



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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The summer term is flying by and we only have 3 weeks to go (and two days!) before the end of the school year. Where has the time gone?! We have so much to pack into these final few weeks so, in an attempt to be as organised as possible, this newsletter provides details of the events taking place. Consequently, I'm afraid it is quite long! If you have any questions or queries about any of them, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Some class-specific events, such as those for the Year 6 leavers', will be communicated by class teachers via Seesaw. All dates are in the 'Summer Term Dates for the Diary' section.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS – CELEBRATION DAY

Following a very special and beautiful First Holy Communion Mass last week, we invite **all** children in Year 4 to celebrate this in school on Monday. They may wear non-uniform for the day and will be having ice-cream/ice lollies, extra break and doing some craftwork to remember and embed why the day was so special, and will continue to nourish their life, their faith and their soul.



FAMILY TREASURE HUNT: SATURDAY 5TH JULY

Treasure Hunt Booklets Now Available To Order on ParentPay!

This year we are having a break from the usual Summer Fair or ChadFest, but instead will be hosting a family-friendly fun treasure hunt for all the community. This won't require any donations for tombolas etc in advance, but will be a wholesome event and meet our aims of bringing the community together. This is being planned in partnership with our parish, and funds will be shared. The route for the treasure hunt has been planned around the village, school, church and canal. **Treasure Hunt Booklets cost £5 per family and starts times will be staggered from 9:30am to 11:00am. Treasure Hunt Booklets can be ordered via ParentPay, and will also be available to the wider community via the school office.** They can then be collected from school on the day of the event at your designated start time. You might wish to dig out a clipboard to help record answers, or just lean on someone's back! We will confirm final details next week, such as H&S advice etc, so for now it's just a case of booking your slot for this fun-filled family event.



HOMEMADE CAKES – POLITE REQUEST

May we ask if some parents/grandparents could kindly make a homemade cake to serve during the treasure hunt please? If so, please drop off either the day before or the morning of the event, in a named container. Please record ingredients too. Many thanks indeed!

REMINDER – THERE WILL BE NO FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS NEXT WEEK DUE TO OUR 'MOVE UP DAY'

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



On dry days, starting from today, 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.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

As usual, you are all invited to join us at our final assembly of the year, where we will be reflecting on the year, saying our thank you's and goodbyes and presenting some of our traditional awards. This takes place on **Thursday 17th July at 9:30am** in the school hall. You just need to enter via the side entrance to the main hall after drop-off or any time before 9:30am. All are welcome.

WELL DONE TO...

THE SWIMMING TEAM...

... who competed in a swimming gala on Wednesday evening and showed incredible team-spirit and determination, not to mention skill and technique. Our children stepped up and competed against the best Year 6 children across Chorley district! Not only did they show great spirit, but some came away with medals! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them!!

THE THOMAS MARTLAND MATHS TEAM...

... who showed incredible team-spirit to work together on really tricky maths problems at the annual competition at Holy Cross last week.

THE CRICKET TEAM...

... who took part in a tournament at Brinscall Cricket Club last week. They played brilliantly and made it to the semi-finals, where they drew on runs but lost out on number of wickets conceded. It couldn't have been closer! They then went on to win their 3rd place match. We are very proud of their efforts, skills and sporting attitude.

YEAR 6...

... who thoroughly enjoyed their 4-day residential trip to Hothersall Lodge recently. Everyone grabbed the opportunities presented to them with both hands and made huge strides in their personal development, whilst having lots of fun! We couldn't be more proud of them all!



MOVE UP DAY












On **Wednesday 2nd July**, children will have the opportunity to sample their new year groups. Year 6 children are attending their high schools for the day and we welcome our new Reception children for the morning. Children will enter school in the normal place for registration, before 'moving up'. For some children, this will be in the same classroom, but they will be treated as they will be in their new year groups. Children who will be Year 1s in Class 1 will do some activities with Miss Brennan in the morning, who will be supporting them in Maths lessons next year, then spend the afternoon with Mrs Clark, who will be their class teacher. Children who will be Year 1s in Class 2 will spend the day with Mrs Taylor. Please look out for a separate individualised letter/email on Monday to confirm which class Year 1 and Year 4 children will be in from September. Children moving from Year 2 into Year 3 in September will also be presented with their FREE junior backpack to bring home with them that day.

CLASS & STAFFING STRUCTURE 2025/26

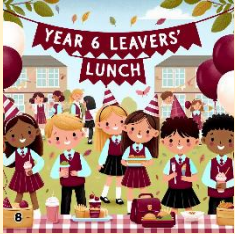
The class and staffing structure for 2025/26 is explained in the chart below. I have included photos for a more personal approach so that you can put faces to names.

We have a full day of interviews/lesson observations on Tuesday next week, to appoint an excellent teacher to work alongside Mrs Taylor in Class 2. Rather than the current structure, Mrs Taylor will teach 3 full days, and the newly appointed teacher 2 full days. We believe this will offer even more stability and consistency, along with other benefits for the children, parents and school.

