



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Thursday 16th July 2026

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HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Friday 17th July: 2:15pm School Closes For Summer

Thursday 3rd September: School reopens

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. 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 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. 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.

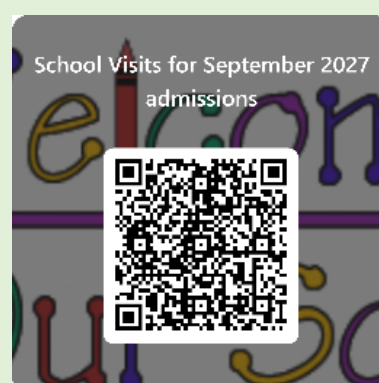
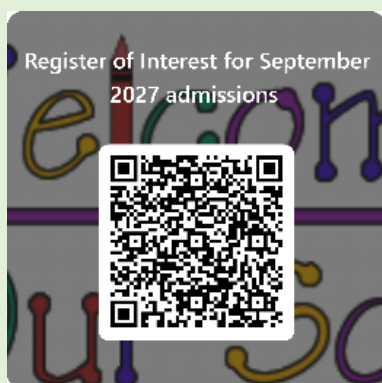
On behalf of the staff and governors, may I wish you a healthy, restful and enjoyable summer. Mr J Riley

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.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

We are already planning ahead for the next round of admissions for Reception in September 2027. It would be most appreciated if you could spread the word with family and friends who have an eligible child. Families may register their interest and book on to open days throughout the autumn term using the QR links below.



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.

YEAR 6 LONDON TRIP

Lindsay Hoyle's office have informed us of the annual 'Speaker's Day' a few months earlier than usual, which is really helpful for our planning. Even more excitingly, we have just been informed that our application has been successful, meaning that our Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in this very special trip to London on **Thursday 25th February 2027**. Full details will be shared with families in September, but we wanted to pass on this exciting news at the earliest opportunity. We know this promises to be a memorable experience for our Year 6 children.



LOST PROPERTY - SMALL BLACK ELECTRIC FAN

This item was left in the hall after yesterday's final assembly. It is in the school office for collection, should the owner wish to retrieve it. Hopefully it will be needed over the summer holidays!

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.

ANAPHYLAXIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Anaphylaxis UK is holding a support group meeting at St Chads Catholic Primary School on 9th September 7pm - 8.30pm. This will be led by an Anaphylaxis UK volunteer group facilitator. The support group is a safe inclusive space where those affected by serious allergies and their families can come together to share support & gain trusted information. If you know anyone who is affected by this and would benefit from attending please share this information. Further details to follow after the summer break.

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 17 th July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer
Thursday 3 rd September	8:45am	School Reopens

ATTACHMENTS:

- Baby & Toddler Group
- Summer Sports Club leaflets
- Summer Safety information and flyers

TODDLER GROUP FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Exciting news... we will be hosting a volunteer-led baby and toddler group in the school hall, starting 11th September 2026. We used to have a toddler group pre-covid, so it is nice to be able to get this up and running again. Please see attached for details.



St Chad's School Baby and Toddler Playgroup



COME AND JOIN US FOR A PLAY!



Pop up playgroup for children aged 0-4
and their grown ups.



Play and
explore



Story and
song time



Refreshments
included



Meet and
connect

VOLUNTEER LED
£2 SUGGESTED DONATION



No pre booking
necessary



Fridays term time
only 9:00-10:30am



St Chads School hall
South Hill,
Blackburn Road,
Whittle-le-Woods,
Chorley,
Lancashire,
PR6 8LL



Everyone welcome – we can't wait to see you!



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

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.

