



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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

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## HEADLINES FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank holiday

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Forest School kit (Class 1 & Year 3)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** 9:15am Class 3 Mass in church – all welcome

## MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY - SPECIAL SERVICE 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

The month of May is a special time for us, where we pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We look to her as a guide and inspiration and offer up our prayers. **We invite all our families to join us at a special service in church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11:00am.** Our children will be singing beautiful hymns and we will be crowning the statue of Mary, while our Year 4 children will present flowers of adoration at the Mary Altar. **We also invite children to wear flowers in their hair, should they wish to.**

You may like to say the Hail Mary at home with your children during this time:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,**



## SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

After a hiatus of a couple of years, we are officially back on social media. Please follow these accounts to receive our feed:

**Facebook:** St Chads Catholic Primary School

**Instagram:** StChadsChorley

## PTA UPDATES

**MOVIE NIGHT: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 3:15-5:00pm**

There will be an option of 3 different screens showing children's movies for children to choose from. Popcorn will be provided, but children may also bring a drink and a treat snack. No fizzy drinks please. Tickets will be available to book on ParentPay soon.

**SUMMER EVENT: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am – 2:00pm**

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 6<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am – 2:00pm.** The event will include a treasure hunt (with optional add-on obstacle course on the top field) and some traditional summer games, along with food and refreshments. More details and ticket information will be shared soon. All are welcome to join this family-fun community event!

**NEXT MEETING...**

...is planned for **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm in school.** This will be limited to 1 hour and will be focused around final planning for the summer event. All parents are very welcome to join the meeting, should you be interested in contributing.



## A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT UNIFORM...

Thank you sincerely for your support with our uniform and appearance policy. We are thankful for how our children at St Chad's present themselves with pride and with a sense of belonging and unity. To maintain these standards, we occasionally share some reminders of our policy – see below:

### PE KITS

We have noticed a trend of some children wearing very short shorts for PE, or colours and items that aren't part of our policy. It also requires that any items of uniform are not branded with sports logos. Please see extract about sports kit below:

#### **"Section 5. PE Kit:**

*We require that our pupils come to school dressed in their PE kit on their designated PE day which they then wear for the full day. The PE kit consists of :*

- *Burgundy sports polo top with the school badge (from our uniform supplier)*
- *Plain black sports leggings / sports pants / joggers (either available from our uniform supplier or you can buy from any shop / supermarket / retailer)*
- ***N.B. shorts should be no shorter than standard cycling shorts length. Very short shorts are not appropriate.***
- *A suitable pair of trainers."*

We will allow a period of grace until half term, to allow parents to replace items that are not in-keeping with our policy. Thank you for your support with this and maintaining our standards throughout school.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls may wear blue and white checked gingham dresses for the summer term, should they wish to. Sandals are also allowed in warmer weather, but please be mindful that children need to be able to run around safely at playtimes.



[Click here to view Uniform and Appearance Policy](#) for full details.

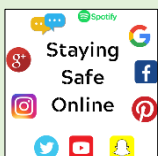
### UPDATE: PLEASE HELP RAISE OUR TARGET FOR THE SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (LEVY)



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).**

### 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 group chats, FreezeNova, Roblox and screen time guidance.** We hope it helps.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** An overview of our curriculum School Improvement Plan (SIP), which has been updated with most recent developments.
- **ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER:** See details above

## FOREST SCHOOL – CLASS 1 AND YEAR 3

Forest School sessions for Class 1 (Mrs Clark’s Reception/Year 1 class) and Year 3 begin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. **Thank you for your quick responses to the online forms. There are just a few outstanding, so if these could be completed this weekend, it will help us to be prepared to look after all the children on Wednesday next week. Thank you.**

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 3 and Class 1 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 1 FORM

### YEAR 3 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.

TERM	DATES	CLASSES TAKING PART	
		MORNING	AFTERNOON
Summer 1	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4	Class 2
	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3	Class 1
	13 <sup>th</sup> May	No Forest School – 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	No Forest School	
	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	Class 1
	24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	Class 1
	1 <sup>st</sup> July	No Forest School	
	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3	Class 1
	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3	Class 1

## 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
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 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
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	Sample Day
	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

### CLASS 1 TEACHER RECRUITMENT

Recruitment for the post of Class 1 teacher from September 2026 is underway and the advert is now live on the LCC Vacancies website: <https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/vacancyDetails.asp?id=200397>  
If you know any outstanding Early Years teachers who may be interested, please feel free to pass on the link.

### MRS TAYLOR – SPECIALIST TEACHER QUALIFICATION

**Specialist Dyslexia Support:** We are pleased to share that Mrs Taylor has recently completed additional specialist training in dyslexia and is now qualified as a Specialist Teacher. The school benefits in many ways, particularly support and advice for parents and staff.

She will continue in her part-time role at St Chad's as Class 2 teacher and SENCo, while also developing her own independent practice, offering 1:1 specialist literacy tuition and full diagnostic assessments for dyslexia. Mrs Taylor is also an approved assessor with the British Dyslexia Association.

The school is pleased to support Mrs Taylor in this work and, where appropriate, can help to facilitate access to her services. Please note that in most cases, any work undertaken in this capacity is part of Mrs Taylor's independent practice and would be arranged on a private, fee-paying basis.

If you would like to find out more, Mrs Taylor can be contacted via the school office or directly at [insightdyslexia@outlook.com](mailto:insightdyslexia@outlook.com)

### 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.



### 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.

