



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

4th April 2025

Dear Parents,

As I wrap up my first week as headteacher at St Chad's, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome from both the children and staff. It has been wonderful to meet some parents at the gate, and I encourage everyone to stop and say hello- I'm eager to get to know all our families. With Easter approaching, it's been inspiring to see the children's reflections during this Lenten season. Y2s Palm Sunday enactment was joyful and I was moved by the prayers the children had written, embodying our Gospel values. Year 3 shared beautiful prayers of forgiveness. St James class led us in a truly wonderful reflection through the Stations of the Cross. It was incredibly moving and the children responded with great reverence.

I wish you and your families a happy and holy Easter. This time of year is special as we embrace spring and the warmer weather. We look forward to celebrating and rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord. I hope you find time to attend mass and share in the joy of Easter over the Easter weekend. We will return for the summer term on Tuesday, April 22nd. This upcoming term is always bustling with activities, including SATs, sporting events, trips, and the school journey. I am looking forward to an exciting and fulfilling term ahead.

Lastly, I want to extend my best wishes to all the staff at St Chad's for a happy Easter and a restful break with their families and friends. Our staff works tirelessly for our school community, and I'm sure you agree they deserve this well-earned time off.



On Friday, 28th March, eight KS2 students from St. Chad's School had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Football Activity Day, organised by Crystal Palace Football Club.

The event took place at the club's brand-new training ground in Beckenham, inside their impressive new dome-an unforgettable experience for the children!

Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of football activities, including dribbling around cones, defending, learning the rules of the game, and finishing with a friendly match against Quest School.

It was a fantastic day filled with fun, teamwork, and skill-building. The highlight? Each child was thrilled to receive a medal as a special keepsake of the experience.

Well done to all who took part!



Palace For Life Competition



Palm Sunday Assembly Yr2



On Tuesday, we gathered as a school community to celebrate our Palm Sunday Assembly. Together, we reflected on the reception Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem and considered the lessons we can take from this moment.

It was a meaningful and thought-provoking assembly, reminding us of the importance of faith, courage, and following Jesus' teachings in our daily lives.

Thank you Yr2 for a joyful liturgy.



Rock Steady Concert

On Monday, our 'Rock Steady' group of children, gave an amazing performance to the whole school and some very proud parents. Four bands each presented a melodious piece which they have been working on, showing their increasing keyboard, drumming and guitar skills. Teachers and parents alike were tapping their feet and nodding their heads to the bass of the guitars and the beats of the drums. Well done Rock Steady for a very entertaining concert.



The Way of the Cross

Today, St. James' class beautifully acted out the Stations of the Cross, sharing with the school the final moments of Our Lord in a solemn and reverent way.

Their thoughtful performance provided a powerful reflection on Jesus' journey, allowing us all to pause and remember the true meaning of this sacred time.

Well done to everyone involved for delivering such a moving and meaningful presentation.



St Elizabeth	Shasanth, Shilo
St Luke	Abigail, Caevan
St Martha	Micah, Britney
St Carlos	Zofia, Shalom N
St John Bosco	Wyshown, Eloise
St Catherine	Danielle, Tara
St Martin	Trevell, Maria
St James	Shalom, Benjamin
St Andrew	Liesel, Ameerah
St Therese	David, Kayla
St Brigid	Asantia, Darasimi

Gospel Value



St Elizabeth	Ayla, David O, Krystelle
St Luke	Rita, Nevaeh, Sophia
St Martha	Leah Rose, Fabiola, Keziah
St Carlos	Ife, Onyx, Ayomide
St John Bosco	Leonard, Favour, Jazelle
St Catherine	Brielle, Mikaere, Anaiyah
St Martin	Marisha, Mena, Ayomide
St James	Elvis, Abel S, Kristan
St Andrew	Jonathan, Ebere, Isabelle
St Therese	Abdul, Nicolle, Shayden
St Brigid	Asantia, Chanelle, Sandie

PAF Easter Raffle

A big thank you to the PAF for organising this year's Easter raffle! The children were absolutely delighted with their chocolate treats.

