



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is a special time for us, where we pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We look to her as guide and inspiration and offer up our prayers. Our children sang the hymns so beautifully in adoration at our special service in church this morning.

You may like to say the Hail Mary at home with your children during this time:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**



SATS TESTS WEEK

Next week will see the children in Year 6 undertake the national SATs tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. The children have worked so incredibly hard all year and are more than ready. We are already extremely proud of them. It is important that the children do not feel unduly pressured during the tests. There are some practical things that you can do at home next week to help prepare your child:

- Ensure they eat a good healthy breakfast, bring a water bottle and arrive at school in plenty of time;
- Help them to get a good night's sleep.

School will be a calm and quiet environment, to help the Year 6 to feel settled and confident. What the tests do not assess is what makes each child at St Chad's special and unique. Each day, we see Year 6 working hard, being caring and kind, making one another laugh, participating in clubs and activities, being trustworthy and thoughtful and above all, trying every day to be the very best version of themselves. We can't ask for anything more!



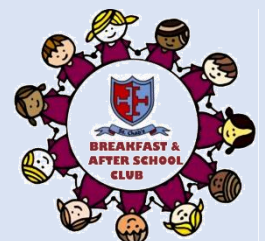
NO FOREST SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Please note that there will be **NO** Forest School Sessions next week whilst our Year 6 children undertake their SATs tests.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES

NEW ENTRANCE/EXIT:

As communicated yesterday, the collection and drop off area for Breakfast Club and After School Club is now complete and is ready to use. We have improved the security and appearance of the area, whilst also allowing parents to step inside before ringing the bell, rather than waiting in the dark, wind and rain! We hope this helps. The exterior door will be unlocked during the hours of the clubs and locked during the school day. Please just let yourself inside, ring the doorbell and wait for staff to see you.



SPONSORED COLOUR RUN

Please look out for a letter and sponsorship form being sent home in school bags tonight and in the newsletter attachments email. This provides all the information you need about the event and confirms items the children will need on the day. This will be taking place on **Friday 23rd May** as part of our 'Sports Week'



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is planned for **Tuesday 20th May** at 1:30pm. As ever, this all depends on the weather, so we will inform you on the Monday if the forecast is too bad, otherwise we will attempt to go ahead and remain optimistic! The Sports Day is held on the 'Top Field' of South Hill and parents/ grandparents are warmly welcome to spectate. There are a couple of ways to access the field:

1. Through the school grounds – this route can sometimes be quite boggy in places and uneven underfoot, so please consider accessibility. If you wish to follow this route, please enter through the main school gates and make your way to the back playground and the school field. We will then signpost you to the 'top field'.
2. Through the graveyard – This is often the drier route, although the final section may be uneven under foot too. Naturally, if you take this route we just ask that the graveyard setting is respected.



Please line the left side of the track only, and we will take care of the children on the right-hand side. Please refrain from bringing drinks or snacks for them, as it is unfair to allow some but not others. If the weather is hot, children will bring their own water bottles with them. Please also send children in with sunhats, should the sun choose to shine on us. If time allows, we will also have a toddler race as usual. Feel free to bring garden chairs or picnic blankets for your comfort!

SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls may wear blue and white checked gingham dresses for the summer term, should they wish to. Sandals are also allowed in warmer weather, but please be mindful that children need to be able to run around safely at playtimes. [Click here to view Uniform and Appearance Policy](#) for full details.



PE SHORTS AND UNIFORM POLICY REMINDERS

We have noticed a trend of some children wearing very short shorts for PE. Please note that our uniform policy requires that "shorts should be no shorter than standard cycling shorts length. Very short shorts are not appropriate." – [see policy](#). It also requires that any items of uniform are not branded with sports logos. We will allow a period of grace until half term, to allow parents to replace items that are not in-keeping with our policy. Thank you for your support with this and maintaining our standards throughout school.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our April winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Zoe Harrison	58	£50.00
2 ND	Mrs E Eckersley	40	£30.00
3 RD	Mr K Scarlett	140	£20.00



SPRING / SUMMER 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 \(click for link\)](#). This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
12 th – 15 th May	-	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 15 th May	-	National Dinosaur Day Lunch
19 th – 23 rd May	-	Sports Week
Tuesday 20 th May	1:30pm	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 5 th June	-	Y3-5 Anderton Centre Trip
	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Friday 6 th June	9:30am	Music Concert
Sunday 8 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 4 (Pentecost)
10 th – 13 th June	-	Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6)
Thursday 12 th June	2:00pm	Good Shepherd Mass - Leyland (Y5)
Sunday 15 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 5 (Father's Day)
16 th – 18 th June	-	Reception Road Safety Course
Thursday 19 th June	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
	6:15-8:00pm	Thomas Martland Maths Competition (Holy Cross)
Saturday 21 st June	11:00am	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 th June	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 26 th June	9:15am	Class 2 Mass
Friday 27 th June	2:30pm	Class 1 'Celebration of the Word' for parents
Monday 30 th June	-	Y4 Communicants Celebration Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	-	New Classes Sample Day (& High School)
Thursday 3 rd July	9:15am	Class 1 Mass (with Buddies)
Friday 4 th July	-	Year 6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's
Tuesday 15 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Celebration Evening
Monday 7 th July	-	Infant Trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm
Thursday 17 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all invited)
Monday 21 st July	9:30am	Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving
	3:15pm	Art Gallery (change of date)
Tuesday 22 nd July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

MAY PROMOTION LUNCHES

NATIONAL DINOSAUR DAY LUNCH

We will be offering our National Dinosaur Day lunch on **Thursday 15th May**. The menu will be:



Brontosaurus Burger or T-Rexadillas
With Fossil Fries, Herbivore Platter & Swamp Dip

Or

Jurassic Jackets with a choice of Filling

Followed by

Volcano Cake or Lava Delight

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, they will choose from the menu on the day as usual. 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).

PTA NEWS - SAVE THE DATES

Following last week's meeting, we have planned two exciting summer events that the PTA are organising. Full details to follow, but you may wish to save the dates – see below:

- **Friday 23rd May – Sponsored 'Colour Run' on top field**
- **Saturday 5th July – Family Treasure Hunt**

A FOND FAREWELL & A JOB VACANCY

Our wonderful Site Supervisor, Mr Murphy, will be retiring at the end of this school year. He is a much-loved and valued member of our team and will be dearly missed. When the time comes, we will be wishing him a very happy and well-earned retirement.

This opens a vacancy, which will be advertised on the LCC website from next week. In the meantime, [details can be read on the school website](#). Please share with anyone that you think might be interested.

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

SHOPPING ONLINE



Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do any shopping online, book your next Holiday or buy home, travel or car insurance.

Over 6,000 shops including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Etsy and many other high street stores, fashion brands and sites will donate to:

St Chad's PTA Fund at no extra cost to you! You can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, food and lots more.

Scan the QR code or visit : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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LITTLE CHURCH

All our children are invited to come along to Church for Sunday Mass at 9:15am, where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church".

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.

