



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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

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**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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Hello everyone. I hope you are all well. Before you read this newsletter, I just want to stress that any requests for donations to school or charities are just an invitation for those who are able to and wish to help. I have created a 'Faith in Action' section, where I will refer to appeals from charities and local organisations who are requesting support for those less fortunate than ourselves. Please feel free to offer as much or as little as you can manage. It is an opportunity to include your children in these conversations, so they understand ways in which we can put our faith into action. Many thanks in advance for any support of our PTA and/or other local charities. Mr J Riley

## LOVELY FEEDBACK FROM NURSES

Following the flu vaccinations today, the nurses said that EVERY child was so polite, well-behaved and friendly. They even said that many children skipped happily to and from receiving their nasal vaccination, which they have never experienced elsewhere. I thought this would be nice to share with you. They really are a credit to us all and are wonderful ambassadors of our school.

## WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is designated as World Youth Sunday, an international initiative celebrating the role of young people in the Church. This event, part of the Jubilee Year, will feature celebrations in parishes and is a time for young Catholics to unite in faith. Please see attachment with details of the deanery Youth Mass at St Gregory's at 6:30pm on this day. If your child would like to read, sing, take part in the offertory or meet/greet, please contact Linda (Holy Cross Chaplain) whose details are on the poster. Of course, it would be even more lovely to see as many children as possible at **St Chad's at 9:15am Mass**. We will update you with more details as they unfold.



## PTA MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

Advance notice that the next PTA meeting will be held in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7:00-8:00pm. We are trying to plan a different day each meeting to suit different circumstances. Amongst other things, we will be planning dates for future events and meetings. More details to follow in the new year. All very welcome, as ever!



## ADVENT MASS

Please save the date for this special Mass, if you are able to make it – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9:30am in school. This will be a beautiful Advent Mass for both school and parish and our children will lead the readings, prayers and hymns.

## GOOD LUCK TO...

... Our Sportshall Athletics team who compete against other Chorley schools tonight at Albany High School.

## 'FAITH IN ACTION'


### Derian House:

We will soon be selling Christmas Beansies, in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice.





### Chorley SVP:

See attachment for Christmas toy appeal, as well as requests from their socials below:

 **SVP Chorley Buddies** 20h


We are looking for a cot, a small 2 seater sofa & a fridge freezer for 2 families in need. If you can help, please send us a direct message :)

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 **SVP Chorley Buddies** 22h

Hello 🙌

We are in need of 2 x 16" bikes for two little boys we are supporting at the moment. Please get in touch if you have one you would like to donate. Thanks 😊

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### Help the Homeless:

Donations from the Junior Carol Service

### Poppy Appeal:

Thank you for your donations last week.



### Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Support for Ukraine:

Thank you for those who were able to donate to this - see details in 'Reminders' section. Donations can still be accepted at:



DEADLINE:

Please try and bring shoeboxes and/or donations to us by  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Don't worry: Any shoeboxes received after this date will still be sent to Ukraine.



'Ukraine Unit' (The White Hart)  
Mealhouse Lane, Chorley, PR7 1DZ.  
**Weds 2-4pm & Sats 10am-12**

## 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
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Infant Panto Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Lancashire Day Lunch
	5:30-7:30pm	Christmas Fair
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9:30am	Advent Mass in School Hall
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	-	Elves Behaving Badly Lunch
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Junior Panto Trip
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 Lunch
	-	Christmas Parties
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2:15pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

## CHRISTMAS FAIR – THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 5:30-7:30PM

Visit the traditional 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 run by our Y6 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>The following are extra requests for anyone who is able to help...</b>		
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. Staff, the PTA committee and our Year 6 children have offered their time to help on a stall, and the updated list is attached to this newsletter. There are a few gaps that need filling, so if you are able to help please email me (Mr Riley) at [head@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk) and state which stall you would like to help with.

### 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

Raffle tickets were sent home in bags last week. **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. **Please remind children to hand in returned raffle tickets to their class teacher during morning registration.** 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 last week's 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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/7FiqE3CwET>

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](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools) or by using the QR code above by the deadline date of 15<sup>th</sup> 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](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



## ST CHAD'S PARISH BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The concert is in Church on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

#### 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



#### ELF BEHAVING BADLY LUNCH

We will be offering our Elf Behaving Badly Lunch on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. The menu will be:

Cheeky BBQ Chicken or Quorn Pizza with troublemaker Tater Balls & Veg

Or

Prankster Creamy Tomato Pasta with Giddy Garlic Bread

Followed by

Rascally Doughnut Rings & Sassy Chocolate Sauce



#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. The menu will be:

Festive Roast dinner with chipolata sausage, Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Veg, Stuffing & Gravy

followed by

a Festive Dessert



**(A vegetarian option MUST be pre-booked by 28<sup>th</sup> 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](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).

## 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. 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**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT** <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>

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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.

