



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK!

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable half term. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday, all refreshed and ready to learn. This is a very busy, productive and enjoyable term. It is a particularly special time in the liturgical calendar, as we prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Jesus. If we take time to look, we will find the peace, hope and joy that this brings to our lives. Very soon we'll be building up to Christmas in various ways, including our Advent Mass, Christmas Fair, nativity plays, parties and our beautiful carol service in church. These all take an incredible amount of work, but are worthwhile for many different reasons.

In this newsletter, I will communicate our plans for the term so that we can be organised and make everything run smoothly. I'm afraid there is a lot of information, but it is better to get ahead of ourselves before things get too busy at home and at school. We thank you for your support in advance.

There will be updates and further information as the term progresses, so please keep reading these newsletters weekly to keep abreast of everything. Many thanks.

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 |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Thursday 20 th November | 9:15am | Class 3 Mass |
| Thursday 27 th November | - | Lancashire Day Lunch |
| | 5:30-7:30pm | Christmas Fair |
| 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 Lunch |
| | - | Christmas Parties |
| Friday 19 th December | 2:15pm | School Closes for Christmas Holidays |

CHRISTMAS FAIR – THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 5:30-7:30PM

This will take place in school across both halls and two classrooms. It will include tombolas, lucky dip, raffles, mulled wine, cakes, refreshments, children's games, elf grotto (letter writing to Santa, crafts, etc), tuck shop, etc. Entry is entirely free and everyone in our St. Chad's community are very welcome to join us.

During the past three PTA meetings, we have been reflecting on feedback from last year's Christmas Fair, while making plans for this year. Following the success of last year's Christmas Fair, there are a few slight tweaks which we hope will help those with younger children, such as:

- We will open our doors at the earlier time of 5:30pm
- We are trialling a year without external stalls, to increase the amount of space and reduce how congested it is for smaller children
- We are moving the Parents' Secret Gift Stall to the day of our Christmas parties, to allow all children the opportunity to be involved and further reduce congestion
- We are increasing accessibility to the children's games, which are largely being run by our Year 6 children

Donations:

To populate the various stalls, we kindly ask for some donations, albeit fewer than in previous years. We must stress that donations towards stalls are not compulsory, but are very much appreciated if you can manage it. To help make this manageable for you and to reduce the pressure of sending items in on certain weeks with children, we ask that donations are just dropped off in the school entrance anonymously in a bag any time up to **Friday 21st November**. The items we are asking for are:

| Donation | Notes | Purpose |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| Sweets | Sweet tubes, tubs, packets of sweets etc. | Sweet Tombola |
| Chocolate | Bars, selection boxes, tubs, etc. | Chocolate Tombola |
| Bottle | Can be anything from shampoo to champagne! | Bottle Tombola |
| Parent 'secret' gift | Any gifts that our children may like to choose for a family member or loved one (e.g. candles, bath sets, gift sets etc.) Please also include a gift bag if possible. If possible, boys donate for dads and girls donate for mums. | Parents' Secret Gift Stall |
| The following are extra requests for anyone who is able to help... | | |
| Homemade Cakes | To be sent into school on the day in named container. Please include list of ingredients. | Refreshments |
| Bottle of Mulled Wine | To be sent into school in the morning of the day of the fair | Refreshments |
| Mince Pies | To be sent into school in the morning of the day of the fair | Refreshments |
| Slow Cookers | To be sent into school in the morning of the day of the fair | Mulled Wine Stall |
| Raffle Prizes | We are also seeking any businesses or individuals who may be able to offer a donation for the raffle. If so, please kindly send into the school office. | Raffle |

Helpers:

The Christmas Fair doesn't work without the help and support of staff and parents, mostly setting up, running the stalls and tidying up afterwards. We will shortly send out the list of stalls and ask if anyone is able to help do a shift on one of them. More details to follow.

Other Information:

- Most stalls will be cash only, so please come equipped with 50p's and £1s wherever possible, especially for the children's games.
- There will be a card reader on the refreshment stall, which can also be used to exchange £1 tokens, should you need them.

We expect this to be a lovely wholesome event for the whole community and thank you all for your support!

