



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Thursday 18th December 2025

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

Thank you, most sincerely, for your incredible support in so many ways throughout this term. We are blessed to have such kind spirited people in our community. On behalf of staff and governors, may I wish you all a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God of light, shine brightly,
show us how
to bring hope to others.

God of love,
help us to comfort people and
to share in their joy.

God of hope,
help us this Advent,
to share your light with others.

Amen



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



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**.

THANK YOU!!

WORLD GIFTS

A big thank you for all of the children who have decorated a bauble for our Christmas tree. Thanks to your donations, we have raised a fantastic **£108.00**. This has been split between classes and each class has chosen a gift that they would like to purchase for someone who needs it this Christmas.

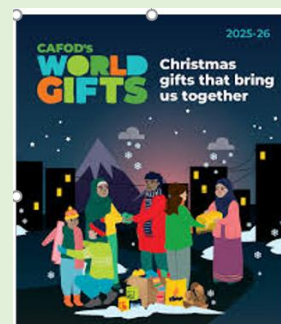
Class 1 – Teach someone to read and Wonderful Worms

Class 2 – Chirpy Chickens

Class 3 – Firewood for winter

Class 4 – Chirpy Chickens

Class 5 – Cheerful children's stocking



HELP THE HOMELESS



Thank you for your generous donations from the Junior Carol Service. You raised an incredible **£631.31**, which will be most gratefully received and much needed by Chorley Help the Homeless.

DONATE CLOTHES 4 SAMMY PROJECT

Mrs Ingham and our School Council have arranged a collection for Sammy's Project at the end of January so if you are having a clear out over the Christmas Holidays, please keep items to one side and consider donating any acceptable items to this cause. Sammy represents Leukaemia and Myeloma Research UK, collecting clothing donations to fund vital blood cancer research. Donation bags have been sent home today and we will communicate when donations can be dropped off at school later in January. Please see the list of items which can and can't be included.

What we DO accept	What we DON'T accept
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult and children clothes Paired, clean undamaged shoes Swimwear Bath and hand towels Bed linen, sheets, duvet covers & pillow cases Handbags & accessories & belts & watches Purses and watches Bras & Underwear with tags Special occasions costumes Fancy costumes Costume Jewellery Cosmetics (unopened) Unwanted gifts Perfumes & toiletries Soft toys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dirty, ripped or broken items of clothing and underwear Unpaired items of clothing, broken or damaged accessories and bags Very used, damaged or broken toys with missing pieces / outdoor toys Broken and very worn unpaired shoes Opened and used cosmetic products Work uniforms with company's logo Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains School uniforms / School sports set Books/CDs/DVDs/ VHS tape Food, medicines Bulky items, furniture, mattresses Traditional costumes/outfits Blankets Bicycles Christmas trees Electronic items Coat hangers, lampshades & roller blinds Plastic toys, board games & puzzles



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 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/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 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



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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

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.

