



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Friday 13th March: Non-uniform day for Easter Bingo donations (see details below)

Thursday 18th March: Forest School kit (Year 4 & Class 2)

Saturday 21st March: Cross-Country Competition at Astley Park

EASTER BINGO DONATIONS – REMINDER FOR TOMORROW

To populate the prizes, we kindly ask that children make a donation in exchange for a **non-uniform day on Friday 13th 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.

Thank you for your support. Every penny raised for PTA will be spent on enhancing the school for your children.

EASTER BINGO UPDATE – TICKET ORDERS NOW CLOSED

The final list of those who ordered tickets has been compiled and PTA are kindly arranging the tickets into envelopes over the weekend. These will be sent out early next week, ready for Tuesday so don't forget to bring your entry ticket and any bingo tickets with you on the night along with your own markers/pens. If you have paid for an entry ticket, but haven't ordered bingo booklets, don't worry. These will also be available to purchase on the night. 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 for this family-fun night and we look forward to seeing some of you there!



EASTER PASSION ASSEMBLY – SAVE THE DATE

All are welcome to join our Easter Assembly on **Thursday 26th March at 9:30am**. The children will lead us in song, narration and drama to retell and reflect on the Easter Passion Story. Please use the back doors to the main hall any time after drop-off.

LENTEN CHARITY FUNDRAISING – NUGENT CARE (GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL)

One of our Christian duties during Lent is to 'give alms', so we have arranged our usual '**Legs for Lent**' day on the last day of term, **Friday 27th March**. Children are invited to wear wacky legwear, with the top half being normal school uniform. We kindly ask for a donation to our Lenten charities using the "Legs for Lent" payment item in ParentPay. Suggested minimum donation of £1 per child, however, you can pay more if you are able to. Many thanks for your support.

To make use of their wacky legs, and as a thank you for supporting Miss Gillibrand's marathon fundraising, she will be doing some fun 'marathon kids' activities during the day. More details to follow.

For more information about Nugent Care visit : <https://wearenugent.org/>



NEW SPRING & SUMMER SCHOOL MEAL MENU

The NEW Spring & Summer School Meal Menu is being sent as an attachment to this week's newsletter. Although we attach the menu leaflet from Lancashire, please follow our own 3 weekly menu (also attached) if you wish to discuss the menu options with your child as we have made one or two minor changes and it is worded in a more child-friendly way which helps the younger children to choose independently.



As we head into the warmer months, we have switched to sandwiches 3 times per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Jacket Potatoes 2 times per week on Tuesday and Thursday. Following feedback from children and parents about Lancashire's Friday menu only offering the same options every week, we have moved some days around so that a different option is offered each Friday of the 3 week cycle. We hope this might encourage more children to want a school meal on a Friday again. This new menu will come into effect **from Monday 20th April** meaning we will return after Easter to the current menu for 1 week before changing to the new one. If you need to change the days your child has school meals as a result of the new menu, please let us know.

PRICE INCREASE: We have also been informed that our catering contractor, Lancashire Catering Service, are unfortunately having to put up the price of meals from £2.90 to £3.00 with effect from 1st April 2026. It still remains excellent value, given the number of choices each day, good portion size and dessert offers. Kate, our cook, ensures that dinners are tasty, well-presented and tries her best to accommodate differing preferences. It certainly remains better value and more nutritious than a happy meal.

MISS GILLIBRAND'S MARATHON FUNDRAISING

The school community has shown fantastic support for our Marathon Fundraiser so far, and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken part by buying raffle tickets and placing bids in the silent auction. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is helping us move closer to our fundraising goal. There is still plenty of time to get involved, raffle tickets will be on sale for one more week, with the final day for tickets to be brought into school on **Tuesday 24th March**. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 25th March**, and the lucky winners will be announced in the **school newsletter on Thursday 26th March**. Our **Silent Auction** also has some fantastic prizes available, with several items still receiving no bids or only small bids so far. If you have had your eye on something, now is the perfect time to bag a bargain! The auction will remain live for one more week and will close at **6pm on Friday 20th March**, so be sure to get your bids in before the deadline. Thank you again for your continued support.

