



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (ASC) UPDATES

Thank you for your support with the new booking system etc in the first two weeks. To support parents whilst adjusting to our new systems, we have been flexible and lenient when applying our deadlines for booking-on and cancellations. To help our systems to run efficiently from here onwards, please take note of the following reminders:



Booking-on deadlines:

- Breakfast Club: Up until 5:00pm the day before
- After School Club: Up until 8:00am the same day
- If you need emergency childcare outside of these deadlines, please contact the Out of School Club staff. This can be done by calling the school number and selecting the Out of School Club (option 2). Please do not turn up at Breakfast Club without making a booking or leaving a message on the voicemail.

Cancellations:

To help support families' changing circumstances, cancellations and changes can be made with no charge up until 12:00pm on the Friday of the week prior to the booking. Cancellations after this point cannot be refunded, due to the need to arrange catering and staffing in advance. N.B. Cancellations and changes cannot be done via ParentPay. Please contact the ASC phone line (01257 264480, option 2) to request a cancellation or change. Staff can then process this on ParentPay.

Many thanks for your support. This will really help us to plan appropriate staffing and catering.

CLUBS COLLECTION POINTS

To improve security and safeguarding, we will be locking the front gates while After School Club children play out on the front playground. If you are collecting from After School Club during this time, please use the smaller gate where the staff will be stationed.

Jam Coding and Spanish will be dismissed from Class 2 (back playground) and Dance from the back doors to the main hall. Please use the pedestrian footpath (pictured) to access the back playground to collect from clubs. Many thanks indeed.



FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

The children in Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful first session last week. Although the school field is always boggy in places, some children got a bit carried away and went home far muddier than necessary for the tasks. This is all part of the learning process and will be reflected on with the children this week. We have invested in some more spare waterproof over-trousers for those who weren't able to provide their own, so hopefully everyone will be fully equipped for the conditions this week. Could we please ask that these children take them home for washing each week, then return them to school at the end of this half term. Children will need their wellies, over-trousers and coat every week, regardless of the weather. Thank you for your support for these sessions... the benefits to the children will build week by week and it is wonderful seeing our beautiful grounds being used to their full potential and treasured by the children.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...



... those who represented the school in the football league games last week. Their teamwork, attitude and values really shone through and I couldn't be more proud of the way that they conducted themselves, especially facing such difficult opposition. Well done to all involved!

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

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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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

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.

MEDICAL FORMS FOR MEDICATION AND INHALERS KEPT IN SCHOOL

If your child normally has medication or an inhaler kept in school, please complete a new form using the link below to ensure we have the most up to date information. Please also remember to send in any medication which may have been sent home at the end of Summer. You are responsible for checking any expiry dates on medication so please make sure you check these before sending them in and ensure that you replace them before they expire.



Medication Form Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/QEPdSbY6fU>

MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCREENING SERVICES

Nasal Flu Vaccinations : 7th November 2024 – more details and consent to follow

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.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Dance Club

Following on from extremely successful after school dance clubs last year which culminated in a fantastic performance in the community as well as some wonderful performances at ChadFest, we are again able to offer regular after school dance clubs which will again be run by Mrs Marsden.

The KS2 Dance Club will run on Mondays 3:30-4.30pm.

The KS1 Dance Club will run on Wednesdays 3.30-4.15pm.

Contact Mrs Marsden directly on 07703 057272 to enquire about the availability of places and prices.

Jam Coding Club

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 are able to take part in a Jam Coding Club **starting this Wednesday after school**. This is a 5 week course and runs until 4.15 each Wednesday at a cost of £7 per session.

To book visit : <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/3523>

SPANISH LESSONS

EL CLUB ESPAÑOL

Hola! Have you been on holiday to Spain or other Spanish-speaking countries this Summer? Wouldn't it have been awesome if your child could have spoken some of the language there? Learning Spanish is a fun and useful skill and learning at primary school age gives your child the best chance of discovering a love of languages which will serve them throughout their education and life. Our Fun Spanish Clubs began again at St Chad's for autumn term today! New children can come along for a no obligation taster any Monday. Our fun clubs allow your child to get started on a new and exciting language, with the help of fun games, songs, stories and drama, and children can try any time! We have two clubs – one takes place at lunchtime and one after school, offering a fun and educational alternative to after school club, and they are open to all levels of ability.

- **Fun Spanish After School Club for Y1- Y6** is a 1-hour club and takes place on Mondays until 4.25pm for 13 weeks in the Autumn Term, fees are £7.10 per session, payable termly plus membership fee.
- **Fun Spanish Lunchtime Club for Y1-6** is a 30-min club and takes place at 12-12.30 on Mondays for 13 weeks in the Autumn Term, fees are £5.80 per session, payable termly plus membership fee.

Reception children may join from January. Membership fee for new members is now £13.95 and new children receive a songbook & CD with folder and sticker chart and it includes free access to our internet gamezone and access to all the LCF French & Spanish music via streaming on any device. 10% Discounts for siblings. Monthly direct debits/standing orders/card payment options are available.

Beginners are most welcome and all children can have a no-obligation taster for these clubs by signing up at www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol and paying AFTER the trial session, by skipping the payment stage of the signup until the trial is complete. If your child doesn't wish to continue, then you don't need to pay anything. Please contact Chris Abalain if you would like more information on these clubs, you can email chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk or call 07917 848745.

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/grid/2023/11/> This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 17 th September	Full day	Class 4 Trip to Martin Mere
Thursday 19 th September	Full day	Class 3 Trip to Martin Mere
Thursday 26 th September	9:30am	Welcome Mass in church (TBC)
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 & family) Details to follow
Tuesday 15 th October	5:30pm	Phonics Workshop for Parents
Tuesday 22 nd October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Thursday 31 st October	-	Secondary School Applications Deadline
Monday 4 th October & Wednesday 6 th October	3:30 - 6:00pm	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 7 th November	-	Nasal Flu Vaccines
Thursday 28 th November	6:30 – 8:00pm	Christmas Fair

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>

THE ALPHA COURSE...

...will begin at St Bede's parish hall on 11th September at 7pm and will run for 10 weeks. ALPHA is a series of weekly meetings where you can explore the Christian Faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment. There's no charge and no "pressure" – just lots of great conversation and a space to talk and ask whatever questions you might have. If you have any questions or would like to take part please contact Sr Dorothy on 07530238222 or Julie on 07943874257 or email dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

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

REMINDERS

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/>