



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE START TO 2026!

With January almost behind us and the first snowdrops giving us a welcome sign that brighter, longer days are on the way, this feels like a perfect moment to pause and reflect on the past four weeks in school.

We have been really impressed with the progress the children have made since returning after Christmas. This is always a settled and productive time of year for teaching and learning, and it is wonderful to see the children reaping the rewards of their hard work and positive attitudes. Please keep encouraging them to try their best every day, so that they can make the most out of this important period of learning.

If you would like to know more about what your child is learning, each class shares its curriculum through a termly newsletter, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.st-chads.lancs.sch.uk/termly-class-newsletters>

Full details of our whole-school curriculum can also be found on our website:

<https://www.st-chads.lancs.sch.uk/our-curriculum>



PARENTS' EVENING ARRANGEMENTS

On Tuesday, you should have received a Seesaw message from teachers with confirmed times for Parents' Evening, taking into account siblings. If you have not received the message, please contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to welcoming you to school to discuss your child's progress.

CAN YOU HELP?

As we prepare our grounds for the forest school sessions after half term, we have found that winter has not been kind to some of our timber picnic tables and benches and they have become unsafe – see images. Thankfully, a kind member of our community has made an anonymous donation to replace them. We need to remove and dispose of them before half term, so that we can replace them with the new ones. Does anyone know of anyone who can help with this? There are three picnic tables and a bench to dispose of. We then need some muscle to get the new tables up to the field. Any offers of help would be most appreciated! Please just catch me on the playground or email head@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk



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 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	-	Pancake Day Lunch
	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
Tuesday 17 th March	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
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

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

PANCAKE DAY LUNCH

We will be having our Pancake Day lunch on **Friday 13th 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. 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).

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our January winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Rachel Harper	47	£50.00
2 ND	Gemma Bayliffe Newby	118	£30.00
3 RD	Mrs S O'Lone	65	£20.00



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/>



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Forest School sessions will resume as planned every Wednesday after February half term (**beginning Wednesday 23rd 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

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 th Feb		Year 4	Class 2
	4 th March		Year 4	Class 2
	11 th March		Year 4	Class 2
	18 th March		Year 4	Class 2
	25 th March		Year 4	Class 2
Summer 1	15 th April		Year 4	Class 2
	22 nd April		Year 4	Class 2
	29 th April		Year 4	Class 2
	6 th May		Year 3	Class 1
	13 th May	SATs Week		
	20 th May		Year 3	Class 1
Summer 2	3 rd June		Year 3	Class 1
	10 th June	Quad Kids & Hothersall		
	17 th June		Year 3	Class 1
	24 th June		Year 3	Class 1
	1 st July	Rec Induction & Sample Day		
	8 th July		Year 3	Class 1
	15 th July		Year 3	Class 1



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.

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 25th 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 17th 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

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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.

