



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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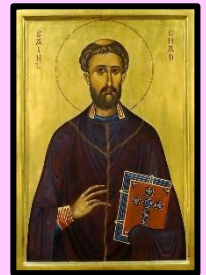
## A REFLECTION ON ST CHAD'S FEAST DAY & THE SEASON OF LENT



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March was St Chad's Feast Day, which we reflected on in assembly on Tuesday. As we journey through Lent, we take inspiration from St Chad, a saint known not for grand gestures, but for his humility, kindness and quiet service to others. St Chad reminds us that small acts—thoughtful words, helping hands and moments of calm—can make a big difference in the lives of those around us.

During this season, we are encouraging our children to pause, reflect and think about how they can follow St Chad's example. Whether it's choosing to be a good friend, showing patience or taking time to listen, Lent gives us a chance to grow together as a caring school family.

May this time of reflection help us all to walk more gently, speak more kindly and open our hearts a little wider—just as St Chad did.



## YEAR 4 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - SESSION 2

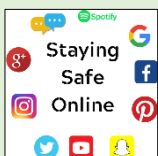
The second session is on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March after 9:15am Mass in church**. The sacramental programme is primarily about parents passing on their faith through a structured series of parish support sessions. Your input during these sessions is of huge value to your children. There will always be a member of school staff and Sue Noblet (parish catechist) there to guide and support, but we encourage you to take the lead role in your children's journey of faith. If you ever have any questions as we go through the process, please don't hesitate to ask at any time during or after the sessions.

## BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

It was lovely to spend time at our Breakfast Club on Tuesday morning. The children and staff create a family feel, replicating that of a cosy home. Children enjoy playing together, developing communication skills and relationships across age groups. If you would like your child to attend either Breakfast or After-School Club (ASC), even just for a taster session, please use the booking system on ParentPay. Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am and ASC runs until 6:00pm. Drop-off and collections are via the ASC door from the front playground.



## ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER



Please see attachments for this month's online safety newsletter, which is designed to support parents to keep your children safe online. This month's focus is on mobile phones, YouTube safety, VPNs, Five Nights at Freddy's, social media algorithms and toxic content. We hope it helps.

## CLASS MASS DATES

Please see Dates for the Diary for Class Mass dates. Parents are warmly invited to join us as we take part in the parish celebration of Mass. Please note change of dates highlighted in yellow.

## FAMILY EASTER BINGO –ON SALE UNTIL MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



We are delighted to be hosting our annual Easter Bingo event again this year on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm**. We have a number of families and staff with Irish heritage, so we will also be recognising St Patrick's Day within the theme of the evening.

Due to the size of our school hall, there will be a total number of 200 entry tickets available, so please be quick to secure your spot! Items on ParentPay have been allocated to the eldest / only child to make it easier to administer so please purchase all tickets required through that one child on ParentPay. Thank you.

**To purchase entry tickets:** please use the "Easter Bingo Entry Tickets" item on ParentPay and select the number of entry tickets you would like (priced at 50p each). We are limiting entry tickets to immediate family (parents and children only) to allow as many families to attend as possible.

**To purchase Bingo Booklets:** please use the "Easter Bingo Tickets" payment item on ParentPay. These booklets are priced at £1.00 each and there is no limit to the amount you can purchase. We would advise each person playing bingo, has at least one ticket booklet, but the more you have, the more chance you have of winning! These will be available to purchase on the night also.

**To purchase Flyer Tickets:** please use the "Easter Bingo Flyer tickets" item on Parent Pay. This is an additional game of Bingo which will be played at the very end and there will be a BUMPER prize for this game. Flyer tickets will also be priced at £1.00 each.

There will be a small 'tuck shop' available selling small treats for the children but families are welcome to bring along their own food and drink also. We are super excited to be able to bring this much-loved family fun night back again this year and we look forward to seeing you there!

