



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Parish Newsletter Available at <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>

SEESAW

Seesaw is an online platform/app that facilitates two-way communication between teachers and parents, alongside other features. We have set up the new classes, so your teachers may message you to check that it is working. If you experience any issues, please just let us know and we can issue you with a renewed login.



CLASS NEWSLETTERS

These will be emailed to you tomorrow, Friday 12th September, and uploaded to the school website for future reference. These newsletters are used to inform you about curriculum coverage and class routines.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES PROCEDURES

It is our duty to inform parents of attendance figures as the year progresses. In accordance with our [Attendance Policy](#), we also have to inform you where attendance dips below certain thresholds. As such, we are sending the following home soon:

- Attendance sheets for the academic year 2024/25 for all children currently in Y1 – Y6.
- Attendance letters for children whose attendance dipped below 95% or below 90% in the Summer Term and for children who had several late marks recorded in the Summer Term.
- 100% attendance certificates to those children who had 100% attendance in the Summer Term and those who had 100% attendance for the whole school year.



Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of the procedures for reporting a school absence, informing us of children being late to school or attending medical appointments during the school day.

Absence for Holidays In Term Time:

Government and Lancashire County Council Policy does not allow schools to authorise leave during term time for holidays, due to the legal responsibility on parents to ensure that their child attends school. It is important that parents familiarise themselves with the policy on this to avoid absence and possible penalty notices (see page 11 of [Attendance Policy](#) – also available on the school website).

CHOIR AND YOUNG VOICES

Mrs Topp will be resuming choir for KS2 children on a Thursday night beginning Thursday 18th September. Choir will run from the end of the school day until 4.00 p.m. Children in Year 3 children can come straight up to choir once they have returned to school after swimming. Children can be collected from the back of the main hall. There will be a small cost of £5 for the year to attend choir. If your child wants to attend choir, please log-in to ParentPay to give your consent for them to attend and to make your payment before the first session next week. We will also be taking our choir to perform at Young Voices on 6th February 2026 and we will be learning all the songs in choir. Please see separate email from Mrs Topp with more details.



PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start primary school next September who may be interested in St. Chad's, they can register their interest by completing our online form using the link below so that they can be sent details of the admission process. They can also register to come and look around school during the daytime by completing the second form below.

Register of Interest Form : <https://forms.office.com/e/ZM6E4NrgAU>

School Visit request Form : <https://forms.office.com/e/7FigE3CwET>

Both forms are also available on our website in the Admissions area of the Key Info page. Primary and Secondary School applications should be made online using the link or QR code below by the appropriate deadline. If your child is in Year 6, please read the email sent earlier this week with secondary school application information from Lancashire County Council.

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2026 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2026

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2026 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 31 October 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



NASAL FLU VACCINES

The Intrahealth Immunisation team will be in school again this year on Thursday 13th November to administer the nasal flu vaccine. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a "no" consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/14ccca6d>

Please note that this link will close on the 05/10/25. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' to consent form. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone Intrahealth directly on 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 1 .



TOAST REMINDER



If your child would like toast this year and you haven't yet sent in your payment, please send £5 per child in a clearly named envelope first thing tomorrow morning so that your child's name is included on the list.

LITTLE FOLK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

You may have already heard about the amazing 'Little Folk' playgroup, delivered locally by the excellent and experienced early years teacher, Faye Aldridge. Well, we are excited to inform you of a new exciting partnership with Faye to deliver pre-school playground sessions at St Chad's every Friday morning - see details below.

September 2025 Block booking is now open for playgroup!

★ NEW ★ Our Friday playgroup will now take place at St Chad's Catholic Primary School. ★
Thursday playgroup will remain at the Village Hall.

This first half term is 7 weeks long. The cost of the 7 week block is £56 inclusive of one adult/ child place for a 2 hour play session. Additional non walking siblings free. Additional siblings £5 per session.

(Can be paid weekly) Additional adults £1.

2 hours Scandi inspired play with songs/ story/ parachute to end the session.

Suitable for 0-4 years inclusive of juice and shortbread biscuit for little ones.



Refreshments on sale.



Fridays 12th, 19th, 26th September, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October.

