



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Thursday 9th July 2026

Parish Newsletter Available at <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>

HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 13th July: 9:30am Thanksgiving Mass in church
Monday 13th July: 3:30pm Art Exhibition
Tuesday 14th July: 6:00pm A Celebration of Year 6
Wednesday 15th July: Shinpo Martial Arts & Class 1 & Year 3 Forest School
Wednesday 15th July: Leavers' Lunch
Thursday 16th July: 9:30am Final Assembly
Thursday 16th July: 3:00pm Y6 to ReBel
Friday 17th July: 2:15pm School Closes For Summer

May I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support. It is a privilege to serve this wonderful and loving school community. The staff are incredibly skilled and committed to providing the very best care and education for your children, and they are a joy to work with. It has been a genuine privilege to see our children grow and progress, not only academically but also in their personal development, becoming confident, caring and resilient young people. The governors are a valued critical friend, helping to ensure that the school continues to grow and improve, and we are fortunate to have their support. Parents have been so kind and encouraging throughout the year. Fr Mark has ensured that the spiritual life of both the school and parish continues to go from strength to strength. We are one family, with one mission. And as for the children... well, they are simply amazing and brighten even the toughest of days! Their little lights shine each and every day, and they are the reason we do what we do.

On behalf of the staff and governors, may I wish you a healthy, restful and enjoyable summer. Mr J Riley

END OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note that, as usual for the end of term, we finish at the earlier time of 2.15pm on Friday 17th July. There will be no After School Club on that day.

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

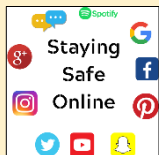
As always, you are warmly invited to join us for our final assembly of the year, where we will reflect on the year together, say our thank yous and goodbyes and present some of our traditional awards. The assembly will take place on **Thursday 16th July at 9.30am** in the school hall. Please enter via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



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL - PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Thank you for helping to keep the playground safe before and after school, especially for our little ones. It is much appreciated and has made a big difference.

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 ban, WhatsApp, Livestreaming, Netflix Playground, moving to high school, Instagram and screentime over the summer. We hope it helps.

HUGE THANKS TO THE RED LION

We are grateful to the Red Lion landlord and lady for kindly donating £200 to our school from their recent anniversary celebration. This is such a lovely gesture of support from our friends in the community. We will make sure the children directly benefit from this money.

REPORTS DATE

We anticipate that we will send the annual school reports home on **Monday 13th 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.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

The Department for Education has confirmed significant changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility which will come into effect from September 2026.

What is changing?

Eligibility is broadening significantly, meaning more families will qualify, even if they have not previously been eligible.



- **Expanded eligibility From September 2026.**

All pupils in households receiving **Universal Credit** will be entitled to free school meals.
(The current £7,400 household income cap is being removed.)

- **End of transitional protections**

Transitional protections, which have ensured continued entitlement for some pupils since 2018, will end at the close of the 2025/26 academic year.

Please see separate email and attached flyer for more information along with details of how to apply if you think you now qualify.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our **July** winners:

PRIZE	NAME	MEMBER NO.	AMOUNT
1 ST	Mrs J Ingham	116	£50.00
2 ND	Mrs A Derbyshire	24	£30.00
3 RD	Mrs R Harper	84	£20.00



MONEY MATTERS



Can you please log into ParentPay to check the balances on your Dinner money, After School Club and Breakfast Club and make any payments for outstanding balances before we break up for Summer. Thank you.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Online Safety Newsletter

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 13 th July	9:30am	Thanksgiving Mass (whole School) in church
	3:15pm	Art Exhibition
Tuesday 14 th July	6:00pm	A Celebration of Year 6 (Leavers' Play & Awards)
Wednesday 15 th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Celebration Lunch
Thursday 16 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all welcome) in school hall
	3:00-5:00pm	Year 6 Bowling & Pizza at ReBel
Friday 17 th July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

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 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.southowrth@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)

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 
Breakfast & After School Club			Ashley Parker	Mrs Dalton Mrs Mitchell
Welfare Staff			Mrs Dalton Mrs Turner	Mrs Murphy Miss Lavery
Office Staff			Mrs Southworth	Miss Lavery
Site Supervisor			Mr De Jongh	
Kitchen Staff			Kate Still	Elena Mainea

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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 chocking. Thank you.

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.

