



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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

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## HEADLINES FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** SATs week begins

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May:** PTA meeting in school at 7:00pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** No Forest School & No Shinpo Martial Arts

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

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.**



## SATS TESTS WEEK

Next week will see the children in Year 6 undertake the national SATs tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. The children have worked so incredibly hard all year and are more than ready. We are already extremely proud of them. It is important that the children do not feel unduly pressured during the tests. There are some practical things that you can do at home next week to help prepare your child:

- Ensure they eat a good healthy breakfast, bring a water bottle and arrive at school in plenty of time;
- Help them to get a good night's sleep.

School will be a calm and quiet environment, to help the Year 6 to feel settled and confident. What the tests do not assess is what makes each child at St Chad's special and unique. Each day, we see Year 6 working hard, being caring and kind, making one another laugh, participating in clubs and activities, being trustworthy and thoughtful and above all, trying every day to be the very best version of themselves. We can't ask for anything more!



## PTA UPDATES

**MOVIE NIGHT: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 3:15-5:00pm - Tickets are now available to book on ParentPay.**

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.

**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. Entry is free, with games and food being available to pay for on the day.

**Booklets and time-slots for the treasure hunt now available to book on ParentPay!** 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.



## NO FOREST SCHOOL OR MARTIAL ARTS @ BREAKFAST CLUB NEXT WEEK

Please note that there will be **NO** Forest School Sessions next week and **NO** Martial Arts @ Breakfast Club whilst our Year 6 children undertake their SATs tests.

## UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Some spare uniform items have been put out in the school entrance. Please feel free to help yourselves to any items, and add any pre-loved items that other families may benefit from. We hope this saves a few pennies.

## SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (LEVY) UPDATE – NEARLY THERE!

We are down to **just a £94 shortfall** to enable us to pay the Archdiocese School Building Fund (Levy), which equates to **just another 6 x 200 club subscriptions**.



*Thank you to everyone who has helped us reach the current total* by subscribing to our 200 club or by paying the £10 per family levy. It would be fantastic if we could just raise that extra £94 shortfall to protect our very limited non-government funds as we are not permitted to use our core budget for this.

**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 April winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Mr Keith Scarlett	140	£50.00
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Mrs Claire Lynn	94	£30.00
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Mrs Jane Manwaring	55	£20.00



## DINOSAUR THEMED LUNCH

We will be offering a Dinosaur themed lunch on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. The menu will be:

Brontosaurus Beef or Carnivorous Chicken Burger in a Bun  
With Fossil Fries, Herbivore Sticks & Swamp Dips

Or

Jurassic Jacket Potato with choice of filling & Salad

Followed by

Swamp Mud Cake Chocolate Traybake

Or

Volcanic Lava Delight Jelly & Ice Cream with Strawberry Sauce



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@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.southworth@st-chads.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)

## 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
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	-	Dinosaur Themed Lunch
	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
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Infant Trip to Sea Life Centre, Blackpool
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
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00pm	A Celebration of Year 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all welcome)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Chorley FC Half Term Flyer
- Dino Day
- Wildwood Warriors
- Chorley Flower Show - Children's Entries

## FOREST SCHOOL – CLASS 1 AND YEAR 3

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



## REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

### 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

### 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.

#### 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.