DM via Instagram littl_efolk or email littlefolklancashire@outlook.com to book your space.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DON5VepjCX-/?igsh=MW92bWplZTBsN3k5aQ==>

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 \(click for link\)](#). This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 12 th September	-	Class Newsletters
Thursday 25 th September	9:30am	Welcome Mass in church TBC – all welcome!
Friday 3 rd October	2:30pm	Harvest Assembly in school – all welcome!
Friday 10 th October	-	Class 3&4 trip to Judges Lodgings
Monday 13 th October	-	Tempest – Individual and Family photographs
Tuesday/Wednesday 14 th /15 th October	3:30-6:00pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 th October	4:30-7:00pm	Holy Cross Open Evening
Tuesday/Wednesday 21 st /22 nd October	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5)
Thursday 23 rd October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 3 rd November	9:00am	School reopens
Thursday 13 th November	-	Flu vaccinations

JUNIOR DUKE

We will again be running the Duke of Edinburgh style scheme, the Junior Duke Award, for all year groups in school. The scheme involves completing a range of challenges such as a cookery challenge, an exercise challenge, a creation challenge, a caring for others challenge and an eco-challenge.

Once they have completed their challenges, they receive a certificate and badge to wear. There are different levels to complete depending on which year your child is in, each year group is different. There is a fee payable which covers the cost of the resources, certificates and badges. This is around £12.00 per child. Both new children wishing to take part AND children who took part last year who want to complete the next level of Junior Duke need to pay the annual fee. You can find more information at [www.https://juniorduke.com](https://juniorduke.com)

Towards the end of the summer term we sent out a link for an online form to complete in order to register interest. **If you haven't already registered interest and your child would like to take part, this year (even if they took part last year) you will need to register / re-register their interest using the link below as soon as possible as we need to order the correct number of resources very soon.**

Online Registration Form Link : <https://forms.office.com/e/51atib101v>



DANCE CLUB

Mrs Marsden, a very experienced dance teacher, has started up her dance classes again on Monday after school.

Monday 3:20-4:20 - KS2

Wednesday 3:20-4:20 - KS1

This is open to all the school and is a fantastic club, and is one not to be missed! If you would like to sign your child up to join please message Claire on 07703 057272 with your child's name and their year group and she will be able to add you to the dance community Whatsapp group.

If your child took part last year, you do not need to sign your child up again, however, if your child took part last year but does not wish to continue this year, please let Mrs Marsden know so that she can remove them from the club register.



SPANISH CLUB - EL CLUB ESPAÑOL

Hola! Did you travel on holidays to Spain or other Spanish-speaking countries this Summer? Wouldn't it have been awesome if your child could speak 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 will begin again at St Chad's for Autumn term on Monday 8th Sept! New children in years 1-6 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 £7.15 per session, payable termly.

Fun Spanish Lunchtime Club for Rec-Y6 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.

The membership fee for new members is £13.95 and children receive a songbook and 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. Sibling discounts and monthly direct debits/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.

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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. Many thanks.



Form Link : <https://forms.office.com/e/yjRyMDxyTL>

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, as our risk assessments require strictly limited numbers and staff supervision. Thank you.
- 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
- We are a 'nut-free school', so please do not send in snacks or lunches with food containing nuts.

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

GUITAR TUITION

Guitar tuition will resume on Fridays from tomorrow, Friday 12th September for those children who have signed up for this academic year. Children who are new to guitar tuition this year who have opted to use a loan instrument will be allocated a guitar which they can collect from the school office before their first lesson next week. Children should remember to bring their guitar in every Friday morning ready for their lesson. Children can start guitar lessons from Year 3, however, you are welcome to add your child's name to the waiting list from Reception by emailing k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk.



KEYBOARD, PIANO & UKULELE TUITION



Tuition for these instruments is also available through the Lancashire Music Service PDP scheme (Parental Direct Payment). Lessons are held in school, usually by the same tutor who provided the guitar lessons in school.

Please visit <https://www.lancshitemusicclub.co.uk/site/parent-direct-payment-pdp-scheme/> for more information and register your child for lessons.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



On dry days, pre-loved uniform which has been donated to school along with any un-named lost property uniform will be on display in the pavilion. Please take a look through and take any items you may need. Let's make a change and live a simpler, more sustainable life together.

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.

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.

