



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

20th June 2025

Dear Parents,

Although it was a short week, we still managed to pack in a lot! The children in Year 1 have impressed us with their phonics knowledge and engaged with the national Phonics Screening successfully. The standards reached and the progress made are a testimony to a lot of hard work. I would like to thank the Year 1 staff team for their dedication in preparing and supporting the children so well.

I was delighted and privileged to attend the 3:00pm First Communion Mass at St Chad's on Saturday, 14th June. It was a truly joyful occasion, and our children looked magnificent in their special attire. The singing and participation by the children made the celebration even more meaningful. Thank you to the members of the St Chad's staff team for attending the masses.

I also attended Mass on Wednesday with St Luke's. Once again, the children were excellent ambassadors for our school and read beautifully. The parish has been incredibly welcoming to St Chad's School, and we are very grateful for the strong links that continue to grow within our community.

Thank you for your generous support in bringing in a bottle for our Summer Fair, which will take place next Friday. I am looking forward to seeing all of our families at the event after school on Friday, 27th June. Let's hope this heatwave continues!

In Christ.

Mrs T Lawlor



Looking After God's Planet



CAFOD Club and Infant Gardening Club have been busy caring for God's creation! This week, the children made seed bombs using soil, water, and wildflower seeds. They then threw them in the meadow area of our school field, hoping to encourage more wildflowers to grow and support local wildlife.

This fun and meaningful activity reminded us of the importance of protecting our common home and looking after the beautiful world God has given us. Through small acts like these, our pupils are living out their faith by helping to nurture and care for the environment.

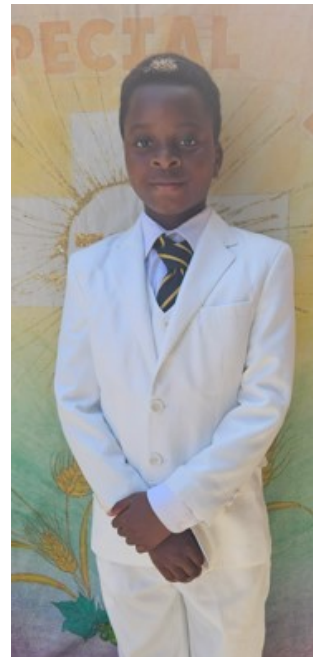


First Holy Communion

Last Saturday, a number of our children celebrated their First Holy Communion — a truly special and joyful milestone in their faith journey. The celebration was a beautiful occasion, filled with reverence, happiness, and a strong sense of community as families, friends, and staff came together to support and pray for them.

It was heart warming to witness each child receive the Eucharist for the first time, deepening their understanding of the sacrament and the significance of Jesus' presence in their lives. This important step brings them closer to God and further strengthens their relationship with Him.





Yr1 Music



St Elizabeth Class enjoyed their Music lesson this week when they played the djembe drums. They followed a pulse and played different rhythms/ beats on the instruments. They also sang a song to the beats of the drum. A well enjoyed session by all!



Nursery News



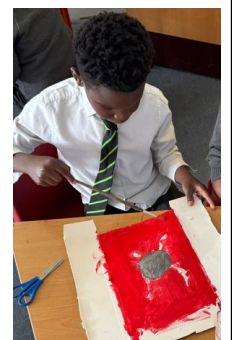
One of our favourite stories is The little Red Hen, so this week we have painted her and made a cut & stick picture . Then we made some bread, just like she did. We can't wait to try the rolls with our homemade butter!



Yr3 Roman Shields Art



To finish our History learning on the Romans, we created our own shields using cereal boxes. We all enjoyed designing, making and painting our shields replicating the patterns and symbols we have been exploring when learning about the Roman army.



South Norwood Community Gardens



Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the local South Norwood Community Gardens this week. During their trip, they collected spinach seeds, explored the flourishing garden beds, and spent time sketching some of the plants and flowers they observed.



The children were amazed by the changes since their last visit — the garden was full of new growth, colours, and wildlife, showing just how much can happen with time, care, and the right conditions. It was a brilliant opportunity to connect with nature, learn more about how plants grow, and appreciate the importance of green spaces in our community.



'Plant Your Pants' Campaign



CAFOD Club and the Infant Gardening Club are excited to be taking part in the Country Trust's national campaign, *Plant Your Pants!* This creative initiative is designed to help children connect with the soil and understand its importance in growing our food and caring for the environment.

As part of the project, the children have buried cotton pants in the soil, which they will dig up after the summer holidays to see what changes have occurred. The more the pants decompose, the healthier the soil! It's a fun and fascinating way to explore nature and learn about the vital role soil plays in God's creation.

