



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



*'Be who you were created to be...'*

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**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

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## TEMPEST YEAR-GROUP PHOTOS

The children will be having their year-group photos taken on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**. Please be sure that all children are in their full uniform and looking their usual smart selves for their photographs. If your child normally has PE on a Tuesday, they will need to wear their school sweater/cardigan, with the rest of their PE kit. Please make sure that PE bottoms are navy blue as per our uniform policy. Proofs will be sent home in due course.

## BREAKFAST CLUB MARTIAL ARTS CLASS UPDATE



Wow, what a brilliant first session! The children were so engaged and well-behaved and clearly were having lots of fun. With a large uptake, we just need to slightly tweak the routine to make it calmer and more manageable. Rather than breakfast at 7:45-8:00am then the session starting at 8:00am, we will need to start the session from drop-off at 7:45am and finish slightly earlier to allow for breakfast

for those who need it. So, please drop-off at 7:45am or shortly afterwards and the children will go straight through to the main hall from the ASC door to be registered. We cannot open the doors before 7:45am, so please stay warm and dry in cars if you arrive early. Children will then be offered breakfast after the session and before school starts. If your child wishes to join the class, please email the school office.



## PARENTS' EVENING ARRANGEMENTS

You should have received an email with details of the next Parents' Evening and a form asking you to request a day and time slot for your appointment. We will send you confirmed times by the end of next week, taking into account siblings. We look forward to welcoming you to school to discuss your child's progress.

[easyfundraising.org.uk/2025](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/2025)

### St. Chads Primary School's 2025

It's been quite a year! St. Chads Primary School...

...raised £25.74 in donations this year

...loved shopping at Amazon, Eurooffice and Viking

...joined the top 5% of Eurooffice shoppers

...shopped most in Office Supplies

St Chads PTA Fund, Whittle-Le-Woods's 2025

£379.46 has been raised this year

Supporters loved shopping at Amazon, Freemans and Boots.com

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you shop online for groceries, clothing, holidays, insurance, gifts and much more. **Over £379** was raised in 2025 for our PTA from our supporters. If you haven't already signed up for easyfundraising, please visit

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>

**Over 6,000 shops 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.

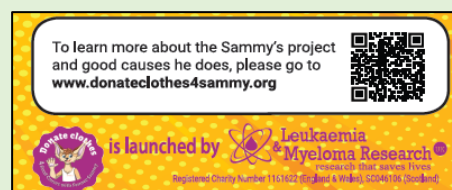
## SPRING TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

*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
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Tempest Year Group Photographs
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2:45-4:15pm	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Young Voices Concert in Manchester
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Rec-Year 5)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30-6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Rec-Year 6)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	1:30pm	Last Y3 Swimming Session
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Pancake Day Lunch
	3:15pm	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9:00am	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Forest School Sessions Begin (Year 4 and Class 2)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	All Day	London Trip to Houses of Parliament (Year 6)
	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 1 (Year 4 communicants)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	6:00pm	SATS & RSHE Meeting (Year 6 Parents)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 2 & Family Mass
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	TBC	Cross Country Competition at Astley Park
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 3
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Year 1 Road Safety Course
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm	Service of Reconciliation (Year 4)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	Easter Assembly in school hall (parents invited)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15pm	School Closes for Easter

### FAITH IN ACTION: THANK YOU'S

**Sammy Project:** The donation bags were collected last week and school has raised **£65.25** as a result of your donations as well as helping to fundraise for Leukaemia and Myeloma research UK to fund vital blood cancer research. Thank you also to Mrs Ingham and the School Council for organising this.



**Derian House:** Derian House have sent a letter of thanks for your support in raising a total of **£199.50** from the sale of their Christmas Beanies.



**Help the Homeless:** Chorley Help the Homeless have also sent a letter of thanks for your support in raising a total of **£631.31** from our Junior Carol Service.