Raffle Prizes include:	Silent Auction Items:
Gel polish voucher	£200 voucher for Small Group PTs at Gymnasium.
Tearoom voucher	Bentley Chauffeur service.
Dressers Arms voucher	Northcote Lunch meal for 2
Rebel Voucher	Botox voucher for 3 areas, worth £240
Nigel Clare Voucher	Microblading voucher with LB brows (whittle) worth £100
Fitbox vouchers	Celestial Head spa Voucher
Raw and Outdoor Voucher	Reflection Voucher worth £50
Sweet Hamper	Full Face of make up including lashes worth £45
Chocolate Hamper	A piece of artwork of your choice from http://iandawberart.com/ Worth £90
Prosecco	Liberty Bluff Voucher worth £80
And much more!!	

Go fund me link is <https://gofund.me/84ee7856d>

Miss Gillibrand would like to thank everyone for their contributions and kind well wishes, with just 5 weeks to go, she appreciates all of your kind words and encouragement.

UPDATE: PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (LEVY)



Thank you to those who have joined the 200 Club. **We still have a shortfall of £770 that we need to pay to the Archdiocese School Building Fund (Levy), which equates to 51 subscriptions.** If any more families can manage the £15 annual subscription to the 200 Club, it would really help your school. You never know, you might win more than that back in prize money. Subscriptions are paid via ParentPay.

For more details, please see letter sent home in school bags recently and attached to past newsletters. 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.

REMINDER: END OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURE TIMES

As usual, at the end of term (Friday 27th March) **school closes at 2:15pm and there will be no After School Club.** Thank you.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

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 13 th March	-	Easter egg donations (non-uniform)
Tuesday 17 th March	6:00pm	Easter Bingo
Thursday 19 th March	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church
Saturday 21 st March	TBC	Cross Country Competition at Astley Park
Sunday 22 nd March	9:15am	Sacramental Session 3
Monday 23 rd March	-	Reception and Year 6 Health checks in school – see letters sent by email with more information
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	-	Easter Lunch
	2:15pm	School Closes for Easter
Monday 13 th April	-	School reopens for the summer term
Sunday 19 th April	11:00am	Miss Gillibrand's Marathon

LITTLE CHURCH IN LENT

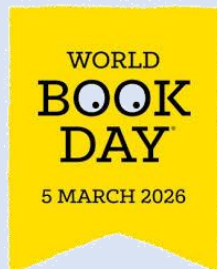
Children are always welcome to come along to St Chad's Church for Sunday Mass at 9:15am, where they are invited to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church". This is a lovely way for children to understand and engage with Mass, whilst making friends and nurturing their faith. What a beautiful gift!

WORLD BOOK DAY – FINAL AMOUNT RAISED



Thank you for your kind donations. You raised a total of **£270!** All of the money raised will go towards new books to restock our libraries.

We have also enjoyed looking at the photographs which have been sent in of children reading in unusual places which are now on display in school.



INTERESTING AND INSPIRING STORIES FROM THE PAST

Whilst in the Houses of Parliament (it's not often we say that!), 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 did you find out why?! Answer below...

Who is the Statue of?

The statue in question is the bronze figure of Lucius Cary, 2nd Viscount Falkland, located in St Stephen's Hall at the Houses of Parliament.

What happened to the spur?

In **April 1909**, four Suffragettes entered St Stephen's Hall and suddenly chained themselves to several of the statues as a form of protest for women's voting rights. One of them, **Margery Humes**, chose to chain herself specifically to the *spur* on the boot of the Falkland statue.

During the struggle to remove the protesters, the authorities cut the chains with heavy shears. In the process, **two spikes of the spur were snapped off**, leaving the damaged spur that can still be seen today. It was never restored.

Why does it matter?

The broken spur has since become an unintentional feminist symbol, a permanent mark of the militant campaign that helped win women the right to vote.





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](#)

EASTER LUNCH

We will be offering an Easter themed lunch on **Friday 27th 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. 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

RED CAT PARKING – TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

The emergency services have informed us that they will be using the Red Cat car park for an event on Tuesday 17th 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.

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.

