



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

19th September 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It was great to see 28 parents from Reception and Year 1 attend the recent parent workshop on *How You Grow Readers*. It was an extremely worthwhile session that offered valuable insight into how reading is taught and the importance of strong reading skills for future success in education and training.

A big thank you to Miss Roberts and Mrs Gant for their work with the English Hub, helping to raise standards in phonics at St Chad's and promoting a love of reading, ensuring that all our children develop strong reading foundations.

It was also lovely to see our Year 6 parents at both the Secondary Transfer meeting and the PGL information evening, and to welcome our Reception parents to their information session. Any information you may have missed from these events will be available on the relevant pages of the school website.

I'm also pleased to see numbers rising in our wraparound care provision, Hope's Haven. It is indeed our *hope* that this will continue to grow over the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend when you get to it!

Beginning-of-Term Reminders & New Systems

Late Pick-Up Procedure

While we understand that things can happen from time to time, which causes parents to be delayed. We are currently experiencing a significant number of late collections. To manage this more effectively, we will be implementing a new system:

- From **3:15pm onwards**, any child not collected will be placed into the Afterschool Club.
- A **£12.50 charge** will be applied to cover the cost of supervision.

We kindly ask all parents to make arrangements to collect children on time where possible.

Morning Drop-Off Routine

This past week has been a settling-in period for everyone. Starting **Monday**, we will be returning to our usual drop-off routine:

- **Reception and Nursery parents** may continue to walk their children down the path.
- **Years 1 to 6** children are expected to walk into class **independently** each morning.

This change is to help reduce congestion and ensure a smooth and prompt start to the school day. Thank you for your cooperation and support—it is very much appreciated.

Here is to a positive and productive start to the new term and school year.



In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor

Nursery News

We are learning about cooperative play. One of the boys wanted to make a house, so he found a towel that he draped over the wooden bridge to create a den and invited his friends to join him. Together, they played happily, enjoying their time outside. The children shared a conversation as they worked, showing good social skills by listening to each other's ideas and taking turns. This was a lovely example of cooperative play, imagination, and teamwork.



Priest Reference Secondary Transfer

Fr Ambrose will be signing secondary school forms, in the Church Hall on:

Monday 8th September 6pm-8pm

Monday 22nd September 6pm-8pm

Monday 13th October 6pm-8pm



School Fund Donation

We would like to invite all families to make a voluntary contribution to our School Fund. We suggest an amount of £20 per family, though of course, any amount would be greatly appreciated. You can make any payments via your ParentPay account.

These funds will support the replacement of our outdated whiteboards with interactive whiteboards, ensuring our children have access to the latest technology to enrich their learning experience. By investing in these vital resources, we can create more engaging, interactive lessons and give every pupil the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Your donations will make a real and immediate difference in our classrooms. We thank you, as always, for your support.



THANKYOU!



A huge **thank you** to our wonderful PTFA for presenting the school with a generous cheque for **£2,000!** We are so grateful for all the hard work, dedication, and support they give throughout the year. The money will go directly towards supporting and enriching the children's provision, helping to create even more exciting opportunities and experiences for our pupils.

Yr4 Cricket

This week, our Year 4 children started their cricket sessions full of excitement and enthusiasm. They had a fantastic time learning some new skills and had a specific focus on their fielding techniques this week. They showed excellent communication and teamwork skills throughout. We ended the session with a mini game which sparked a great sense of competition and overall enjoyment amongst the children. It was wonderful to see some keen batters within the game in preparation for the next session! Thank you to Coach Jon from Platform Cricket for the experience, we are already looking forward to the next lesson.



Growing Readers: How YOU make the difference

On Tuesday Afternoon we had 28 parents attend a reading workshop which focused on the importance of Reading for Pleasure at home and at school. We were very lucky to have a Mrs Lara Keavney (An English Specialist from the Wandle Hub) talk to us about the importance of sharing a story with your child at home and the benefits both mentally and academically this can have on children. Thank you to all the parents who attended and contributed so enthusiastically to the discussion. The PowerPoint from the presentation will be available on the School's Website for you. Please do take the time to have a read through and look at the important information it includes.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Kendrick, Rahmahtullah
St Elizabeth	Jake, Alex
St Martha	Anjali-Rose, Esme
St John Paul II	Psalm, Nyla
St John Bosco	Logan, Chizi
St Martin	Jewel, Wyshown
St Catherine	Aleksis, Rouge
St James	Mikaere, Emmanuel
St Andrew	Brielle, Heather
St Brigid	Jayden, Serena
St Therese	Michael, Michaela

