



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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

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## HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AFTER HALF TERM:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** School re-opens for the final half term of the school year

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Sports Day 1:30pm (all welcome)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Shinpo Martial Arts, Class 1 & Year 3 Forest School

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Class 5 Mass

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** Anderton Centre Trip Y3-5

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Sacramental Preparation Session 4

## HAPPY HALF TERM!

It is hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by. The children have shown tremendous effort and enthusiasm in all they have done, and it has been wonderful to see the progress they continue to make across the school. We are incredibly proud of their achievements. Thank you, as always, to our parents for your ongoing support. Your encouragement at home and partnership with the school make a real difference to the children's success. We are now looking ahead to an exciting final half term, with many events, trips and activities planned. It promises to be a busy and enjoyable time for everyone. In the meantime, we hope you have a restful half term break. With the sunny weather upon us, it's a perfect opportunity to spend time outdoors and recharge ready for the weeks ahead. Enjoy the sunshine and your time together.

## SUMMER EVENT UPDATES

**UNIFORM AND FOREST SCHOOL KIT SWAP SHOP:** There will be a stall at the Summer Event where families can exchange pre-loved uniform, coats, waterproofs, wellies and other items. Donations can be sent in advance or brought along on the day, and parents are welcome to help themselves to anything available. We hope this will help save money and support our efforts to be more environmentally friendly.



**DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD RANDOM KEYS?!** PTA need donations of old keys of any shape or size for a fun game at the summer event. If you have any random keys lurking in a drawer, could you please send them into school?

**SUMMER EVENT: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

## RED LION 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the Red Lion are celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary! They have organised a number of activities, including raffles and games, and all in the community are invited. They have very kindly offered to donate any money raised to St Chad's. The landlord and landlady are ex-primary teachers and feel it would be lovely to give something back to the school community. We are very grateful for their kindness and support and we will make sure the children benefit directly from the donation.



## WELL DONE TO THE NETBALL TEAM!

Congratulations to our netball team on their recent league matches. They have enjoyed some fantastic victories and have shown great spirit, dignity and teamwork in defeat. Every child has played their part, contributing positively to the team and growing in confidence and skill as a result of the experience. We are very proud of their commitment and attitude throughout. Well done to them all!

## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO HOTHERSALL LODGE

Please check emails for a link to a video presentation with important information about the Hothersall Lodge trip. 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.

## SPORTS DAY

As advertised in the 'Dates for the Diary' for a few weeks, Sports Day is planned for **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our May winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Beckie Livesey	83	£50.00
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Zoe Harrison	101	£30.00
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Hannah Bicknell	39	£20.00

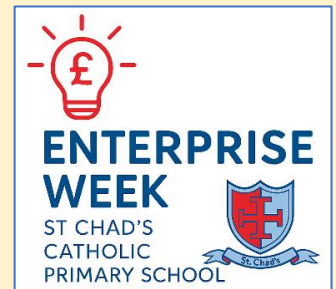


## ATTACHMENTS:

- Summer Event Poster
- Summer Event Raffle
- Class 4 advert
- FACE Family Advice – June Course

## ENTERPRISE WEEK

The children fully embraced Enterprise Week, taking part with great interest and enthusiasm. All classes learned a tremendous amount about money, finance and business, at age-appropriate levels, developing valuable skills along the way. Our junior classes are now preparing to sell their products at the upcoming summer event, and we are excited to see the results of their hard work and creativity in action. The marketing team in the classes produced an advertisement and asked if this could be sent with the newsletter, along with the information below. This showed initiative, which is to be encouraged – see attachments and below.



### MESSAGE FROM CLASS 3 - "STRETCH IT, SQUISH IT, LOVE IT"...

Get ready for some seriously stretchy fun! Class 3 are proud to present their Enterprise Week creation: **Slime Balls** – colourful, gooey and impossible to put down.

Our slime comes in **bright rainbow colours**, is **super stretchy** and perfect for squeezing, stretching and relaxing. Just **£2.50** each – a bargain for so much fun!

You can grab yours at the **Summer Event**, so don't miss out... *"Slime time is the best time"*

### A MESSAGE FROM CLASS 4...

This week is enterprise week and we (Class 4) have been very busy making good quality African inspired bracelets linking to our class novel, 'Journey to Joburg.' Each bracelet has been carefully made and tied with every colour carrying a special meaning and size made just for you. These bracelets bring joy, love, peace and many other good feelings. We have even split into 5 different groups to make sure that this little piece of glam is made just right for you!

