



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK!

May I welcome all our families, children and staff to another new school year at St. Chad's. I especially extend a warm welcome to our new families and staff. It is always lovely when any family grows, and our school family is no different. We start the new year with optimism, ambition and excitement. My aim is to communicate openly and effectively with you and to continue to build positive relationships, with the best interest of your children at the core of everything we do. We strive to live out our Mission Statement every day <https://www.st-chads.lancs.sch.uk/mission-statement/> and continually work towards the expected outcomes of our strategic plan <https://www.st-chads.lancs.sch.uk/strategic-plan-2023-27/>. To achieve this requires a partnership with our whole St. Chad's family: staff, children, parents, governors, parish and local community. May I thank you for your ongoing support. Mr J Riley



COMMUNICATION METHODS

Open, honest and clear communication is the key to an effective school. You will receive regular communication from school in a variety of forms, all with a different purpose. Please see chart below:

METHOD	PURPOSE
Emails via Parent Pay	Communication from the school office
Weekly Newsletter Emailed and on the school website	General important updates and information, including dates for your diaries.
Class Newsletters Emailed and on the school website	Termly information specifically about your child's class, including the curriculum, routines, PE days, homework, etc.
Seesaw (App)	Direct messaging between parents and teachers. Teachers aim to respond within 2 working days during office hours (9am-5pm). If a message is urgent, please contact the school office directly.
Informal conversations before and after school	Teachers and Mr Riley make themselves available before and after school for quick informal messages or chats. Teachers are, however, required in class to begin teaching at 9:00am. See below if more time is needed.
Face-to-Face meeting	More formal conversations where required. Please make an appointment should this be needed.

We greatly value our relationship with parents and encourage you to reach out to us where necessary. We would much rather you to ask questions or raise concerns, rather than worrying or being confused about something. Please contact class teachers in the first instance where a question is relating to your child and their experiences in school. Admin questions may be directed to the school office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are just finalising the last few dates for this term, so will communicate all the relevant dates for the whole term with you in next week's newsletter.

STAFFING UPDATES AND REMINDERS

We welcome some new staff to our team. We are delighted that Christy Dalton re-joins our Breakfast and After School Club, as well as serving as Welfare Assistant at lunchtimes. We are also delighted that Mrs Turner is now employed as Teaching Assistant to offer extra support in Class 1. With the retirement of Mrs Manwaring, Miss Brennan has increased her hours as Teaching Assistant from afternoons only to full days. These are all positive additions to our staff team.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

These will all be emailed to you tomorrow and uploaded to the school website for future reference.

ROUTINES AND RULES REMINDERS

It is helpful to begin the year with a few reminders so that we can start on the right track:

- Children are not allowed to use the play equipment before or after school
- Dogs are not allowed on the school premises
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the school site
- Please park responsibly and avoid blocking any neighbour driveways
- Stopping on the zig-zag lines is prohibited
- Only plain stud earrings should be worn, and removed for PE days

All the above are to help reduce health and safety risks to our children. Many thanks indeed for supporting these.



WALK TO SCHOOL ALONE POLICY

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish for them to walk/ride to or from school alone, please request a copy of our 'Travelling to and from school alone policy'. An application form is contained within the policy to be submitted to Mr Riley. Please include details of the route and address and await a response. Many thanks.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER



To support parents and carers to protect your children from online dangers, we have continued to subscribe to an online safety newsletter. This is an excellent supportive resource and I would encourage you to have a read. It will keep you abreast of the latest apps as well as online threats, so that you are able to stay one step ahead in an ever-changing landscape. I hope this will be useful for you.

Any feedback would be welcomed.

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

As advertised last year, the exciting Forest School provision begins on **Wednesday 11th September** (this week) for children in **Year 5 and Year 6**. These children may come to school dressed for the outdoors, **including a long sleeve top to protect them from brambles** etc. Sessions take place on the school field, which is always boggy. As such, **children will need wellies**, if you are able to provide them. Please send these in a plastic bag to change into. Waterproof over-trousers and coats are preferable, as we intend to go out in almost all conditions. All this information was shared before we broke up for the holidays, but I hope that a reminder is helpful. Thank you also for completing the online form to let us know who may need help with kit. Your feedback was really helpful indeed. For those who couldn't provide wellies, we have enough spares in school and a record of who needs them. I am sure that these sessions will be hugely beneficial on so many levels and I thank Mrs King and her team for their work to offer such quality provision.



THANK YOU FOR FEEDBACK

Huge thanks to those who gave up their time to complete the parental questionnaire at the end of last year. The feedback really helps us to evaluate our systems, curriculum and provision and consider how we may continue to make improvements. I will share a summary of the results with you in due course.

MRS STRICKLAND PIANO AND VOCAL TUITION

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



GUITARS



Guitar lessons **resume this Friday 13th September** for those children who are taking lessons this year. 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.



LEP RECEPTION CLASS PHOTOGRAPH

Lancashire Evening Post & Chorley Guardian publish class photos of reception classes at this time of year. Their photographer is visiting tomorrow, Tuesday 10th September. You will be sent proofs of the photograph in due course in case you wish to purchase a copy of it.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our August winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Mrs A Wallwork	116	£50.00
2 ND	Mrs M Matthews	2	£30.00
3 RD	Mrs E Whelton	82	£20.00



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

STEP INTO SEPTEMBER LUNCH

We will be offering a "Step Into September" themed lunch this Thursday 12th September. The menu on this day will be:

**Southern Style Chicken Goujons & Dips or Sausage and Omelette Brunch
Served with Potato Footballs & Veg or Beans
Followed by Chocolate & Orange Cookie**

There will be a vegetarian alternative available on the day for any vegetarians who wish to have a school lunch on Thursday. This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Thursday but wishes to take part in this special themed 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 Thursday 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.

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.

TRIP TO MARTIN MERE

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be going on a History trip to Martin Mere to enrich their historical learning of their main topic for autumn, the Saxons and Vikings period. Please see the email which has been sent to parents in those classes for more details about the trip.

- Children in Class 4 will go on Tuesday 17th September
- Children in Class 3 will go on Thursday 19th September

Can parents please log in to ParentPay as soon as possible to give consent for your child to attend the trip as well as providing emergency contact details for the day of the trip and any medical and dietary information.

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.

SEND NEWSLETTER

Please see attachments sent with our newsletter for a SEND newsletter which contains lots of useful information for parents and carers of, and professionals working with, children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND).

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 10 th September	11:00am	Reception Class Photograph LEP
Wednesday 11 th September	3:15pm	Jam Coding Club (infants)
Thursday 12 th September	Lunchtime	"Step into September" themed lunch
	4:00-6:00pm	Y6 Football League
Tuesday 17 th September	Full day	Class 4 Trip to Martin Mere
Thursday 19 th September	Full day	Class 3 Trip to Martin Mere
Wednesday 9 th October	8:30am	Tempest Photographs (individual & family) Details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Thursday 31 st October	-	Secondary School Applications Deadline
Thursday 7 th November	-	Nasal Flu Vaccines

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/>