Gospel Value



St Luke	Destiny, Ezekiel, Nikyrah
St Elizabeth	Barbara, Nora, Yathra
St Martha	Jeremiah, Isla, Akosua
St John Paul II	Sophia, Ephy, Ayla
St John Bosco	Keziah, Fabiola, Eliora
St Martin	Rosie, Paul, Lily
St Catherine	Nogan, Ife, Johanan
St James	Danielle, Noah B, Samuel
St Andrew	Noah O, Sophie, Joshua L
St Brigid	Kamiyah, Liesel, Tahlia
St Therese	Anastasia, Cressida, Jemiah

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 22nd September	
Tuesday 23rd September	St Catherine's- Pizza Express Trip
Wednesday 24th September	Mass at the Cathedral- A group of Yr6 children.
Thursday 25th September	
Friday 26th September	
Monday 29th September	
Tuesday 30th September	Yr4 Parents Meeting—Multiplication Tables Check 3:15
Wednesday 1st October	Deanery Mass
Thursday 2nd October	Yr6 Trip to the James Caird
Friday 3rd October	St Brigid's Liturgy- Harvest

St Chad's Wrap Around Provision



Hope's Haven
St Chad's Catholic Primary School
Breakfast & After-School Club

Breakfast Club
Open from 7:30am - £6 per session

After-School Club
Open Until 6:00pm - £12.50 per session

Discount for Full Wraparound Care
(Breakfast & After-School)
£16 per day

10% Discounts for Siblings

Club Manager
Stephanie Odewale

Starting
2nd September 2025

To make a booking for your child
please email Mrs Odewale at
wac@stchadsprimaryschool.com

Our **Wraparound Care** offers a safe, welcoming space where children can thrive before and after school. With high-quality, caring staff, delicious fresh food, and a wide range of stimulating activities, we make sure every child is happy, well looked after, and engaged. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do, giving parents complete peace of mind. Whether it's enjoying a healthy snack, getting creative, or having fun with friends, your child will love their time with

us.



Attendance

08/09/2025 - 12/09/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94.7	0
St Peter Rec	98.3	1.2
St Ann Rec	97	0
St Elizabeth Y1	92.3	1.4
St Luke	91.3	1.3
St Martha Y2	94.8	0
St John Bosco	93.2	1.4
St Carlos	95.7	0.4
St Martin	97.5	1.7
St Catherine	100	0
St Andrew Y5	97.6	1.7
St James Y5	99.3	4.8
St Therese Y6	95.9	0.5
St Brigid Y6	97.3	0.5
Totals	96.2	1.2

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 St Peter and St Catherine this week



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

With over 300 million active monthly users and billions of "snaps" sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) features increases the risk of phishing and AI-powered bots, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These bots may share information or trick users into revealing personal or sensitive details, and could even impersonate them. Advanced filters and deepfake video tools can distort reality, potentially leading to misinformation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.
- SCREEN ADDICTION**
Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks. Daily Snapchat streaks between you and a friend, when a streak is broken for 24 hours, users will need to snap. The number streaks it shows the number of days, but it seems like a day and back to work, the only way to restore it is to snap. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app more often.
- SEXTORTION**
Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may leave a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images. These predators often share images to pressure and blackmail the victim. This might involve blackmailing them with the images with friends or family unless money is paid.
- SNAPCHAT+**
Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering extra access to filters and exclusive features. In June 2020, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lenses, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These features are more encouraging young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of over-spending or being pressured to make in-app purchases.
- ACCESSIBILITY**
Snapchat is less accessible than a text browser, meaning children can see or screenshot content without downloading the app. This can make content harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of inappropriate communication or exposure to inappropriate content.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The technology used to group content is determined by the parents, so even an account's content can be used to share inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images or language in a way that is difficult to track or associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB**
Snapchat's guidance for parents and educators is available at www.snapchat.com/family-safety. This resource provides information on how to use the app's privacy settings for teens. It's important to understand that you cannot control what your child sees or who they interact with on the app. Encourage your child to use the app responsibly and to report any inappropriate content to the app's support team.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**
Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you maintain an open dialogue. Talk about social media and cyber safety with your child. Encourage them to use the app responsibly and to report any inappropriate content to the app's support team. Encourage them to use the app responsibly and to report any inappropriate content to the app's support team.
- BLOCK AND REPORT**
If a stranger reaches out to you on Snapchat and makes you feel uncomfortable, you should block and report them. You can also report any inappropriate content to the app's support team. Encourage your child to use the app responsibly and to report any inappropriate content to the app's support team.
- USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**
All apps with children's privacy and security settings. Encourage your child to use the app responsibly and to report any inappropriate content to the app's support team. Encourage your child to use the app responsibly and to report any inappropriate content to the app's support team.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Cindy Duffield is an online safety specialist, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented age-appropriate online safety policies for schools. She has written several award-winning papers and has led research for the National Cyber Security Centre, the UK's lead on cyber security.

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