Come and shop at:

- Bougie Beads
- Loop de loop labs
- Busy Bee Bracelets
- Bead Blast
- Amazing African Beaded Bracelets

They will be sold at the summer event on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in the main hall, prices are £2 per bracelet or £3.50 for 2. We are also proud to say that 50p



from every purchase will go to Derian House to help make a difference. Every purchase also comes with a free balloon (whilst stocks last) and we will also have a photo booth next to our stall for only 50p a go. The perfect chance to catch lovely family memories. We can't wait to see you.



### A MESSAGE FROM CLASS 5...

Throughout Enterprise Week, Year 6 have been hard at work creating the brand **Loomiverse!** We have amazing, creative loom bands topped with bookmarks that are various designs and colours made for everyone. We have been working extremely hard as teams putting lots of effort in to be the best we can be. After a visit from Derian House, we decided that all of our proceeds will go towards that charity so please come along on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June between 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and make a purchase for such a good cause. Come and visit **Loomiverse** for products that are out of this world!



## ANNUAL FORMS

**Rec, Year1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 :** It is that time of year again when we need to check that the data we hold for all children is correct so please look out for the Data Forms which were sent home in school bags yesterday. Please thoroughly check all information on the forms, add any amendments that are needed, cross out any old information and fill in any blanks before signing and returning the form to school as soon as you can. **Even if there are no changes to be made, please still sign and return the form so that we know all data is correct.**



We have also made some changes to our permissions, particularly as we have new Facebook and Instagram pages so please refer to the email sent yesterday with the link to the online permissions form everyone needs to complete.

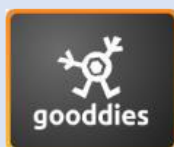
**Year 2:** There are extra forms for Year 2 parents to complete in respect of new permissions, home school agreement, technology agreement etc., which are all relevant to children in the Juniors. A separate email has been sent providing the links to the online forms which need to be completed for all Year 2 children. Please respond as soon as possible to allow us time to update the data on our systems before the Summer.

## FREE JUNIOR BACKPACK

Just a reminder that children currently in Year 2 who will be moving into the Juniors in September, will receive a **FREE** Junior backpack from school. We plan to hand these out during the new class taster morning at the beginning of July.



## UNIFORM ORDERS FOR SEPTEMBER



Just a reminder that, if you need to order any new uniform for September, to do so as soon as possible if you would like FREE delivery to school before the Summer Holidays as the deadline will be fast approaching as this is usually sometime around the middle of June. A reminder of delivery options is below.

### Delivery information – Parent online orders

Delivery is approx. 5 – 7 working days (subject to stock availability). You can select express delivery to School at a cost of £3.95 or Home delivery at a cost of £6.95. When your order has been shipped, you will receive a shipping email advising you that your order has been despatched.

### Batch delivery into School

If you choose the batch delivery into School option, orders are collated over a two week period and then embroidered and shipped to School. For orders placed between the 1st of the month up until midnight on the 15th of the month, these will be delivered approximately by the end of the month (term time only). For orders placed between the 16th of the month up until midnight on the last day of the month, these will be delivered approximately by the middle of the following month (term time only).

You can log in to your account to check the status of your order at any time. Visit <https://www.gooddies.co.uk>

## GUITAR TUITION IN SCHOOL

At present, we offer Guitar Tuition to children in school each week through the Lancashire Music Service. After half-term we will be offering places which will open up from September to the next people on the waiting list. If you think your child might be interested in learning to play the guitar their name can be added to our list of interest by emailing [k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk).



## MRS STRICKLAND PIANO AND VOCAL TUITION



Mrs Strickland will have places becoming available in September for Piano and Vocal Tuition in School. If your child might be interested, please contact Mrs Strickland directly at [musickps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:musickps@yahoo.co.uk)

## AWARDS FROM LAST YEAR

If your children received one of our 'end of year' awards last year, could you please send it back into the school office as soon as possible after half-term. If you are in contact with any children who left St. Chad's last year who won a leavers award trophy or shield, can you please ask them to return them to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.



## 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
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

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

