



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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## HEADLINES FOR TOMORROW AND THE WEEK AFTER EASTER:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Legs for Lent (see details below)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** 2:15pm School closes for Easter

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** School reopens for the summer term

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** Forest School kit (Year 4 & Class 2)

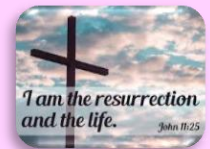
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** 9:15am Class 2 Mass in church (all welcome)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Miss Gillibrand runs the Manchester Marathon

## EASTER BLESSINGS

On behalf of all staff and governors at St. Chad's, we wish you all a happy, Holy and restful Easter. Thank you for all your incredible support this term. An Easter Blessing:

**May Christ's glory and the promise of this joyous time of year,  
Bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.**



## EASTER TRIDUUM - SERVICES AT ST CHAD'S & ST BEDE'S

Services for Holy Week and Easter will be celebrated across the two churches, as follows:

- Holy Thursday is celebrated at 7pm at St Chad's followed by Watching and Night Prayer.
- The commemoration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday will be celebrated in both churches at 3pm.
- The Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection is celebrated on Holy Saturday night, starting with the blessing of the Easter Fire outside church at 8pm at St Bede's.
- Easter Morning Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am at St Chad's and at 9.30am and 11am at St Bede's.
- Following the 9.15am Mass at St Chad's and the 11am Mass at St Bede's, our Little Church teams have organised an Easter Egg Hunt around the grounds of our churches which children are invited to join but they must be accompanied by an adult.



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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/>



## WEDNESDAY WORD

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

## CLASS 2 STAFFING UPDATE

There will be a slight change in the timetable in Class 2 next term. Mrs Taylor will continue to teach on Mondays and Tuesdays, with Mrs Ingham teaching Wednesdays to Fridays. The only change to the current timetable is Wednesday morning.

## 'ALL ARE WELCOME' LETTER

Please see an attached letter with details of an enhancement to our existing PSHE curriculum. If, after reading the letter, you require any further information on this or would like to discuss it further, then please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Topp or Mr. Riley.

## EASTER PASSION ASSEMBLY – A HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to all the children who led this year's Easter Passion Assembly. Their thoughtful storytelling and beautiful singing created a powerful and reflective atmosphere for our whole school community. In sharing the story of the Passion with such care and reverence, the children helped refill our spiritual well ahead of Holy Week, reminding us of the importance of compassion, courage and hope. Thank you to all the children for bringing such light and meaning to this special moment in our school and liturgical calendar.

## RECONCILIATION SERVICE – ANOTHER CONGRATULATIONS!

We are incredibly proud of the children who celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. They approached this important moment with maturity, reflection and a clear understanding of its significance. By taking this next step on their journey of faith with such confidence and sincerity, they have shown a wonderful example to our whole school community. We pray that the peace, clarity and joy they experienced will continue to guide them as they grow in faith and friendship with God.



## LOST PROPERTY

We have acquired a rather large stock of unnamed lost property this term. This will be put out in the pavilion for families to retrieve.

## UPDATE: PLEASE HELP RAISE OUR TARGET FOR THE SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (LEVY)



Thank you to those who have renewed / joined the 200 Club or paid the £10 school levy. **We still have a shortfall of £528 to enable us to pay the Archdiocese School Building Fund (Levy), which equates to another 35 x 200 club subscriptions.** If any more families can manage the £15 annual subscription to the 200 Club or pay the £10 levy, it would really help our school as any shortfall must be found from our very limited non-government funds as we are not permitted to use our core budget for this. You never know, you might win more than the subscription cost back in prize money.

**Subscriptions are paid via ParentPay for parents and staff. Parishioners can pay by BACS, cash or cheque (details available at the back of church or by request from school).** The first draw of the new year would normally take place today, however, we will defer this until the first week back after Easter to allow a little more time to hopefully collect in some additional 200 club subscriptions / levy payments.

## PETTING DOGS

We have noticed a number of children petting dogs through the school fence at playtime, which is well-intended but, in some cases, can increase risks to their safety. We ordinarily teach children to only pet dogs after seeking permission from the owner. However, to help keep things simple and safe at break times, we will ask that children do not pet dogs through the fence. If you take your dog for walks past school at breaktimes, could we kindly ask that you help support this approach. Many thanks.

## LUNCHTIME READING



With fairer weather, it has been lovely to open up our Reading Shed again at playtimes. See photos of our children enjoying some leisurely reading.



## SHINPO MARTIAL ARTS



We have now completed a full term of the new Martial Arts Club at Breakfast Club. **This has been very popular amongst children who have never attended breakfast club before as well as those who normally attend.** It continues to be a great success with many children ready to take their very first belt grading April. This is a wonderful way for children to recognise the skills they have learned and the progress they have made. Unlike other clubs we have previously run which only offer a 5 or 6 week block, our aim is to continue running this martial arts breakfast club all year round on a long-term basis as long as it remains sustainable, as this offers our children a fantastic opportunity to continue developing valuable skills and advancing through future belt gradings.

**This is open to all children from Year 1 to Year 6, regardless of whether your child normally attends breakfast club or not and they can welcome new members at any time.** To join or continue with classes, you just need to book your child onto breakfast club through ParentPay in half-termly blocks, where the cost is £7.50 per session which not only allows your child to take part in the martial arts club but it also means they get breakfast too!

