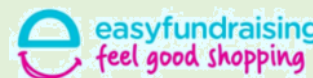
Secondary Application Closing Date	31st October 2024
Primary Application Closing Date	15th January 2025

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

Before you apply, research the schools in your area and check school websites for up-to-date information about open days / evenings. You can also read Ofsted reports at: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

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 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.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>

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".

MASS TIMES AT ST. CHAD'S CHURCH

Please see this weeks' parish newsletter for any further updates regarding Mass times and parish events: <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>

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.