A special congratulations to Angel, who was the lucky winner of the giant Easter egg!

We truly appreciate all the effort that went into making this event so enjoyable for the children.



Coffee Morning



We are pleased to invite you to our next Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, which will take place after the Easter holidays on Thursday, 24th April, at 8:40 AM.

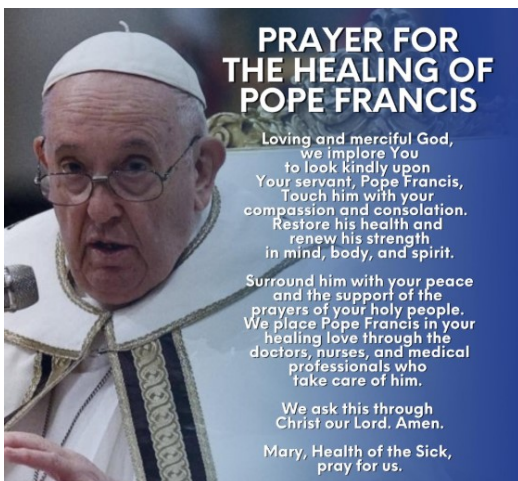
Our new headteacher, Mrs. Lawlor, will be attending and is looking forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

We would love for you to join us - it's a great opportunity to connect with other parents and staff in a relaxed setting.

We hope to see you there!

Please Pray for Pope Francis

It was really encouraging seeing Pope Francis come out of hospital on Sunday, but please do keep praying for his health and well-being.

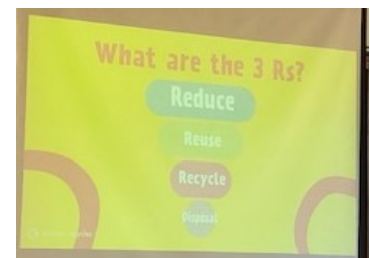


Veolia Assembly

This week, KS1 and KS2 were fortunate to take part in assemblies led by Veolia, the waste disposal agency. Both children and staff gained valuable insights into what can be recycled and where our recycling goes after it leaves the bins.

The sessions also highlighted the importance of recycling in tackling climate change and protecting our environment. It was an eye-opening experience that encouraged everyone to think about how small actions can make a big difference!

A huge thank you to Veolia for inspiring us to be more environmentally responsible!

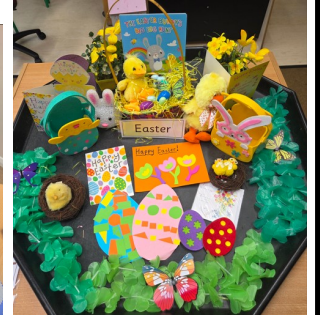


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Yr1 Easter Preparations

Year 1 have been retelling the story of Easter in role play and by sequencing pictures of the events of the story in the correct order. In preparation for Easter, they also made Chocolate Easter cakes and Easter Cards for their parents.



Yr1 Flight

In year one we rounded up our learning about the history of flight by designing and making model planes based on the original Wright Flyer. Just like the first plane invented by the Wright Brothers, our planes had 2 sets of wings, one at the top and one at the bottom!



Attendance

24/03/2025 - 28/03/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	96.6	1.4
St Peter Rec	96.3	0
St Ann Rec	95.2	0
St Elizabeth Y1	96.3	0
St Luke	98.7	0
St Martha Y2	99.7	0
St John Bosco	98.3	0
St Carlos	94.4	0
St Martin	96.4	0
St Catherine	98.9	0
St Andrew Y5	89.6	0
St James Y5	93.3	0
St Therese Y6	100	0
St Brigid Y6	100	0
Totals	96.7	0.1

Regular attendance at school is vital so that children can progress in their learning and friendships. If your child is unwell, please leave a message on the answer phone or email the office by **8am**. The office staff check registers and must follow up on any unexplained absences by 9.15am, so your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for outside school time. Holidays in school time cannot be authorised.



Well done to St Martha's in the infants and St Therese & St Brigid in the Juniors.