



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



'Be who you were created to be...'

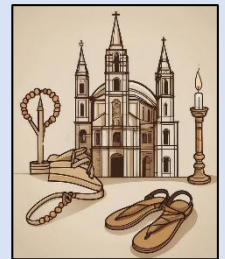
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Thursday 2nd October 2025

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MR. RILEY VISITS ROME!

As you know, Mr. Riley has been lucky enough to visit Rome this week alongside other headteachers from across the Archdiocese. Mr Riley has been sending us regular updates, including some photographs of Chad (our school mascot) in a number of exciting places. Below are some of the photographs along with some questions that Mr. Riley has set as a challenge for the children. If they can find out the answers to them, then they can send them to their teacher on Seesaw for some housepoints. We look forward to having Mr. Riley back in school so that he can tell us all about the adventures he has had!



Inside St. Peter's Basilica.



Mr. Riley and Chad at the Vatican. If you look very closely, you can see Pope Leo in the background.

Mr. Riley's Challenge

1. Our mascot, Chad, went through the Holy Door inside St. Peter's Basilica. Can you find out what this means?



2. Here are the guards at the Vatican. What country do they come from?



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 \(click for link\)](#). Click on 'SUBSCRIBE' and follow the instructions for your device.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 3 rd October (deferred)		Harvest Assembly in school — all welcome!
Sunday 5 th October	6:30pm	Youth Mass at St Gregory's
Thursday 9 th October	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Monday 13 th October	-	Tempest – Individual and Family photographs
Tuesday 14 th / Wednesday 15 th October	3:30-6:00pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 th October	9:15am	Harvest Assembly & Coffee Morning
	4:30-7:00pm	Holy Cross Open Evening
Monday 20 th - Wednesday 22 nd October	-	Year 2 Road Safety Course
Tuesday 21 st / Wednesday 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 6 th November	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Monday 10 th November	-	Reception Vision Screening
Monday 10 th / Tuesday 11 th November	-	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Thursday 13 th November	9:15am	Class 4 Mass
	-	Flu vaccinations
	4:00pm	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
Tuesday 18 th November	-	Infant Trip (TBC)
Thursday 20 th November	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
Monday 1 st December	9:30am	Advent Mass in School Hall
Tuesday 9 th / Wednesday 10 th December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity Plays in school
Tuesday 16 th December	6:00pm	Junior Carol Service in church
Wednesday 17 th December	-	Christmas Parties
Friday 19 th December	2:15pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

Sustainable Development Goals Day

At the beginning of a school year, we meet as a staff to decide upon a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) that we would like to focus on for that year. This year, we have chosen Sustainable Development Goal 2, which is Zero Hunger. As part of this work, we will be holding a full day linked to these goals on **Thursday 16th October**. To begin the day, Class 4 will be holding a Fairtrade Coffee morning to which you are all warmly invited. The children will lead us in an assembly explaining all about Fairtrade, followed by the coffee morning. On this day, we will also welcome Konflux Theatre who will hold some fun and engaging workshops all about recycling and reducing waste. This workshop is fully-funded by Chorley Council who are aiming to educate our young people on the importance of recycling. If you would like to find out more about SDGs, then please click the link below.

<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



Chorley Help the Homeless Foodbank Collection

As part of our work on SDG 2, we are asking for your support to donate items for Chorley Help the Homeless Foodbank. As the days become colder and darker, it is more vital than ever to help people in need in our local community. Here are some items listed on their website that they would greatly appreciate.

Our Food Bank Needs Pantry Staples

Such as: baked beans, soups, tinned meat, tuna, pot noodles, pasta, rice, tea & coffee, breakfast cereals and biscuits. These are always very gratefully received!

The highest priority items are long-life milk, tinned meats and tinned fruit.

We use your donations to assemble emergency food parcels for people who are homeless or otherwise struggling to afford food.

We can also use household starter items such as:

Pots and pans, Cups and plates, Cutlery, Duvets, bedsheets and pillows, Clothing, Small kitchen electricals like kettles, toasters and microwaves.

Also rucksacks and sleeping bags.

Any donations can either be sent in with your child or left in the entrance to school. You are always so generous when we undertake these collections and we thank you so much for your help. The final day to donate will be Friday 16th October.

YOUTH MASS

The 'Faith in Action' group at Holy Cross are arranging the first Youth Mass of the year at St Gregory's church on Sunday 5th October at 6:30pm. The theme will be 'creation'. They invite all children and families to join this special Mass and welcome readers and greeters from primary schools. If your child is interested in taking an active role in the Mass, please contact Linda Walmsley (Holy Cross Chaplain) at admin@holycross.lancs.sch.uk or call on 01257 262093. Otherwise, families just turn up and enjoy the service.

NEW WEBSITE



The new website is now live! There may still be some teething problems when you first visit the site, but please go on and take a look. <https://www.st-chads.lancs.sch.uk/>

NASAL FLU VACCINES – FINAL REMINDER

The link to the online consent form will close this Sunday 05th October. If you haven't yet consented but would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine when the Intrahealth Immunisation team come into school on **Thursday 13th November** please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you would like to decline, or if your child has already had the flu vaccine elsewhere, please complete a "no" consent form. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone Intrahealth directly on 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 1 .

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



LITTLE CHURCH

All our children are invited to come along to St Chad's Church for Sunday Mass at 9:15am, where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church". This is a lovely way for children to understand and engage with Mass, whilst making friends and nurturing their faith. What a beautiful gift!

PTA MEETING

We will very soon be arranging a PTA AGM, where we welcome any parents to help consider ideas and planning for this year's community events, which will also raise funds for the school. Please look out for a date soon and come along if you are able.



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.

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1ST WHEELTON BROWNIES

Spaces Available - Come and join the fun and friendship, of Brownies with games, crafts, activities, whilst earning badges. We meet **Tuesday evenings 6-7.30pm Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall, Wheelton**. If you are not a Brownie already, come and try us with two taster sessions for girls 7 years and over. If you are slightly younger, put your name down and come and try us. For more details go to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/> and register your interest. See you soon.

Brown Owl, Jacqueline Berry, 1st Wheelton Brownies



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Lancashire North West County

1st Wheelton Brownies

MRS COYLE RUNNING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Our very own Mrs Coyle is running the West Coast Half Marathon on Sunday 12th October. This is her first half marathon and she is running in memory of her sister Zoie, whilst raising money for The Lewy Body Society. You can read more information at her [JustGiving Page](#) where donations can also be made. Go Mrs Coyle! We're right behind you!



The Lewy Body Society

Shining a light on Lewy body dementia

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

SAVE THE DATE - COMEDY NIGHT

The St Chad's Parish Social Group are organising a comedy night on **Thursday 13th November** at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Harpers Lane, Chorley. The wonderful Steve Royle will be the host, along with appearances from Phoenix Nights comedians. All proceeds go to St Chad's Parish. More details to follow in future weeks.



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.