**PLEASE NOTE: We are mindful that this event is quite late for our younger children and very busy, so we will also be hosting a free Easter Bingo in school time for the infant children on the afternoon of 17<sup>th</sup> March. Naturally, they are very welcome to attend the family bingo too, but we wanted to offer this opportunity this year.**

## EASTER BINGO DONATIONS

To populate the prizes, we kindly ask that children make a donation in exchange for a **non-uniform day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. These may be dropped off at the school entrance please. We are very grateful indeed for ANY kind of donation, however to help gather a range of items, we provide a guide for each class – see below:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Pack of small eggs (e.g. cream egg)	Pack of small eggs (e.g. cream egg)	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Normal Easter Egg	Easter crafts (see below info)	Easter crafts (see below info)

Rather than winning huge bundles of chocolate, we'd like to include some more wholesome Easter craft activities in the prizes. There are some lovely cheap options available in places like The Works and supermarkets. There are many options available, so please just choose one that is affordable.

We thank you for your support with this. Every penny raised for PTA will be spent on enhancing the school for your children.

## FOREST SCHOOL

What a wonderful start to our spring/summer forest school sessions! The field is still very boggy in places, so waterproofs and wellies remain essential for safety and comfort. As Year 4s need to remove muddy clothes before re-entering school for the afternoon session, could you please provide a large plastic bag for these, such as a Bag for Life or just a bin bag. The idea is that children actually step into the bag, then simply drop the clothes into it as they remove them. It works really well, keeps their kit secure and helps to keep school clean. Many thanks indeed.



## RED CAT PARKING – TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The emergency services have informed us that they will be using the Red Cat car park for an event on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 8:30-9:45am. **Please consider alternative parking arrangements for that morning**, such as parking in the village and walking or the parish centre car park. Many thanks.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Wow, what a wonderful day! Thank you for all your efforts to bring the day alive and promote a love of books and reading. We asked for a voluntary donation for your child to dress up and all of the money raised will go towards new books to restock our libraries. **The payment item is still on ParentPay enabling you to make your donations.** We would still also like to decorate our school with photographs of the children reading in weird and wonderful places. We challenged the children to find the most unique places to read and send a photograph to share with their friends. If you would like to send in a photograph, then please send it in a private message on Seesaw to Mrs Topp. Happy reading!

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## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (LEVY)



Please see letter sent home in school bags and attached to the newsletter email last week. We are mindful that you might not be aware of what this is and why it exists so the letter provides you with all the information and photographs to explain why we would really appreciate your support with this by either joining or renewing 200 club subscriptions or by paying the school levy, if you are able to. Many thanks.

## INTERESTING AND INSPIRING STORIES FROM THE PAST

Whilst in the Houses of Parliament last week, a group of our girls were inspired by a story relating to this statue. If you look carefully at the back of the foot, you will notice that the spur is broken, but can you find out why?! Answer in next week's newsletter!



## CHORLEY TAKES OVER LONDON!

The trip to London was for of a special 'Speaker's Day' arranged by Sir Lindsay Hoyle, involving 500 Chorley school children. This element of the trip included:

- A guided tour of The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Hall
- A visit to Speaker's House (usually reserved for heads of state)
- Q&A with Sir Lindsay Hoyle
- Viewing of live debates in both the House of Commons and House of Lords.

We also take the opportunity to go on a river cruise and the London Eye, which allowed the children to see the sights of London. We were very proud of our Year 6 children; they were wonderful ambassadors for St Chad's and impressed everyone we met with their curiosity, excellent behaviour and positive attitudes. Their confidence and teamwork made the whole day a joy and a memorable experience for all.



## MISS GILLIBRAND'S MARATHON FUNDRAISING - REMINDERS

As previously mentioned, Miss Gillibrand is taking in the Manchester Marathon on **19th April** and has kindly chosen to raise money for our PTA. As part of her fundraising, she will be holding a raffle and a silent auction. The raffle will include vouchers for local businesses, hampers and experiences. The silent auction will feature larger prizes such as a Bentley Package, a meal for two at Northcote and various other vouchers. All proceeds will go directly to the PTA.

### The Raffle

Raffle tickets came home in your child's bag last week.

