



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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## HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** 9:15am Mass for Year 4 in church & communicants celebration day

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Holy Cross intake evening meeting

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** Shinpo Martial Arts & **no Class 1 & Year 3 Forest School**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** New Reception taster morning

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** 7-9pm Swimming Gala

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Move up day & Y6 high school sample day

The summer term is flying by and we only have three weeks to go before the end of the school year. Where has the time gone?! We have so much to pack into these final few weeks so, in an attempt to be as organised as possible, this newsletter provides details of the events that will be taking place. Consequently, I'm afraid it is quite a long one! If you have any questions about any of the information included, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Some class-specific events, such as those relating to our Year 6 leavers, will be communicated separately by class teachers via Seesaw. All key dates can be found in the 'Summer Term Dates for the Diary' section.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we return to more normal temperatures this week, we will also return to our usual summer uniform. Thank you for managing the PE kits all week last week. It really did help to keep the children as cool and comfortable as possible.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

What a beautiful occasion as the children took the next step on their journey of faith. They were reverent, respectful and clearly understood the significance of the sacrament, whilst also thoroughly enjoying this special day. We are very proud of them all.



## INVITATION FOR GIFT BLESSINGS

We invite children to bring along any religious gifts they received for their First Holy Communion so that Fr Mark can bless them during the parish Mass on Monday 29th June at 9.15am. Parents are always welcome too, if you are available.

## SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Please follow these accounts to receive our feed and share with friends and prospective families:

**Facebook:** St Chads Catholic Primary School

**Instagram:** StChadsChorley

## CUT GRAPES

Could any grapes being sent into school for lunches and snacks, please be cut in half. This vastly reducing risks of choking. Thank you.



## NO FOREST SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Please be reminded that, as scheduled, there will be no Forest School this week.

## MRS DERBYSHIRE

Last week, Mrs Derbyshire was interviewed for a position at St Joseph's, Chorley, and was successfully appointed. This role represents a well-deserved step forward in her career as she progresses to a higher level of teaching assistant. Whilst she will be greatly missed, we are delighted for her and know that she thoroughly deserves this opportunity. Mrs Derbyshire will begin her new role in September, so we will shortly begin our recruitment process, with the intention of appointing someone to start after the October half-term break. In the meantime, we are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Monaghan back in September. She has kindly offered her support to allow us time to complete a thorough recruitment process. Over the coming weeks, we will be expressing our thanks to Mrs Derbyshire for her sincere care, dedication and commitment to the children she has supported and to the school community as a whole. We wish her every success in her new role.

## SWIMMING GALA

Good luck to our swimming team, who will be competing in the annual swimming gala on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. They will be taking on some of the strongest swimmers from across the district and we know they will represent St Chad's brilliantly and give their very best effort.

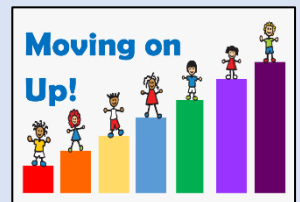
## RECEPTION TASTER DAY

Our new Reception children will be visiting school for a taster morning on **Wednesday 1st July** from 9.15am to 11.15am. During this time, they will spend time with Mrs Aldridge and Mrs Coyle, becoming familiar with their classroom and meeting their new friends. In the afternoon, Mrs Aldridge will also spend time with the children who will be in her Year 1 class. Letters will be sent out ahead of Wednesday confirming class arrangements for Year 1 and Year 4 children.

## MOVE UP DAY

On **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, all our children will be sampling their new Year Groups in our 'moving up day'. Children in current Year 2 to Year 5 will enter and register in their normal classrooms, then spend the full day in their new year groups.

Children in current Reception and Year 1 will spend the morning sampling their new year groups. For some children, this will mean a new classroom and teacher; for others, it will provide an opportunity to experience the greater responsibilities that come with being in the older part of their class. Personalised letters will be sent out this ahead of Wednesday to confirm class arrangements for Year 1 and Year 4 children.