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Please look out for raffle tickets in bags tonight. **Payment for raffle tickets can be made on ParentPay** at the same time as you are purchasing tickets for our other Christmas events. All you need to do, is pay for the desired quantity of raffle tickets on ParentPay, then return the same number of raffle tickets to school in an envelope marked 'Christmas Raffle'. Tickets are priced at **£1 EACH**.



Please put your name or your child's name and a contact number on the back of each ticket being purchased and returned to school! Returned tickets will then be entered into the draw, once we can see that payment has been made on ParentPay. More tickets will be available at the Christmas Fair, but selling tickets beforehand is often more convenient for you and helps save time on the night! Please retain the raffle ticket counterfoils so that you know which numbers you have in the draw.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2025 & PARENT PAY

We have created a document which is attached to the Newsletter titled 'Christmas Events 2025' which details how to buy tickets / pay for items for all events running up to the end of term. We hope that having everything listed in one place makes it much easier for you, and ensures you don't miss anything you wish to take part in.

PARENT SECRET GIFT STALL

In past years, we have had this stall in class 1a at the Christmas Fair, however, this year, we will instead be running this stall on Christmas Party day on **Wednesday 17th December**.

ALL children will visit the Secret Gift stall with their class at some point during the day and every child will be able to choose a gift from the stall and have it wrapped for a lucky parent so that they can take it home to save for Christmas Day. We are inviting parents to make a suggested voluntary donation of between £2 and £5 for this via ParentPay.



NATIVITY PLAYS AND CAROL SERVICE TICKETS ETC

Whilst we would prefer to offer tickets for nativities free of charge, we kindly ask for a minimum donation of £1 per person, payable on ParentPay, as this helps us replace tired looking costumes, Christmas decorations, lights, backdrops etc which can be costly but difficult to fund from within school budgets. We hope that £1 per ticket seems reasonable.



PRIMARY 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 applications should be made online at lancashire.gov.uk/schools or by using the QR code above by the deadline date of 15th January 2026.

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



ST CHAD'S PARISH BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The concert is in Church on **Sunday 23rd November** from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. It will be a fabulous afternoon of Christmas themed music, with the benefit of the fantastic church acoustics. Tickets are £10 which includes refreshments - **children are free!** Tickets available from Church after 9.15am Sunday Mass, or contact Angela on 07761983041 or Brian on 07783330040. Payment can also be made to the school office with cash.



COMEDY NIGHT - TICKETS ON SALE AT SCHOOL OFFICE



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. Tickets £15, doors open 7pm. Tickets available from church or school office.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our October winners:

| PRIZE | NAME | MEMBER NO. | AMOUNT |
|-------|--------------------|------------|--------|
| 1ST | Victoria Farnworth | 22 | £50.00 |
| 2ND | Mrs T Riley | 9 | £30.00 |
| 3RD | Mrs M Shorrocks | 76 | £20.00 |



SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

LANCASHIRE DAY LUNCH

We will be offering our Lancashire Day lunch on **Thursday 27th 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



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 17th December**. The menu will be:
Traditional Roast Turkey and chipolata sausage with Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Veg, Stuffing & Gravy

followed by

a Festive Dessert

(A vegetarian option MUST be pre-booked by 28th November.)



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. 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).

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

CAN YOU HELP OUR PARISH APPEAL FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY WAR?

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

St Chad's Parish are supporting the 'Chorley & District Support for Ukraine' group with their annual shoebox appeal. If you are able to help by offering a full shoebox or some items towards a box, please **read on for more details** and **drop-off at school during the week after half term. Thank you!**

Message from Chorley & District Support for Ukraine:

All year we have been working hard to send aid to Ukraine. This Christmas we are sending shoebox parcels of goodies so that people who have lost a lot during the conflict there, can have something for Christmas that might be useful and enjoyable. If you are able, please consider filling a **wrapped shoebox of items**.

The box and lid must be wrapped separately and closed with a **rubber band or string** around it. Please then **label it** to show if the contents are for a **Girl, Boy, Man, Woman or**

Soldier. If it is for a child, please also add an approximate age group the parcel is appropriate for.

Contents could include:

gloves, scarf, hat, chocolate, sweets, toy, soap, socks, razor, plasters, compass, matches, candles, heat pads, drink sachets, soup sachets, notepads, pens, etc... perhaps even a letter or Christmas card. If you can't, fill a box, donate what you can and we will fill it up.



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!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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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.

