



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY EASTERTIDE

As we return to school, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a blessed and JOYOUS Easter season, which includes the 50 days leading us up to the feast of Pentecost. May the message of hope and renewal continue to inspire and uplift us all. The summer term brings so many opportunities for growth, which we intend to harness and relish. Class newsletters will be sent out next week, where we will share the exciting and engaging curriculum for the coming term. Updates on whole school matters will be communicated via these weekly newsletters.

May I thank you for your ongoing support. Mr J Riley



REST IN PEACE POPE FRANCIS – A MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP:



Brother and sisters,

It is with a sense of deep sadness with thanksgiving to God for a life lived in the Lord's service, that we have learned today of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis.

From the first moments of his pontificate, as a bishop from the peripheries on 13 March 2013, he has impacted the minds and hearts of many in the world seeking that we should all be "fratelli tutti" - brothers and sisters together, in this our common home.

The Catholic Church has lost its universal Pastor, and so today we pray for his eternal rest, we thank God for the much good he has done, and we pray for the Cardinals as they move to elect another successor of Saint Peter to continue to guide and lead the Church in 2025. I have many fond memories of meeting him, most recently in January at the first general audience of the Jubilee Year.

I will remember him as a kind and welcoming priest and bishop. Francis asked everyone who met him to never to forget to pray for him - let us assure him of our prayers that he would finally meet the good shepherd and gentle judge he so zealously served.

With my prayers for you all,

+ Malcolm McMahon OP

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY – SPECIAL SERVICE 1ST 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 1st 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.**



FUNDRAISING UPDATES:

The Class 4 Coffee Morning on the last day of term raised an incredible £375.00 for CAFOD!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



SPRING / 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 \(click for link\)](#). This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 1 st May	11:00am	Service in church (May, the Month of Mary) All welcome!
	5:30-7:30pm	Spelling Bee at Holy Cross (TBC)
Thursday 8 th May	9:15am	Class 4 Mass
Thursday 8th May	-	VE day 80th Anniversary Lunch
12 th – 15 th May	-	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 15th May	-	National Dinosaur Day Lunch
19 th – 23 rd May	-	Sports Week
Tuesday 20 th May	1:30pm	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 5 th June	-	Y3-5 Anderton Centre Trip
	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Friday 6 th June	9:30am	Music Concert
Sunday 8 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 4 (Pentecost)
10 th – 13 th June	-	Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6)
Thursday 12 th June	2:00pm	Good Shepherd Mass - Leyland (Y5)
Sunday 15 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 5 (Father's Day)
16 th – 18 th June	-	Reception Road Safety Course
Thursday 19 th June	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
	6:15-8:00pm	Thomas Martland Maths Competition (Holy Cross)
Saturday 21 st June	11:00am	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 th June	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 26 th June	9:15am	Class 2 Mass
Friday 27 th June	2:30pm	Class 1 'Celebration of the Word' for parents
Monday 30 th June	-	Y4 Communicants Celebration Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	-	New Classes Sample Day (& High School)
Thursday 3 rd July	9:15am	Class 1 Mass (with Buddies)
Friday 4 th July	-	Year 6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's
Tuesday 15 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Celebration Evening
Thursday 17 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all invited)
Monday 21 st July	9:30am	Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving
	3:15pm	Art Gallery (change of date)
Tuesday 22 nd July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

MAY PROMOTION LUNCHES

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

We will be offering our VE day anniversary lunch on **Thursday 8th May**. The menu will be:



Assorted Sandwiches, Margherita Pizza Bites, Sausage Roll
With Veg Sticks, Dips & Crisps
Followed by
Chocolate Muffin & Fruit Wedges

NATIONAL DINOSAUR DAY LUNCH

We will be offering our National Dinosaur Day lunch on **Thursday 15th May**. The menu will be:

Brontosaurus Burger or T-Rexadillas
With Fossil Fries, Herbivore Platter & Swamp Dip
Or
Jurassic Jackets with a choice of Filling
Followed by
Volcano Cake or Lava Delight

These menus will be available to the whole school on these days. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Thursday but wish 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 a Thursday do not need to reply, they will choose from the menu on the day as usual. 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).

PTA NEWS - SAVE THE DATES

Following last night's meeting, we have planned two exciting summer events that the PTA are organising. Full details to follow, but you may wish to save the dates – see below:

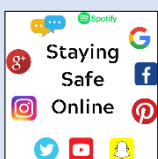
- **Friday 23rd May – Sponsored 'Colour Run' on top field**
- **Saturday 5th July – Family Treasure Hunt**

SPONSORED COLOUR RUN

On Friday 23rd May we will be concluding our 'Sports Week' with a sponsored Colour Run on the top field 12:30-3:00pm. A Colour Run is a fun run, not a competitive race, where participants are showered with colourful, safe, biodegradable powder along the course. All children will be provided with a white t-shirt free of charge so that the colour stands out and it doesn't ruin any of their own clothes. We will stagger the event throughout the afternoon so each class has their own time and space. Year 6 will have the opportunity to run and support their Reception buddies. We'll be taking lots of photos to share with parents and children will be awarded with a certificate of participation. This is a fully inclusive event and the sponsored element is just an invite, not essential. We will provide full details and more information on the sponsorship process soon, along with a form to use should you wish to.



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 social media, screentime and group chats.** We hope it helps.

EL CLUB ESPAÑOL



Hola! Are you planning holidays to Spain or other Spanish-speaking countries this Summer? Wouldn't it have been awesome if your child could speak some of the language there? Learning Spanish is a fun and useful skill and learning at primary school age gives your child the best chance of discovering a love of languages which will serve them throughout their education and life.

Our Fun Spanish Clubs will begin again at St Chad's for Summer term on Monday 28th April! New children can come along for a no obligation taster any Monday. Our fun clubs allow your child to get started on a new and exciting language, with the help of fun games, songs, stories and drama, and children can try any time! We have two clubs – one takes place at lunchtime and one after school, offering a fun and educational alternative to after school club, and they are open to all levels of ability.

Fun Spanish After School Club for Rec- Y6 is a 1-hour club and takes place on Mondays until 4.25pm for 10 weeks in the Summer Term, fees are £7.10 per session, payable termly.

Fun Spanish Lunchtime Club for Rec-Y6 is a 30-min club and takes place at 12-12.30 on Mondays for 10 weeks in the Summer Term, fees are £5.80 per session, payable termly.

There is no membership fee payable until September for children joining in the Summer term, then membership fee for new members is £13.95 and children receive a songbook and CD with folder and sticker chart and it includes free access to our internet gamezone and access to all the LCF French & Spanish music via streaming on any device. Sibling discounts and monthly direct debits/card payment options are available.

Beginners are most welcome and all children can have a no-obligation taster for these clubs by signing up at www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol and paying AFTER the trial session, by skipping the payment stage of the sign up until the trial is complete. If your child doesn't wish to continue, then you don't need to pay anything.

Please contact Chris Abalain if you would like more information on these clubs, you can email chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk or call 07917 848745.

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

SHOPPING ONLINE



Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do any shopping online, book your next Holiday or buy home, travel or car insurance.

Over 6,000 shops including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Etsy and many other high street stores, fashion brands and sites will donate to:

St Chad's PTA Fund at no extra cost to you! You can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, food and lots more.

Scan the QR code or visit : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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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.