## JUNIOR DUKE

Please return any remaining Junior Duke Award entries as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for them to be checked and for certificates and badges to be processed before the end of the school year.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

We welcome back some of our past pupils this week on their Year 10 work experience placement. They will be supporting the staff and children in the following classes:

Class 1	Aimee Humphrey	Class 2	Olivia Walsh
Class 3	Georgia Hibbert	Class 4	Eilish Laing
Class 5	Esme Cunliffe		

## REPORTS DATE

We anticipate that we will send the annual school reports home on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. Please look out for these in school bags. We also warmly welcome any feedback and would be grateful if you could return the feedback form included with the report.

## ART EXHIBITION



With this term being our 'Create' term, we will be displaying the children's artwork in a 'gallery style' event at the end of the term. This will provide an opportunity to view your child's beautiful artwork and browse through their impressive sketchbooks. The exhibition will take place on **Monday 13th July from 3.15pm** onwards. Please enter via the external classroom doors. We look forward to welcoming you.

## FINAL ASSEMBLY

As always, you are warmly invited to join us for our final assembly of the year, where we will reflect on the year together, say our thank yous and goodbyes and present some of our traditional awards. The assembly will take place on **Thursday 16th July at 9.30am** in the school hall. Please enter via the rear entrance to the hall after drop-off or at any point before 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome.

## 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>**

## 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
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am	Year 4 Mass in church (bring communion gifts)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Year 6-7 Intake Evening at Holy Cross
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9:15-11:15am	New Receptions Taster Morning
	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	Moving Up Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 4 Cathedral Trip
	-	Year 2 Fire Safety Talk
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
	3:15pm	Art Exhibition
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00pm	A Celebration of Year 6 (Leavers' Play & Awards)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 6 Leavers Celebration Lunch
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all welcome)
	3:00-5:00pm	Year 6 Bowling & Pizza at ReBel
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

## CLASS & STAFFING STRUCTURE 2026/27

The class and staffing structure for 2026/27 is explained in the chart below. I have included photos for a more personal approach so that you can put faces to names. We are confident that our class structures, staffing and curriculum from September 2026 will offer excellent provision for all children.

	CLASS NAME	YEAR GROUPS	TEACHER/S	SUPPORT STAFF
INFANTS	Class 1 Year 1 Support (a.m.) Class 2 Support (p.m.)			Miss Brennan 
	Class 1	Reception	Mrs Aldridge 	Mrs Coyle 
		Year 1 (youngest)		
	Class 2	Year 1 (eldest)	Mrs Taylor (2.5 days) & Mrs Ingham (2.5 days)	Mrs Turner (a.m.) 
Year 2				
JUNIORS	Class 3	Year 3	Mrs Deacon 	Mrs Monaghan
		Year 4 (youngest)		
	Class 4	Year 4 (eldest)	Miss Gillibrand 	Mrs Murphy 
		Year 5		
	Class 5	Year 6	Mrs Topp (3 days) & Mrs Muldoon (2 days)	Mrs Mitchell 
<b>Breakfast &amp; After School Club</b>			Ashley Parker Mrs Dalton	Mrs Mitchell
<b>Welfare Staff</b>			Mrs Dalton Mrs Turner	Mrs Murphy Miss Lavery
<b>Office Staff</b>			Mrs Southworth	Miss Lavery
<b>Site Supervisor</b>			Mr De Jongh	
<b>Kitchen Staff</b>			Kate Still	Elena Mainea

## AWARDS FROM LAST YEAR

Please see attached the list of awards from last year which still need to be returned to school. If your child received one of our 'end of year' awards last year, could you please send it back into the school office as soon as possible. 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.



## DATA AND PERMISSIONS

- **We are still missing quite a few Data Forms for children in Rec, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5** :. Please thoroughly check all information on the forms, add any amendments, cross out any old information and fill in any blanks before signing and returning the form to school. **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 are also missing some completed online permission forms.** If you haven't yet completed the permissions form(s), please can you do so as soon as possible. **We have made some changes to our permissions, particularly as we have new Facebook and Instagram pages, so it is important that everyone confirms their permission choices.**
- **We are still missing the extra forms needed for Year 2 moving into Year 3** for permissions, home school agreement, technology agreement etc., which are all relevant to children in the juniors. The links to the online forms can be found in the email sent out before half-term.