We are confident that our class structures, staffing and curriculum from September 2025 will offer excellent provision for all children, but if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the finer details, please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

	CLASS NAME	YEAR GROUPS	TEACHER/S	SUPPORT STAFF
INFANTS	Class 1 Year 1 Support (a.m.) Class 2 Support (p.m.)			Miss Brennan 
	Class 1	Reception	Mrs Clark 	Mrs Coyle 
		Year 1 (youngest)		
	Class 2	Year 1 (eldest)	Mrs Taylor (3 days) & TBC (2 days) 	Mrs Turner (a.m.) 
		Year 2		
	JUNIORS	Class 3	Year 3	Mrs Deacon 
Year 4 (youngest)				
Class 4		Year 4 (eldest)	Miss Gillibrand 	Mrs Murphy 
		Year 5		
Class 5		Year 6	Mrs Topp (3 days) & Mrs Muldoon (2 days)  	Mrs Mitchell 

YEAR 6 LEAVERS CELEBRATION LUNCH



We will be holding a special celebration lunch for our Year 6 leavers on **Monday 21st July**. Our Year 6 children have chosen to have a buffet style lunch with Mac'n'cheese so the options below will be offered to the whole school on that day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Monday but would like to have the Year 6 celebration lunch, please email k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk so that your child's name can be added to the list:

Option 1 – A choice of ham, cheese or tuna sandwich with a sausage roll, tortilla chips & salad

Option 2 – Mac'n'cheese

Dessert – Chocolate Cake or Ice Cream

Payment for this lunch should be made through ParentPay if your child is in Key Stage 2 and not entitled to Free School Meals.

SUMMER TERM THEMED LUNCHES

UEFA WOMEN'S EUROS THEMED LUNCH

We will be offering a Women's Euros themed lunch on **Wednesday 9th July** as the Lionesses play the Netherlands. The menu on this day will be:

Hat-Trick Hero Hotdog with Potato Footballs and Peas & Sweetcorn or Beans

Or

Penalty Shootout Pizza with Potato Footballs and Peas & Sweetcorn or Beans

Or

Captains Jacket Potato with a choice of filling

Followed by

Champions Chocolate Orange Cookie or Rivals Wobbly Orange Jelly



These menus will be available to the whole school on these days. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on any of these days but wish to take part, please ask for your child to be added to the list by emailing Mrs Southworth at k.southworth@stchads.lancs.sch.uk. Children who normally have a school lunch on these days do not need to reply, they will choose from the menu on the day as usual. Payment for any of these lunches should be made via the Pupil School Meal payment item on ParentPay for children who are in KS2 (unless entitled to Free School Meals).

RECEPTION ROAD SAFETY COURSE

Last week our Reception children were learning how to stay safe whilst walking near roads. See Right Start Newsletter below, so that you are equipped to support and reinforce the messages at home.

Right Start Stage 1 – Newsletter information for Parents/Carers

Stage 1

This term our Reception children have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 1 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. This programme teaches your children how to keep themselves safe when out and about in the traffic environment and to apply the rules of the Green Cross Code every time they cross a road. They have been taught how important it is that they:

- **Think** – is this the safest place to cross the road?
- **Stop** - with their feet back from the kerb, which gives them time to Look and Listen.
- **Look** - for any vehicles that might be coming on the road – remember, children of this age are unable to judge speed and distance.
- **Listen** - for vehicles. They may hear something before they can see it – remind them though, that electric cars make very little noise.
- **Think again** – have they followed the rules, and will they keep Looking and Listening the whole time they are crossing the road?

They have also been reminded to play in a safe place away from traffic and to wear or carry something bright so they can be seen at the roadside by other road users. Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.



200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our June winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Lyndsey Clayton	102	£50.00
2 ND	Mrs C Turner	16	£30.00
3 RD	Mrs J Manwaring	55	£20.00



SUMMER 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 27 th June	2:50pm	Class 1 'Celebration of the Word' for parents
Monday 30 th June	-	Y4 Communicants Celebration Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	-	New Classes Sample Day (& High School)
Thursday 3 rd July	9:15am	Class 1 Mass (with Buddies)
Friday 4 th July	-	Year 6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's
Saturday 5 th July	9am – 11 am	Family Treasure Hunt
Monday 7 th July	-	Infant Trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm
Wednesday 9 th July	-	Women's Euro Themed Lunch
Tuesday 15 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Celebration Evening
Thursday 17 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all invited)
Monday 21 st July	9:30am	Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving
	-	Year 6 Leaver's Lunch
	3:15pm	Art Gallery (change of date)
Tuesday 22 nd July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

ANNUAL FORMS

Rec, Year1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 : Please thoroughly check all information on the forms which were sent home at the beginning of June, add any amendments that are needed, cross out any old information and fill in any blanks before signing and returning the form to school as soon as you can. **Even if there are no changes to be made, please still sign and return the form so that we know all data is correct. We have also made some changes to our permissions and other forms so please refer to the email sent at the beginning of June with the links to the online forms you need to complete.**



Year 2: There are extra forms for Year 2 parents to complete in respect of new permissions etc., which are relevant to children in KS2 as well as asking you to complete a new data collection form. A separate email has been sent providing the links to the online forms.

Please respond as soon as possible to allow us time to update the data on our systems before the Summer.

AWARDS FROM LAST YEAR

If your children received one of our 'end of year' awards last year, could you please send it back into the school office as soon as possible. If you are in contact with any children who left St. Chad's last year who won a leavers award trophy or shield, can you please ask them to return them to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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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.

