



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Thursday 11th December 2025

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

ADVENT: A SEASON OF JOY

On the third Sunday of advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, we light the rose-coloured candle, representing joy. This is to remind us of the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity. Appropriately, we experienced such joy this week during the infants' retelling of the nativity story.



REMINDER - MUSIC, CHOIR AND DANCE CONCERT

We are making an opportunity for the choir, dance clubs and those who learn instruments in school, to perform for the school and parents on **12th December at 9:30am**. Please enter via back doors to main hall after drop off, or any time before 9:30am if you prefer to wait in the car or elsewhere.

JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

This beautiful annual service takes place in church on **Tuesday 16th December** starting at 6:00pm. Please note that staff and the camera-man need time to prepare, so **doors will only be opened at 5:45pm**. There is no expectation to arrive any earlier than this time and we wouldn't want you to be waiting around outside in the cold. If you are unsure what children should be wearing, please check the paper letter sent in bags earlier this week, along with the reminder message sent on Seesaw. We expect church to be very busy, so please be as considerate as ever and allow the more elderly members of the community to have a seat. I have no doubt that everyone will work together in the Christmas spirit to make this a special and enjoyable service for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there.



SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDERS

School closes for Christmas on **Friday 19th December at 2:15pm**. As usual at the end of term, there is no After School Club on this day. School reopens on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR THE PARISHES OF ST CHAD'S AND ST BEDE'S

Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

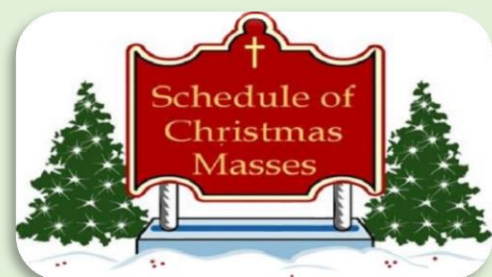
5:00pm St. Bede's

7:00pm St. Chad's

Thursday 25th December: Christmas Day

9.15am St. Chad's

11:00am St. Bede's



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
Friday 12 th December	9:30am	Concert (choir, dancer club and musicians)
Sunday 14 th December	10:30am	Coffee morning in Parish Centre
Tuesday 16 th December	1:00pm	Children singing for ladies of the parish
	6:00pm	Junior Carol Service in church
Wednesday 17 th December	-	Parent Secret Gift Stall
Thursday 18 th December CHANGE OF DAY	12:00-1:00pm	Christmas Lunch
	-	Christmas Parties (party clothes)
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

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



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas parties will take place on **Thursday 18th December**. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform for the day and Christmassy clothes are welcome, if you have them. Please provide safe and suitable footwear for running around on the playground in winter.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on **Thursday 18th December (CHANGE OF DAY)**. The menu will be:

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

followed by

a Festive Dessert



This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Thursday 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 a Thursday do not need to reply. Payment for this lunch should be made via the Pupil School Meal payment item on ParentPay for children who are in KS2 (unless entitled to Free School Meals).

INFANT NATIVITIES

Well done to all the infant children for staging an incredible performance of the Nativity. They were all simply wonderful and brought such joy to everyone who was fortunate enough to watch it. We are very proud of them all. At such a busy time, they reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you also to the staff in the infants for their hard work and relentless efforts to prepare the children so well.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2025 & PARENT PAY - REMINDERS

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.

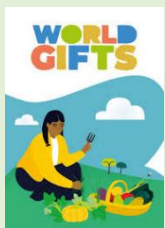


WELL DONE TO...

... the children who officially switched on the Whittle-le-Woods Christmas lights last Sunday! They did a great job and represented St Chad's brilliantly.



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS



SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY LOCALLY, WHILE HELPING THOSE IN NEED GLOBALLY

You may remember last year that we raised an amazing amount of money for CAFOD where we purchased some World Gifts for those in need of our help at Christmas. We are asking children to complete a design on the cardboard bauble which has been sent home with your child, to send

Christmas wishes to their friends in school. Once finished, it should be brought back into school so that we can hang it on our Christmas tree in the entrance. We invite you to send the bauble into school, rather than Christmas cards, and invite any monies saved in purchasing Christmas cards to be donated to World Gifts from CAFOD (entirely voluntarily). The link below will take you to the page that will show you how much of a difference your money can make this Christmas.

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/frontpage>

A new payment item has been added to Parent Pay should you wish to donate. If your child would still like to send in Christmas cards then please feel free to do so. Please send the baubles in as soon as they are ready and don't worry if you don't have any string at home as we can attach this when the children bring them in. We had some incredible designs last year and they really brightened up the entrance to the school. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful designs and thank you in advance for your support.



POSADA – TRAVELLING NATIVITY

What is Posada? Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people, dressed as Mary and Joseph, travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. At St. Chad's, we would like to invite you as families to share in this tradition. Each day, we will choose a different member of the class to take home our Posada. They will bring home a bag containing the nativity characters, a prayer and a candle. We would like you to use the figures to re-tell the Christmas story and share a prayer together as a family to take a quiet moment in what can be such a busy time of year. Please take photographs of your time with the Posada and send it to your child's teacher on Seesaw. The class teacher may then share this with the class the next day. Please then return the Posada so that the next family can share in this special tradition. Let's see if the Posada can make it to every family in school!



RECYCLING

Please note that we run recycling schemes for Charity Bags, Batteries and Spectacles. If you have any of these items which you no longer require, please send them into school. Perhaps you can ask family members to collect these items for school as well.

CHARITY BAGS	BATTERIES	SPECTACLES
		

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.