



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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## ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Please see attachments for this month's online safety newsletter, which is designed to support parents to keep children safe online. This month's focus is on AI images, CBeebies Apps and TikTok. We have also attached two support packs titled 'Managing Digital Lives', one for parents and one for children. We hope it helps.



## FOREST SCHOOL ONLINE FORM

Please see information about the forest school sessions in the 'Reminders' section of this newsletter. If you haven't already completed the online form, please do so as soon as possible to allow us to prepare for the first session after half term (see links below for quick reference). This includes a few consents to help us to keep your children safe, so your assistance is most appreciated. Many thanks.

[CLASS 2 FORM](#)

[YEAR 4 FORM](#)

## YOUNG VOICES

We hope the children in the choir and their families enjoy the Young Voices concert on Friday. It is sure to be an amazing and memorable event!

## SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

And the results are through! After collating all the results from Chorley small schools, St Chad's was placed second in both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 competitions! Silver medals were presented in assembly on Tuesday. Also, HUGE congratulations to Dulcie, who was the only child presented with a bronze award following the recent pentathlon intra-schools' competition.



## TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Please look out for the photograph proofs which were sent home in school bags earlier this week. Orders should be placed online with Tempest using the instructions provided on the proof.

## MISS GILLIBRAND MARATHON AND PTA FUNDRAISING PLANS

You may know that Miss Gillibrand is our PE Subject Leader at St Chad's. In a moment of madness, last May she signed up to run the Manchester marathon on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Miss Gillibrand will be the first to tell you that this came out of the blue, as she does not have a history of running. In her words, she 'hates running'. Talk about going in at the deep end!

To focus her mind and ensure that she doesn't pull-out, she has decided to advertise to our families that she will be raising funds for the school PTA. If you are able to offer your support, you can find her fundraising page at <https://gofund.me/a4ae356a4>

To help boost PTA funds further, she plans to arrange a 'guess the time' game and a children's sponsored run. More details on these to follow.

In the meantime, she will also be hosting a silent auction after half term as part of the PTA fundraising, with a fantastic range of prizes soon to be released. Families will be able to bid on as many items as they wish (or none), with the highest bidder winning the prize. To make this event a success, Miss Gillibrand is kindly asking for donations of prizes from businesses and/or individuals where possible. Please inform her of any offers at [l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk) by half term, to allow her time to prepare the auction. All money raised will go directly to the PTA, helping to enrich the education and experiences of our children. Prizes big or small are hugely appreciated, vouchers, tours, restaurant meals, massages, beauty treatments, tasting sessions, or any other special experiences. The last time the PTA ran a Silent Auction, we were absolutely blown away by the generosity of our community and raised over £1000 for the benefit of our children. With your support, let's see if we can make this year's event even more amazing!

## 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
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
	-	World Book Day lunch
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

## 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



## WORLD BOOK DAY LUNCH

We will be offering a "World Book Day" themed lunch on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. The menu will be:

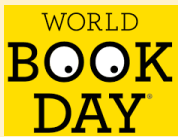
Treasure Island Crispy Chicken or Quorn Tortilla Wraps, sweet chilli sauce & cheese  
Served with Cannon Ball Potato Puffs & Golden Corn and Ruby Pepper Medley

or

Hogwarts House Pasta Spirals in Tomato Sauce with Gryffindor Garlic Bread

or

Peter Rabbit's Jacket Potato with a choice of filling



Followed by Charlie's Chocolate Factory Ice Cream Roll or Matilda's Magical Jelly

These menus will be available to the whole school on these days. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on these days 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 these days 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).

## REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

### 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/>

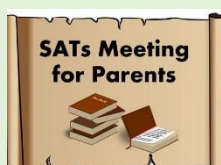
**We don't wish for any family to feel they have to buy new kit though**; we are happy to do what we can to help provide for the children. If you are able and willing to provide kit, please don't go to any great expense.

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

### 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.

