



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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

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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Children in the juniors who own rosary beads are invited to bring them into school during this month. Classes will learn to pray a decade of the rosary in their class collective worships. We will provide rosary beads for infants to use. Each class has also been presented with a beautiful set of rosary beads as a gift from my trip to the Vatican.



## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS – PRE-SCHOOL SIBLINGS WELCOME



Tempest photography will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs, on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Any parents with preschool siblings who would like a photograph of their children altogether, can come to school (main hall via the back doors) at 8:30am. If your child normally has PE on a Wednesday, they will need to wear their normal blue polo shirts and school sweater/cardigan, with the rest of their PE kit please. Thank you.

## TERM DATES 2026-27

Term dates for the school year 2026-27 have been approved by governors and are ready to be published. These will be emailed to you today and will also be made available on the school website. Holy Cross High School have moved to a 2-week October half term, which is reflected in our holiday pattern to support the majority of families with older children at high school. The October dates also fit with St Michael's High School, which we hope will be helpful to those families too. Please note, each schools' INSET days will differ though, so please be mindful of this when booking holidays.

## CALLING ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS - PTA MEETING

We are holding our first PTA meeting of the year on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:00pm in school**. We welcome any parents to help generate ideas and begin planning this year's community events, which will also raise much-needed funds for the school. There is no obligation to commit to anything and parents are free to offer as much or as little time as is manageable. If you can join us, please just enter through the main entrance. Many thanks again and we look forward to seeing those who can make it.



## NEW WEBSITE

The new website is now live! It exists at the same web address so there may be some teething problems when you first visit the site. We have been advised to inform parents to delete cache and cookies to begin with, then accept cookies for the new site to allow all features to work. Please go on and take a look. <https://www.st-chads.lancs.sch.uk/>

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> October**.



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

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.

**If you are able to join us, please enter the main hall via the back doors anytime before 9:15am.**

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

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> October.



## **ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER**

Please see attachments for this month's online safety newsletter, which is designed to support parents to keep your children safe online. This month's focus is on YouTube, WhatsApp, AI risks and ADHD. We hope it helps.

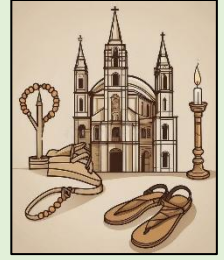
## **FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Our football team concluded the football league last week. They were INCREDIBLE, but narrowly missed out on qualifying for the finals. We were proud of their spirit and the respect they showed to opposing teams and the referees. Could kits please be washed and returned before half term. Many thanks.



## ROME PILGRIMAGE

In assembly on Tuesday, I showed the children photos and videos of Chad (our mascot) in various places around Rome. The group from the Archdiocese were fortunate to have a meeting with Archbishop Paul Gallagher (the Vatican's Secretary of State). He gave us a lovely message to take back to the children, which I shared with them in assembly. I wonder if they can remember it? Maybe ask them at home what he said.



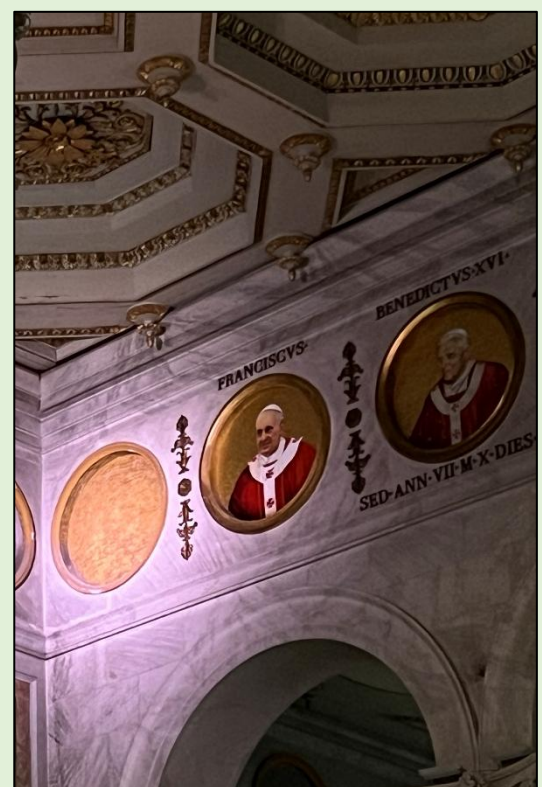
### **Mr. Riley's Final Rome Challenges**

Thank you and well done to those who researched and answered the challenges from last week. Here are two final questions to research...

Chad also visited the Basilica of San Paolo Fuori le Mura (see photo).



1. There were 266 circular portraits all around the church. Who are they?
2. In the photo you can just about see a blank frame with a spotlight on it. Why is it lit up and who will be painted here?