- Tickets cost **£1 each** and can be paid for via ParentPay.
- Please return the same quantity of raffle tickets purchased with **your name / your child's name and a contact number** written on the back of **each ticket**. Retain the counterfoils for claiming any prizes.
- Returned tickets will be entered into the draw once payment has been made.
- The draw will take place in the **last week of term**.
- The deadline for returning tickets to school is **Tuesday 24th March**.
- Winners will be announced in the newsletter that week.



Thank you for your support!

### The Silent Auction

The silent auction went live on **Monday 2nd March**. All prizes will be announced via Seesaw and ParentPay.

If you would like to bid on any item, please email Miss Gillibrand directly at [l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk), stating:

- The item(s) you wish to bid on
- Your bid amount.



The auction will close on **Friday 20th March at 6pm**. If your bid is outbid during this time, Miss Gillibrand will email you to let you know in case you would like to increase your offer. There are some fantastic prizes available, you might even grab yourself a bargain if there are no other bids! You have to be in it to win it... happy bidding! 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!

Miss Gillibrand would also like to say a huge thank you for all the well wishes and donations she has received so far. With less than two months to go until race day, the nerves are definitely starting to set in! Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make events like this such a success.

If you would like to donate directly, please visit the GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-our-school-one-mile-at-a-time>

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.

Any donations of prizes from businesses and/or individuals would be greatly appreciated. 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. Please inform her of any offers at [l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.gillibrand@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk).

## FOREST SCHOOL ONLINE FORM

We have received 45 responses to the online forms, so are just awaiting 5 more between Class 2 and Year 4. If you haven't already completed the online form, **please do so as soon as possible** (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. Please see full information about the forest school sessions in the 'Reminders' section of this newsletter.

[CLASS 2 FORM](#)

[YEAR 4 FORM](#)

## 38th ANNUAL DAFFODIL DODDLE & RODDLESWORTH ROLLER

Abbey Village School have hosted these fantastic events for a number of years and will be held this year **this coming Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. All details can be found using the link below.

<https://www.trailblazingevents.co.uk/e/roddlesworth-roller-9km-and-daffodil-doddle-2-2km-14786>

### Daffodil Doodle – 2.2km Junior & Fun Run

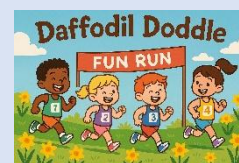
**Registration: 8:30am**

**Start time: 9:30am**

**Minimum age: 4 years**

The 38th Annual Daffodil Doodle is a much-loved, fully off-road 2.2km trail race designed for juniors, beginners and fun runners. A safe, traffic-free course with excellent marshalling throughout.

**Perfect for:** U16s, first-timers, families and anyone wanting a shorter, friendly run.



### Roddlesworth Roller – 9km Trail Race

**Registration: 10:00am**

**Start time: 11:00am**

**Minimum age: 16 years**

A popular and scenic 9km trail race on good paths and quiet roads, taking in lakes and woodland around Abbey Village. Ideal as an early-season race, whether you're building fitness or racing hard.

**Perfect for:** club runners, experienced trail runners, confident improvers and anyone looking for a well-run local race.

This promises to be a fantastic event where everyone can gather as a community in the wonderful local countryside, enjoy the fresh air and exercise whilst having some serious fun!

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY, CHORLEY?



A month-long celebration of storytelling for all to enjoy! What's Your Story, Chorley? is back for the whole of March 2026 with a great line up of events. From family activities, comedy, workshops, comic con, literature, poetry, and so much more, there'll be something for everyone across a variety of events taking place this March. For more information and to see what is on offer throughout March visit:

[What's Your Story, Chorley? 2026 – Check Out Chorley](#)

## 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
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 2 & Family Mass
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Easter egg donations (non-uniform)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
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> March		Reception and Year 6 Health checks in school – see letters sent by email with more information
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	-	Easter Lunch
	2:15pm	School Closes for Easter

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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

### EASTER LUNCH

We will be offering an Easter themed lunch on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The menu will be:

Chicken Burger

Or

Cheese & Onion Lattice Slice (v)  
With Potato Footballs & Veg or Beans

Or

Jacket Potato with choice of filling

Followed by Easter Treat Dessert



This menu will be available to the whole school. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on this day 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 this day 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

### 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>

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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.

