



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

27th June 2025

Dear Parents,

Another Busy and Productive Week at St Chad's.

This week has been full of activity and achievement at St Chad's. We've had the Croydon Schools Athletic Heats and Finals-congratulations to all our teams, and a special well done to the group progressing to the finals!

We also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Reception parents to the St Chad's community. It was wonderful to meet so many new families. We are excited to welcome 52 new children to our school in September, and we look forward to them starting their journey with us. They've already heard what a special place St Chad's is, and we hope they quickly feel the warmth and strength of our community. We're also pleased to introduce Mrs Eileen Sawyer, who joins us as our new School Business Manager. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Kara Christie, our outgoing manager, for her dedicated support and service during her time at St Chad's.

Looking ahead to the summer, we're pleased to be running two HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Clubs. These are specially designed for children and families in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant (free school meals). Vouchers will be issued before the end of term so families can book onto activities.

For the first time, St Chad's has received additional funding to run a HAF club tailored for children with additional needs during the first 8 days of the summer holiday. We hope many of our families will take up this valuable opportunity.

We also have some exciting news—St Chad's will be launching our own in-house breakfast and after-school club starting in September! More information on this will be shared soon.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the Summer Fair today, and we look forward to the remaining weeks of this busy and joyful term. Don't forget, Sports Day is on 10th July!

Mrs T Lawlor



Croydon Athletics

Congratulations to all our girls and boys who took part in the Croydon Athletics this week!

Each of them gave their very best and were a true credit to our school. Best of luck to those children competing in the finals tonight (Friday) — we are all cheering you on! A big thank you to Miss McNicholas for her dedication and hard work in organising and supporting the team for this event.



Yr2 to Morden Hall



On Tuesday, Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful day out in the sunshine at Morden Hall Park. During our visit, we took part in an engaging workshop where we explored the different types of plants that grow in a variety of habitats, and learned about the conditions they need to adapt to their environment. We investigated the woodlands, the short grass area, and other parts of the park, observing the unique features of each habitat. One of the highlights of the day was going on a *minibeast hunt* — we discovered lots of fascinating bugs and insects, some of which we had never seen before!



Golden Table



Each week, a group of children are specially chosen to sit at the Golden Table in recognition of their excellent behaviour and positive attitude. These pupils consistently demonstrate kindness, respect, and responsibility, setting a fantastic example for others. It's a wonderful way to celebrate their efforts and encourage everyone to make great behaviour choices. Well done to this week's Golden Table stars!



Future Chefs

This week in Reception Cooking Club, our young chefs had a great time preparing a delicious stir-fry! They enjoyed practicing their cutting skills, which are really improving week by week. It's been wonderful to see the children exploring new flavours and trying different types of food with such enthusiasm. They're also learning about the importance of healthy eating and discovering how rewarding it can be to take part in preparing meals.

Miss Del Busto and Miss Roberts



My London Project



Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Museum of London Docklands. Pupils enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including dressing up, building bridges, constructing walls, meeting historical characters, and problem solving. They deepened their understanding of the docks' role during the Second World War and explored why the area was heavily targeted during the Blitz.



Attendance

16/06/2025 - 20/06/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	93.9	0
St Peter Rec	96.9	0
St Ann Rec	100	3.4
St Elizabeth Y1	98.8	2.5
St Luke	98.4	1.6
St Martha Y2	97.8	1.7
St John Bosco	100	3.5
St Carlos	96.2	0
St Martin	98.3	3.9
St Catherine	99.6	4.5
St Andrew Y5	97.2	1.1
St James Y5	98.8	1.3
St Therese Y6	97.5	2.5
St Brigid Y6	98.8	0
Totals	98	2

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 the 2 classes with 100%-
St Ann and St John Bosco***

Fantastic a attendance last week with **98%** across the school!



St Elizabeth	Olivia, Rousset
St Luke	Denzel, Ephy
St Martha	Britney, Jacinta
St Carlos	Ayan, Aleksis
St John Bosco	Jayden, Emmanuel A
St Catherine	Rose, Angel
St Martin	Samuel, Lashonda
St James	Marlon, Joseph
St Andrew	Kamiyah, Ebere
St Therese	Malachi, Amari
St Brigid	Filip, Evans

Gospel Value

St Elizabeth	Olamaria, Tofunmi, Jeremiah
St Luke	Sophia, Tony, Abigail
St Martha	Micah, Fabiola, Smith
St Carlos	Ife, Zofia, Monae
St John Bosco	Louis, Favour, Julia
St Catherine	Mikaere, Jermaine, Moyin
St Martin	Malachi, Maria, Joshua
St James	Maelle, Abel A, Jayden
St Andrew	Michael, Liesel, Alex
St Therese	Nicolle, Milan, Ella
St Brigid	Alison, Sandie, Marlon

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



TALK TO US



Are you OK Croydon?



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Horizon have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 4 allow voice or text chat. Stronger in-game chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and social overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of childproofing or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandise, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, check the content advice, then check the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friendlist and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including iD, Tech Radar, and plenty more.

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Come to an information session:

10 July 2025
Croydon Town Hall
5:45 - 7pm

22 July 2025
Virtual/Online
5:45 - 7pm

12 August 2025
Croydon Town Hall
5:45 - 7pm