## AUTUMN DISCO!

We will be holding an Autumn Disco after school on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3:15pm to 4:45pm**. The cost remains at the reduced rate of £3 per child or £5 for a family. To sign up for your child(ren) to attend, please use the new item which has been added to ParentPay, but in order for us to monitor the number of children attending, **please make a separate payment for each child who wishes to attend:**



- Please pay £3 for your oldest or only child
- Please pay £2 for your second child
- If you have 3 children in school who wish to attend, please pay £3 for your oldest child and £1 for each of your other 2 children.

This will help us keep track of the number of children attending so that we can ensure we have enough food and drink and supervisors on the night.

Children will be dismissed to the back playground, as at the end of the day, as usual. If you wish to collect your child earlier, please use the main entrance and ring the doorbell.

Children may wear non-uniform for the day, but please wear footwear that children can run around in at playtime. Many thanks!

## PRAYER & LITURGY DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Dates relating to the prayer life of the school have all been finalised and have been emailed as an attachment to the newsletter. These include Class Masses, the Year 4 sacramental program, First Holy Communion, other services, whole school Masses, etc. N.B. All dates are subject to change.



Dates have also been added to the website diary, which you may subscribe to by selecting [HERE](#) and clicking 'Subscribe'. This should update changes to your device.

## SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

### BLACK HISTORY DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a Black History Month lunch on **Thursday 16th October**. The menu will be:

**Calypto Chicken or Quorn Curry & Rice with Flatbread & Salad**

Or

**Southern Soul Mac 'n' Cheese with Veg**

Followed by

**Lemon Sponge Tray Bake or Tropical Jelly Cup**

### BONFIRE NIGHT LUNCH

We will be offering our Bonfire night lunch on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. The menu will be:

**Fawkes Fire Cracking Hot Dog**

Or

**Fizz Popping Pizza Pocket with Smokey Ridge Fries & Veg or Beans**

Followed by

**Sparkler Tray Bake or Jelly**

### LANCASHIRE DAY LUNCH

We will be offering our Lancashire Day lunch on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. The menu will be:

**Red Rose Corned Beef Hash with Crusty Bread**

Or

**Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie with Peas or Beans**

Followed by

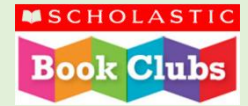
**Toffee Cupcake or Jelly & Ice Cream**



These menus will be available to the whole school on these days. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a 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](mailto: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 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).

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Please look out for the latest Scholastic Book Club leaflets in school bags this week. Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-chads-pr6/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. **Please place any orders online by Thursday 16th October.**



## GOOD LUCK MRS COYLE!!

Our very own Mrs Coyle is running the West Coast Half Marathon this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Wheelton Brownies



**Girlguiding**  
Lancashire North West County  
1<sup>st</sup> Wheelton Brownies

## CAN YOU HELP?



Mrs Ingham and the Eco Council are looking to improve the resources we currently use in our Forest School sessions so are looking for donations towards the mud kitchen, i.e. any old pans or baking trays that are being thrown out would come in handy, along with any surplus watering cans and hand tools (trowels, spades, rakes) which may be sitting in sheds! Donations can be dropped off in the pavilion.

Also, if anyone knows any tree surgeons who have wood chippings they'd be able to deliver to school to help the really boggy areas be safe to use during the Autumn Forest School sessions, please get in touch.



## NASAL FLU VACCINES

The Intrahealth Immunisation team will be coming into school on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** to administer the nasal flu vaccine to those who have consented online. The link to the online consent form has now expired so if you haven't already consented but would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine please contact Intrahealth directly on 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 1 to see if it is still possible to give consent in another format.



## 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!

## FABULOUS COMEDY NIGHT - TICKETS ON SALE AT SCHOOL OFFICE



The St Chad's Parish Social Group are organising a comedy night on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Tickets £15, doors open 7pm. Tickets available from church or school office.

## 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 on 'SUBSCRIBE' and follow the instructions for your device.*

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	From 8:30am	Tempest – Individual and Family photographs
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	3:30-6:00pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am	Harvest Assembly & Coffee Morning
	-	Black History Day Lunch
	4:30-7:00pm	Holy Cross Open Evening
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	-	Year 2 Road Safety Course
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> / Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	7:00pm	PTA Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	9:00am	School reopens
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Bonfire Night Lunch
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
	3.15-4.45pm	Autumn Disco
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Reception Vision Screening
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15am	Class 4 Mass
	-	Flu vaccinations
	4:00pm	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Infant Trip (TBC)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Lancashire Day Lunch
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9:30am	Advent Mass in School Hall
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	3:30pm	Infant Nativity Plays in school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00pm	Junior Carol Service in church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Parties
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2:15pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

## 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/7FiqE3CwET>

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](http://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](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



### EASYFUNDRAISING – FREE £2 FOR OUR PTA IF YOU REGISTER BY THE END OF OCTOBER

The easiest way to support our PTA is to sign up to easyfundraising! It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and our PTA will receive a free donation. **This month only, with their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app**, they'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register they will unlock more bonus funding! Get the app now and choose to support St Chads PTA Fund, Whittle-Le-Woods once installed:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=app-fb-1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=app-fb-1)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta>

## REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

### 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.