We look forward to discovering the results in September!



Summer Fayre

Friday 27th June 3:15-6:00

All Welcome



Attendance

09/06/2025 - 13/06/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	99	0.5
St Peter Rec	96.3	0
St Ann Rec	91.8	0
St Elizabeth Y1	98.5	0
St Luke	96.1	0
St Martha Y2	98.2	0
St John Bosco	92.4	0
St Carlos	99.1	0
St Martin	100	0
St Catherine	98.9	0
St Andrew Y5	92.3	0
St James Y5	97	0
St Therese Y6	99	0
St Brigid Y6	99	0
Totals	97	0

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 Mary's KS1 and St Martin KS2 for being the best attenders last week.

Very good attendance last week with 97% across the school!



St Elizabeth	Shilo, David O
St Luke	Tony, Rita, Zahra
St Martha	Eliora, Micah
St Carlos	Hannah, Mathilda
St John Bosco	Lily, Maya
St Catherine	Kyle, Emmanuel
St Martin	Elijah, Janelle
St James	Joshua, Jesse
St Andrew	Cressida, Arianna
St Therese	Shayden, Angel
St Brigid	Sandie, Asantia

Gospel Value

St Elizabeth	Ayla, Ararat, Shasanth
St Luke	Nathan, Nyla, Rita
St Martha	Chelsea, Whitney, Logan
St Carlos	Ire, Arabella, Ayan
St John Bosco	Jayden, Emmanuel A, Mayank
St Catherine	Brielle, Noah O, Luna
St Martin	Samuel, Iris, Marisha
St James	Elvis, Anastasia, Melvin
St Andrew	Aista, Ameerah, Jayda
St Therese	Zofia, Ezra, Kayla
St Brigid	Darasimi, Joshua, Soriah

Are you a parent or carer? Do you want to know more about County Lines and Criminal Exploitation? If so, this webinar is for you.

Who are Catch22

Catch22 is a national organisation with over 10 years of experience delivering specialist support for young people affected by county lines, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation. We currently deliver the National County Lines Support and Rescue service- providing 1-2-1 support and a rescue service for young people and their families who are criminally exploited through county lines.

Session overview

This session is aimed at parent/carers (including foster carers/grandparents) to gain a understanding on the important issues surrounding county lines, as well as the impact that it can have on young people and their families, and the support that is available to young people who are impacted/suffering from County Lines and Criminal Exploitation.

Topics will include:

- County Lines, child criminal exploitation (CCE) and financial exploitation,
- Stages of recruitment,
- Push and pull factors,
- The National Referral Mechanism,
- The Psychological impact
- Social media, Debt bondage, plus more

Dates

- Thursday 12th June 2025 (18.30pm) | [Book a place](#)
- Monday 16th June 2025 (12pm) | [Book a place](#)
- Monday 16th June 2025 (18.30pm) | [Book a place](#)
- Tuesday 17th June 2025 (12pm) | [Book a place](#)

ONLINE PARENT/CARER WEBINARS

Jointly run by Off The Record and Croydon Drop In

Join us online for the following free workshops. Sign up via Eventbrite by scanning the QR code below. Cameras and microphones can be turned off.



Supporting your Child with School Transitions

Wed 4th June 7pm

Supporting your Child who Struggles to get to School

Wed 11th June 7pm

Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Wed 18th June 7pm

Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary age)

Wed 25th June 7pm

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Wed 2nd July 7pm

Supporting your Young Person's Low-mood

Wed 9th July 7pm



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform, but colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as five, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pre-roll advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, a search found that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch. Research has shown that spending less than 10 minutes using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children at educational centers. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information and activities the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and notifies the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

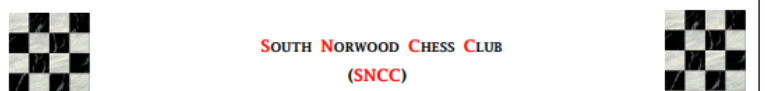
YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you sit together around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about, and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert
 Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, The Inquirer, The Metro, Us Weekly, and WIRED.

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South Norwood Chess Club (SNCC) founded in 1881 are proud to offer **free** introductory Chess sessions, in memory of our late Club President **Martin Cath** (1938-2023) at:

WEST THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
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 BUSES: 60, 64, 109, 198, 250 AND 289

The **drop-in** sessions are for **SIX weeks** on **Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm** starting **June 26th, 2025**.

That's last Thursday in **JUNE** and all Thursdays in **JULY 2025**

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Surenra Vaithia
 E: sncc1881@btinternet.com

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