



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, November 23rd 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.

It would be lovely to see as many children as possible at St Chad's at 9:15am Mass. Fr Mark has many jobs that children can do on Sunday, so please make yourself known if your child would like to get involved.

There is also the deanery Youth Mass at St Gregory's at 6:30pm on this day, for those who can't attend the earlier Mass. 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 sent last week.



CHRISTMAS FAIR - REMINDERS AND UPDATES

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 5:30-7:30PM

We really appreciate your time in reading this and all your support to help make the fair a successful and enjoyable event for everyone.

DONATIONS REMINDER – DUE THIS FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER PLEASE

To populate the various stalls, we kindly ask for some donations. **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

STALL HELPERS - REMINDER

Please see full stalls list in the attachment. There are a few gaps that need filling (highlighted in yellow), so if you are able to help, please email me (Mr Riley) at head@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk and state which stall you would like to help with. Any more help on any stall would be appreciated. Many thanks indeed!

CASH OR CARD?

- 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.

RAFFLE PRIZES UPDATE

🎁 🌟 *Christmas Raffle* 🌟 🎁

A summary of some of the prizes on offer this year 🤗

- 🌟 2 week family pass to David Lloyd gym
- 🌟 Family Ticket for travel on East Lancashire Railway
- 🌟 6 week fitness programme (Small group PT sessions) - SuperMe Fitness
- 🌟 10 x prizes - Large Group PT session - SuperMe Fitness
- 🌟 5 x prizes - Small Group PT session - SuperMe Fitness
- 🌟 Voucher for The Dressers Arms
- 🌟 Voucher for Reflections Beauty



Further detail of prizes to follow, but support has also been confirmed from:

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| 🌟 Whittle Tea Rooms | 🌟 Tesco |
| 🌟 Wheelton Tea Rooms | 🌟 412 |
| 🌟 Houghton Arms | 🌟 Proper Pizza |
| 🌟 Pamper and Polish | 🌟 Cheryl Huddleston Hair |
| 🌟 Booths | |

🎁 Tickets are available now on ParentPay or on the night 🎁

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS:

Raffle tickets were sent home in bags a couple of weeks ago. **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.

This to be a lovely wholesome festive event for the whole community and we thank you all for your support!



ADVENT MASS

Please save the date for this special Mass, if you are able to make it – **Monday 1st 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.

WELL DONE TO...

... Our Sportshall Athletics team who competed brilliantly against other Chorley schools last week at Albany High School. They were wonderful ambassadors of St Chad's with their respect, spirit and support of each other.

PARKING REMINDERS

PLEASE SHARE WITH GRANDPARENTS AND ANYONE ON THE SCHOOL RUN

There has been an increase in cars stopping and parking on the yellow zig-zags, as well as stopping on the corner in front of the main gates. This creates a more hazardous environment for our children and other road users. Please remind those on the school run that it is unsafe and against the law to stop on the zig-zags Mon-Fri 8am-6pm. Please also park considerately near driveways and on the roadside. Many thanks for helping to keep our children safe.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our School Council met with local councillors this week to discuss their plans to look after the school and wider environment. The Councillors were very impressed with the ideas and the action that they are taking. Councillor Whiffen and Councillor France presented them with a £60 cheque to help with their projects. They plan to return to deliver an assembly about parliament and democracy in December.



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 27 th November	-	Lancashire Day Lunch
	5:30-7:30pm	Christmas Fair
Monday 1 st December	9:30am	Advent Mass in School Hall
Monday 1 st December	-	Elves Behaving Badly Lunch
Monday 8 th December	-	Class 3 & Class 4 Panto Trip
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
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	-	School reopens for spring term
Tuesday 13 th January	7:00-8:00pm	PTA Meeting in school

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2025 & PARENT PAY

We have created a document which was attached to a previous 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



FIDGET TOYS AND CUDDLY TOYS

N.B. Children should not bring fidget toys or cuddly toys to school, unless agreed with the teacher for specific reasons, e.g. recommendations in professional reports. In most cases they are causing a distraction to learning and teachers are spending lots of time dealing with lost or broken items. Many thanks for your support.

ST CHAD'S PARISH WINTER WARMER EVENING WITH 'THE SYMBOLICS'!

Hot pot/butter pie and dessert, bring your own drinks, St Chad's Parish Centre, Saturday 7th December 2025, 7:30-10:30pm, Doors open 7:00pm, Tickets £10. See flyer attached to newsletter with details.

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



ELF BEHAVING BADLY LUNCH

We will be offering our Elf Behaving Badly Lunch on **Monday 1st 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 17th 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 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).

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.



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

PTA MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

Advance notice that the next PTA meeting will be held in school on Tuesday 13th 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!

'FAITH IN ACTION'

Derian House:

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



Chorley SVP:

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



Help the Homeless:

Donations from the Junior Carol Service



Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Support for Ukraine:

Thank you for those who were able to donate to this. The parish were thankful for your support, as will those who receive your packages. Donations can still be accepted at:



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

DEADLINE:

Please try and bring shoeboxes
and/or donations to us by
Saturday 29th November

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

