



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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HEADLINES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 19th April: Miss Gillibrand runs the Manchester Marathon

Monday 20th April: PTA Meeting 7:00pm in school

Wednesday 22nd April: Forest School kit (Year 4 & Class 2)

Thursday 23rd April: Class 1 Mass with Year 6 buddies

Saturday 25th April: Shinpo grading

MRS CLARK

We would like to inform parents that Mrs Clark will be retiring from her role as Class 1 teacher at the end of this term. This has been a significant and difficult decision for Mrs Clark, but after careful consideration, she believes that the time is right.

Mrs Clark has given many years of loyal and dedicated service to our school, during which time she has shown unwavering care, kindness and commitment to our youngest pupils.

Her nurturing approach and passion for early education have helped countless children to develop confidence, curiosity and a love of learning, giving them the best start to their school life. She will be greatly missed by pupils, families and colleagues alike.

Although we will be offering our thanks and best wishes more formally at the end of term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Clark sincerely for all she has contributed to our school community and to wish her every happiness, good health and enjoyment in her well-earned retirement.

MISS GILLIBRAND MARATHON – THIS SUNDAY!



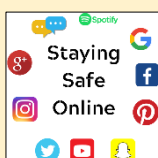
The time has come! Miss Gillibrand runs the Manchester Marathon on Sunday. She has all our support and best wishes... the St Chad's spirit will be with her! We thank Miss Gillibrand for her incredible efforts to help raise some valuable funds for our school.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported Miss Gillibrand's marathon fundraising efforts. 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 £2000**. 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>

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



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 age ratings in games, BBCiPlayer, deepfake, AI, manosphere, ChatGPT and WhatsApp. We hope it helps.

FOREST SCHOOL PLANS

We have two weeks left of Forest School sessions for Class 2 and Year 4. The sessions for Class 1 and Year 3 will begin on Wednesday 6th May. We will shortly ask those families to complete an online form to help our preparations and to ensure that we have robust safety measures in place for your children.

PTA MEETING – MONDAY 20TH APRIL



This will be held **in school at 7:00pm**. Having tried various options, it is difficult to find a day and time that is suitable for everyone, but this seems to be the most convenient for the majority. If you sometimes attend PTA meetings but are unable to join us this time, please feel free to send any suggestions or thoughts to the PTA email address in advance of the meeting, which can then be discussed by the committee present. Many thanks, as always.

SUMMER PTA EVENT – SAVE THE DATE

You may have noticed a PTA summer event appear in the 'Dates for the Diary' section of the newsletter before Easter. The date is confirmed as Saturday 6th June. Other details will be finalised in the meeting on Monday and communicated in next week's newsletter. All are welcome to join the meeting to plan a family-fun community event!

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

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 are so close to reaching our target but still have a shortfall of £164 to enable us to pay the Archdiocese School Building Fund (Levy), which equates to another 11 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).

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our March winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Mrs C Turner	13	£50.00
2 ND	Kelly Leigh	114	£30.00
3 RD	Mrs M Pilling	32	£20.00



SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

As the weather gets warmer, you might be rethinking the lunchtime option for your child. A school packed lunch could be the answer! We are now offering a cold option of a 5-item packed lunch on Tuesday's and Thursday's, apart from the days where the picnic wrap lunch is on offer. This means that a cold lunch option is available every day by way of either a sandwich option, a picnic style wraps and rolls option or a school packed lunch. School packed lunches are made fresh in the morning using nutritionally balanced menus to ensure your child receives the right nutrients to see them through the afternoon and promote a healthy life-style. Not only that, because we keep our lunches in a controlled environment, you can be assured that their lunch will remain fresh and tasty even in the warmest weather. Please see flyer attached to the newsletter and updated menu.



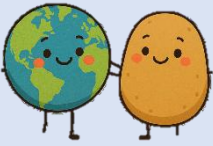
HAPPY EARTH DAY LUNCH – EARTH POWERED POTATOES

We will be offering an Earth Day Potato themed lunch next **Thursday 23rd April**. The menu will be:

Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Jacket Potato or Chips

Or

Jacket Potato with choice of filling (tuna mayo, cheese or beans)
with Crispy Onions Coleslaw and Salad



Followed by

Chocolate Cookie & Milkshake or Fresh Fruit

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)

SHINPO MARTIAL ARTS



This club 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 until half-term. **Please note that there will be no martial arts session on Wednesday 13th May as this falls during SATS week.** The remaining dates to book for this half-term are:

- 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 this month.



NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGE TRAIN TO TEACH WITH YARROW SCHOOLS ALLIANCE, STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026



INTERESTED
IN FINDING OUT MORE?

EMAIL

R.HORNE@ST.GEORGES.LANCS.SCH.UK
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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.