We now invite you to book sessions for the next block. This is a five-week half-term as there will be **no martial arts session on Wednesday 13th May as this falls during SATS week. The dates to therefore book in advance is:**

Wednesday 15th April  
Wednesday 22nd April  
Wednesday 29th April  
Wednesday 6th May  
Wednesday 20th May

**Good luck...** to those children who will be taking part in their very first belt grading in April and we can't wait to hear all about it afterwards.



## MISS GILLIBRAND'S MARATHON FUNDRAISING

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported Miss Gillibrand's marathon fundraising efforts. As the 19th of April approaches, your continued encouragement and generosity are greatly appreciated.

We are delighted to share that the recent silent auction and raffle were a tremendous success, raising over £1,000. This brings Miss Gillibrand's current fundraising total to an **impressive £1,700**. If you would still like to contribute, donations can be made via the following link:

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

All auction winners have now been contacted, and raffle winners are listed below. Prizes will be sent home with children today, so please do check school bags.

**Thank you once again for your incredible support in making this initiative such a success and for supporting our school community.**

We are also pleased to share that Miss Gillibrand will be leading some special marathon-themed activities tomorrow (Friday 27th March). Children will have the opportunity to take part in their own mini marathon, sign her running top and design their own medals.

Raffle Prize	Winner	Raffle Ticket Number
Perfume	Mr J Gillibrand	931 Blue
Heaton bakes cakes £30 cupcakes	Mrs Elliott	357 white
Dressers Arms Voucher	Noah Lynn	656 yellow
Red Cat voucher £20	Evie Rotheram	977 white
Flexifly Pilates Class voucher	Niamh Dawes	930 Pink
Chocolate/sweet hamper	Mrs Monaghan	931 yellow
Gel Polish at the Beauty Lodge	Benedict Whelton	321 white
Bottle of Prosecco	Mrs King	858 white
Bottle of Prosecco	Nicola (Eddie's mum)	806 white
Bottle of Prosecco	Mrs Kirton	681 white
Bottle of Prosecco	Mrs Briscoe	641 yellow
Wheelton Tea room voucher	Emilie Armstrong	596 yellow
Nigel Clare Voucher £50	Archie Bolton O-Boyle	878 white
5 class pass for Fitbox Gym worth £45	Rachel Broomhead	949 blue
5 Class pass for Fitbox Gym Worth £45	Cormac Ince	829 Yellow
5 Class pass for Raw Outdoor. Worth £55	Harry Taylor	804 white
Whittle tea rooms cream tea for two	Milo	555 white
Soft toy from That's Mine Gifts	Seb Gardiner	889 white
****Voucher from Smithhills farm	Eva Phillips	766 Yellow
Four 1 two	Hannah Heaton	911 Blue
Malthouse Voucher £30	Mrs Murphy	323 Green
Voucher for Rebel £20	Susan White	942 White
Easter Egg	Eddie Rowlands	815 white
Easter Egg	Beatrice Eckersley	932 white
Easter Egg	Harry Taylor	805 white
Easter Egg	Elliot Bicknell	915 Yellow

## SUMMER 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 27 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Easter Lunch
	-	Legs for Lent
	2:15pm	School Closes for Easter
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	-	School reopens for the summer term
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	9:15am	Class 2 Mass in church (all welcome)
	-	Reception 2026 Admissions Offers
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00am	Miss Gillibrand's Marathon
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	PTA meeting in school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:15am	Class 1 Mass in church with Y6 buddies (all welcome)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	6:00pm	New starters Induction Evening
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church (all welcome)
	4:00pm	Spelling Bee at Holy Cross
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Forest School for Year 3 & Class 1 begins
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church (all welcome)
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Year 6 SATS Tests Week
		No Forest School or Martial Arts Club
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	-	Enterprise & World of Work Week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	3:15-5:00pm	PTA Movie Night
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	11:00am	Service for Our Lady (Month of Mary)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	-	School reopens
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1:30pm	Sports Day (all welcome)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am	Class 5 Mass in church (all welcome)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Anderton Centre Trip Years 3-5
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am – 1:00pm	PTA Summer Event
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am	Sacramental Preparation Session 4 in church
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Year 6 Residential Trip to Hothersall Lodge
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am	Sacramental Preparation Session 5 in church
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Reception Road Safety
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	7:00pm	PTA Meeting in school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am	Class 4 Mass in church (all welcome)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am	Music Concert (for anyone who learns an instrument)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9:15am	Sacramental Preparation Session 6 in church
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am	Class 3 Mass in church (all welcome)
	-	Year 6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's
	4:00pm	Thomas Martland Maths Competition
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	11:00am	First Holy Communion
	-	Sample Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9:15am	Class 3 & 4 Mass in church (all welcome)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 4 Cathedral Trip
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15am	Class 1 & 2 Mass in church (all welcome)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Thanksgiving Mass (whole School) in church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

## **REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS**

### **NEW! HEAPEY MOOR RAINBOWS AT ST. CHAD'S**



Rainbows (4 – 7 years) will be opening in St. Chad's School Hall on Tuesday evenings (term time only) from 21st April 2026 - 5.45pm till 6.45 pm.

See attached flyer with information also about Brownies (7 - 10 years), Guides (10 – 14 years) and Rangers (14 – 18 years) and how to find meetings in the area.

In case you didn't already know, Guides already meet in school on Thursday evenings.

### **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](#)

## **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.