## RECEPTION ROAD SAFETY COURSE

A couple of weeks ago, our Reception children were learning how to stay safe whilst walking near roads. See Right Start Newsletter below, so that you are equipped to support and reinforce the messages at home.

### Right Start Stage 1 – Newsletter information for Parents/Carers

#### Stage 1

This term our Reception children have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 1 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. This programme teaches your children how to keep themselves safe when out and about in the traffic environment and to apply the rules of the Green Cross Code every time they cross a road. They have been taught how important it is that they:

- **Think** – is this the safest place to cross the road?
- **Stop** - with their feet back from the kerb, which gives them time to Look and Listen.
- **Look** - for any vehicles that might be coming on the road – remember, children of this age are unable to judge speed and distance.
- **Listen** - for vehicles. They may hear something before they can see it – remind them though, that electric cars make very little noise.
- **Think again** – have they followed the rules, and will they keep Looking and Listening the whole time they are crossing the road?

They have also been reminded to play in a safe place away from traffic and to wear or carry something bright so they can be seen at the roadside by other road users. Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Visit <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-227QM7V5> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by Monday 22 June.**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER – THE BIG SURVEY.....**

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school take part in my new survey, The Big Future.

Your pupils can take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

As many of your Year 6 pupils will have recently finished their SATs, this could be a great opportunity for them to reflect on their time at primary school and share their hopes and ideas for the future in their own words.

I want to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. I'm asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today.

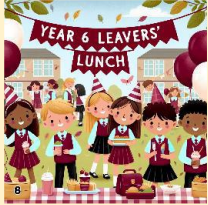
Schools with particularly high participation rates will receive formal recognition for helping amplify children's voices, along with a summary of their pupils' responses, and an invite to my final Festival of Childhood.

I'll publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

Thank you very much for your support.

**Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England**

## **YEAR 6 LEAVERS CELEBRATION LUNCH**



We will be holding a special celebration lunch for our Year 6 leavers on **Wednesday 15th July**. Our Year 6 children have chosen to have a buffet style lunch including the items listed below. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday but would like to have the Year 6 celebration lunch, please email [k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.southworth@st-chads.lancs.sch.uk) to so that your child's name can be added to the list:

### **Buffet Menu Items**

Chicken Goujons ❖ Potato Footballs ❖ Mini Tortilla wraps ❖ Sausage Roll  
Tortilla Chips ❖ Veg Sticks ❖ Mac'n'cheese

Followed by

Cocoa Krispie Cakes

This menu will be available to the whole school on this day. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday 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 a Wednesday 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)

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- This week's attachments will follow at a later date

## REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

### PTA SUMMER EVENT - REFLECTIONS

**Feedback:** PTA welcome feedback after their events, which really helps with planning for future events. Could you kindly spare a few minutes to submit your reflections on the event, using the link below? Many thanks indeed.








### [LINK TO SUMMER EVENT FEEDBACK FORM](#)

### FRESH AIR LIVING

#### A Low-Tox Laundry Talk & Workshop.




What if “clean” didn’t come from a bottle full of hidden ingredients...but from something simpler and closer to nature?


Gemma Goes Natural is hosting a relaxed village hall event where you’ll explore:

-  what’s really in everyday laundry products
-  simple, natural swaps that actually work
-  a hands-on make-your-own workshop
-  seasonal refreshments, think elderflower & hedgerow inspired
-  how to bring nature back into your home & life

No overwhelm. No perfection. Just real-life, low-tox living you can take home and use straight away.

✦ Plus, there will be a small selection of handmade, small batch, natural products available if you’d like to see, smell or try anything in person.

 Heapey and wheelton village hall, PR6 8HJ  Sunday 28th June  1.30pm - 4pm

 Limited spaces available. See attached leaflet for how to book & secure your place.

### 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)

### 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).



### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

