



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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HEADLINES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday 18th May: Enterprise Week begins

Wednesday 20th May: Shinpo Martial Arts resumes, Class 1 & Year 3 Forest School, Movie Night

Thursday 21st May: 11:00am Service for Our Lady in church (all welcome!)

Friday 22nd May: School closes for half term

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY - SERVICE 21st MAY

We invite all our families to join us at a special service in church on Thursday 21st 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.



SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (LEVY) UPDATE

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who has either subscribed to our 200 club or paid the £10 per family levy! We have now reached the total needed to enable us to pay the School Building Fund (Levy) without having to use any of our very limited non-government funds as we are not permitted to use our core budget to pay for this. Thank you for your support!

200 Club

ENTERPRISE WEEK

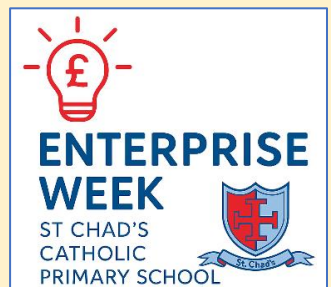
Next week, we are excited to be launching our *Enterprise Week*, an engaging and practical learning experience for all pupils. This forms an important part of our PSHE curriculum, helping children to develop valuable life skills that will support them both now and in the future.

In the **infant classes**, children will be exploring the concept of money in a hands-on way. They will learn about value, how money is earned, how to make thoughtful spending choices and the importance of saving. Each class has been presented with a £20 note in assembly today, which they will use as part of their learning. Pupils will have the opportunity to decide how best to spend their money to achieve good value, encouraging discussion, decision-making and teamwork.

In the **junior classes**, pupils will take on the exciting challenge of becoming young entrepreneurs. Each class will set up and run their own small business, starting with the same £20 investment. They will plan and create products using raw materials, manage a budget, develop marketing strategies and prepare for sales. Their finished products will be sold at the upcoming PTA summer event – a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their hard work and creativity.

If a class makes a profit, they will be able to decide collectively how to spend their earnings, promoting further discussion about responsibility, choice and community.

We look forward to seeing the enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork that Enterprise Week always inspires in our pupils.



INTERVIEW DAYS

On Monday and Tuesday next week, we will be interviewing for the Class 1 teaching post. Part of the recruitment process involves lesson observations, so if children in Class 1 talk about visitors teaching them, this will explain why. This is a crucial part of a rigorous process to find the best teacher and one that children enjoy being part of. We will inform parents of the appointment in due course.

PTA UPDATES

MOVIE NIGHT: Wednesday 20th 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, as voted for by the children:

Screen 1: How to Train Your Dragon

Screen 2: Swapped

Screen 3: Wild Robot

Popcorn will be provided, but children may also bring a drink and a treat snack. No fizzy drinks please.

SUMMER EVENT: Saturday 6th June 11:00am – 2:00pm Booklets and time-slots for the treasure hunt now available to book on ParentPay!

The event will include a treasure hunt (with optional add-on 'Mini Mudder' obstacle course on the top field) and some traditional summer games, along with food and refreshments. Full details of games, stalls, etc coming soon! Entry is free, with games and food being available to pay for on the day. All are welcome to join this family-fun community event!

Summer Event Raffle - Have a look at the attachment for all the wonderful raffle prizes available this year, which are geared around creating a memorable summer with our children more affordable! We have family tickets for a range of local days out, from farms to pottery making, outdoor pursuits, train trips, holiday clubs and ice cream parlours. We even have a full school uniform up for grabs! This year raffle tickets will be available for sale on the day of the summer event only, to keep things simple, and charged at their usual price of £1 a ticket.



DINOSAUR THEMED LUNCH

We will be offering a Dinosaur themed lunch on **Friday 22nd 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.southwrth@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)

SPORTS DAY

As advertised in the Dates for the Diary' for a few weeks, Sports Day is planned for **Tuesday 2nd June** at 1:30pm. As ever, this all depends on the weather, so we will inform you on the Monday if the forecast is too bad, otherwise we will attempt to go ahead and remain optimistic! The Sports Day is held on the 'Top Field' of South Hill and parents/ grandparents are warmly welcome to spectate. There are a couple of ways to access the field:

1. Through the school grounds – this route can sometimes be quite boggy in places and uneven underfoot, so please consider accessibility. If you wish to follow this route, please enter through the main school gates and make your way to the back playground and the school field. We will then signpost you to the 'top field'.
2. Through the graveyard – This is often the drier route, although the final section may be uneven under foot too.



Please line the left side of the track only, and we will take care of the children on the right-hand side. Please refrain from bringing drinks or snacks for them, as it is unfair to allow some but not others. If the weather is hot, children will bring their own water bottles with them. Please also send children in with sunhats, should the sun choose to shine on us. If time allows, we will also have a toddler race as usual. Feel free to bring garden chairs or picnic blankets for your comfort!

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO HOTHERSALL LODGE

Now that SATs are behind us, Year 6 turn their attention to the other summer term activities. Hothersall Lodge will soon be upon us, so you will shortly receive a link to a video with full details of everything you need to know. This is instead of meeting in person, allowing families to access the information at a convenient time. If you have any questions whatsoever after this, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Topp or Mrs Muldoon.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Summer Event Raffle Prizes
- CSSP May Learn To Ride
- Ebb & Flo Flyer
- Let's Talk Flyer
- Parenting Courses
- Wheelton Grape & Grain Posters

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.



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
18 th – 22 nd May	-	Enterprise 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	-	Dinosaur Themed Lunch
	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
Tuesday 7 th July	-	Infant Trip to Sea Life Centre, Blackpool
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
Tuesday 14 th July	6:00pm	A Celebration of Year 6
Thursday 16 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all welcome)
Friday 17 th July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

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.

FOREST SCHOOL – CLASS 1 AND YEAR 3

DATES	CLASSES TAKING PART	
	MORNING	AFTERNOON
20 th May	Year 3	Class 1
3 rd June	Year 3	Class 1
10 th June	No Forest School	
17 th June	Year 3	Class 1
24 th June	Year 3	Class 1
1 st July	No Forest School	
8 th July	Year 3	Class 1
15 th July	Year 3	Class 1



REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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 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.

[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