



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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

WELCOME BACK!

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back after the Christmas holidays. I hope the break was filled with quality family-time and that 2026 brings you all health and happiness. It has been lovely to see the children (and parents!) return with smiles and enthusiasm for the new term and new year. The spring term is typically a settled and productive period, in terms of children's learning and progress. Children enjoy the routine and sense of fulfilment that this brings. We also look forward to days getting longer and all the joys of spring! I have updated the 'Dates for the Diary' section for the whole spring term to help us to be organised.



CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Teachers are busy compiling their class newsletters, which will be sent to you next week. Please take the time to read these, as they will keep you informed of the topics and learning that will be taking place in each class.

PTA MEETING & SURVEY



The next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th January at 7:00pm** in school (next week). All are very welcome to help plan our spring and summer events.

Following a successful Christmas Fair, the PTA would like to gather parents' views to help them to evaluate the arrangements for this year, with a view to influence plans for future events. Having listened to feedback after last year's fair, we made some changes this time and would welcome your feedback on these.

The main feedback was that it was so busy and congested, which made it difficult to move around and for children to access the stalls. This year we didn't have any external market stalls, to allow far more space. We also moved the start time earlier to accommodate younger children, and extended the fair by 30 minutes to help it to be less crowded. The Secret Gift Stall was moved to during the school day, allowing more space at the fair for children's games.

Your views on the above, as well as any other comments, would be welcomed. [CLICK TO ACCESS SURVEY](#)

CONTACT DETAILS – PLEASE CHECK

If your contact details (phones and address) have changed since September 2024 and school haven't been informed, please email the school office with any updates. Many thanks.

NSPCC SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE PROGRAMME

As part of our PSHE and Safeguarding curriculum, we are participating in the annual NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme on Tuesday next week. Please look out for a separate email with full details.



YEAR 4 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



Fr Mark will soon be sending a letter to parents of children in Year 4, via school, with details of, and an invitation to join, the parish Sacramental Programme. This prepares children and families for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please look out for this in an email.

MARTIAL ARTS CLASS

Full details were sent in an email sent on Wednesday. This is for all children in Y1 to Y6. If you are interested in your child taking part and haven't completed the online 'register of interest' survey, please do so by Sunday. Many thanks! See link below:

[REGISTER OF INTEREST FORM](#)

YEAR 6 SATS & RSHE MEETING



We are hosting an information meeting for parents of children in Year 6 to inform them about the SATS tests and our RSHE programme. This will be held in Class 5 at 6pm on Tuesday 3rd March. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible to help you to make arrangements.

WINNIE THE POOH DAY LUNCH

We will be having a Winnie the Pooh themed lunch on **Thursday 15th January**. The menu will be:



Pooh Bear's BBQ Meatball Slider with Rabbit's Crispy Ridge Fries
and Piglet's Peas and Sweetcorn

or

Tigger's Bouncing Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake & Wise Old Owl's Garlic Slice
followed by
Eeyore's Cheerful Cinnamon Churros with Kanga & Roo's Chocolate Sauce

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 wishes 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).

DONATE CLOTHES 4 SAMMY PROJECT

Mrs Ingham and our School Council have arranged a collection for Sammy's Project and collection bags were sent home before the Christmas Holidays. **We have now arranged the collection for next Wednesday 14th January, so please drop any filled bags into the school reception area any time between Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th January.** Sammy represents Leukaemia and Myeloma Research UK, collecting clothing donations to fund vital blood cancer research. Please see the list of items which can and can't be included.

What we DO accept	What we DON'T accept
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	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



SPRING 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 8 th January	-	Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics
Friday 9 th January	-	Reception Balance Bikes
Tuesday 13 th January	-	NSPCC Workshops
	7:00-8:00pm	PTA Meeting in school
Thursday 15 th January	-	2026 Primary School Applications Closing Date
	-	Winnie The Pooh Themed Lunch
Tuesday 27 th January	-	Tempest Year Group Photographs
Tuesday 3 rd February	2:45-4:15pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Friday 6 th February	-	Young Voices Concert in Manchester
Monday 9 th February	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Rec-Year 5)
Tuesday 10 th February	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Rec-Year 6)
Thursday 12 th February	1:30pm	Last Y3 Swimming Session
Friday 13 th February	3:15pm	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	9:00am	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 25 th February	-	Forest School Sessions Begin (Year 4 and Class 2)
Thursday 26 th February	All Day	London Trip to Houses of Parliament (Year 6)
	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church
Sunday 1 st March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 1 (Year 4 communicants)
Tuesday 3 rd March	6:00pm	SATS & RSHE Meeting (Year 6 Parents)
Thursday 5 th March	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Sunday 8 th March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 2 & Family Mass
Thursday 12 th March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
Saturday 21 st March	TBC	Cross Country Competition at Astley Park
Sunday 22 nd March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 3
Monday 23 rd – Wednesday 25 th March	-	Year 1 Road Safety Course
Wednesday 25 th March	6:30pm	Service of Reconciliation (Year 4)
Thursday 26 th March	9:30am	Easter Assembly in school hall (parents invited)
Friday 27 th March	2:15pm	School Closes for Easter

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Primary applications for September 2026 should be made online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or by using the QR code by the deadline date of **15th January 2026**.

Supplementary Information Forms (also known as faith forms) also need to be completed and returned to school by this deadline to ensure applications are ranked in accordance with our over-subscription criteria.

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



200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our December winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Mr P Hughes	157	£50.00
2 ND	Mrs E McCleary	154	£30.00
3 RD	Mrs M Pilling	32	£20.00



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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.