### WEDNESDAY WORD

[Click for this week's Wednesday Word](#)

## PANCAKE DAY LUNCH

We will be having our Pancake Day lunch on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

The menu will be the normal choices on that day  
followed by

American Style Pancake with a Choice of Toppings  
Cinnamon Sugar & Chocolate Sauce

Or

Traditional Sugar & Lemon

This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Friday 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](mailto:k.southworth@stchads.lancs.sch.uk). Children who normally have a school lunch on a Friday 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).

## WILDWOOD WARRIORS – FAMILY FOREST FITNESS EVENT

This event is for children in Year 4 upwards (8+), parent and child teams, on **Saturday 31st January**, 10am-12pm. The event takes the format of a gentle warm up along the goit enjoying being outdoors together with a series of challenges along the way. This will be followed by a hill sprint challenge, before heading back to site for fun fitness challenges. There will be refreshments, competitions, medals and generally lots of fun being active outdoors together. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for more information or visit <https://wildwooddays.co.uk/event/wildwood-warriors/>



## FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Forest School sessions will resume as planned every Wednesday after February half term (**beginning Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**). See chart over the page for an update of the schedule for the remaining classes.

As usual, the sessions will take place on the school field, which will make the most of the natural environment that we are blessed to call our home. Naturally, at times the children will be getting muddy and wet, so we need to plan the kit that they need to stay safe, warm and dry.

The ideal scenario is for every child to have a pair of wellies, waterproof over-trouser and a waterproof coat, although we can't expect that every family will have these. We plan to build up a bank of kit in school for children who don't have their own, but this may take some time.

It would be really helpful to get an update from Year 4 and Class 2 of how many families will be able to provide some or all of their own kit, which will inform how much we will need to provide as a school. We have created an online form to generate this information, as well as some important information relating to safety, allergies and medication. **I would be most grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the relevant form(s) below. Please select the correct year group for your child(ren). Please complete a separate form for each child. Many thanks!**

[CLASS 2 FORM](#)

[YEAR 4 FORM](#)



If you are able to provide your own kit, an excellent example of dungaree over-trousers can be found at [https://wetwednesdays.co.uk/outdoors-dungaree#actual\\_colour=51](https://wetwednesdays.co.uk/outdoors-dungaree#actual_colour=51)

Cheaper options are also available, such as <https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/pakka-ii-kids-waterproof-overtrousers-p43836.aspx/black/>

**We don't wish for any family to feel they have to buy new kit though**; we are happy to do what we can to help provide for the children. If you are able and willing to provide kit, please don't go to any great expense.

We are really excited to continue offering this opportunity for our children, who we know will reap so many benefits, not to mention the fun and enjoyment! Thank you for your support.

## FOREST SCHOOL – SPRING & SUMMER 2026

TERM	DATES	NOTES	CLASSES TAKING PART	
			MORNING	AFTERNOON
Spring 2	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Year 4	Class 2
	4 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 4	Class 2
	11 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 4	Class 2
	18 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 4	Class 2
	25 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 4	Class 2
Summer 1	15 <sup>th</sup> April		Year 4	Class 2
	22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Year 4	Class 2
	29 <sup>th</sup> April		Year 4	Class 2
	6 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 3	Class 1
	13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week		
	20 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 3	Class 1
Summer 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Year 3	Class 1
	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Quad Kids & Hothersall		
	17 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 3	Class 1
	24 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 3	Class 1
	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Rec Induction & Sample Day		
	8 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 3	Class 1
	15 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 3	Class 1



## REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible to help you to make arrangements.

### SAVE THE DATES & SURVEY REMINDER

The PTA are hosting their meeting on a different day and time each meeting, to try and accommodate different people's circumstances. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at the earlier time of **3:30-4:30pm in school**. We are able to offer childcare for those on the school run who are attending the meeting.

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. Your views would be welcomed. [CLICK TO ACCESS SURVEY](#)

### SAVE THE DATE – EASTER BINGO

This popular annual event will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm**. Full details to follow.

### 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>

**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.

