



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

7th November 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This is always a busy and exciting time for all of us as we approach the winter evenings and begin our Christmas preparations. We have lots of lovely activities planned in school, and the children will continue to have many valuable opportunities to develop their learning. This week, we were delighted to see Year 3 visit a Jewish synagogue - a wonderful opportunity to learn more about different faiths and traditions.

At St Chad's, we use our Gospel values to help shape and guide our school's ethos. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of these values and how we strive to ensure that St Chad's remains a happy, peaceful, and welcoming school community.

I would also like to remind all parents of the importance of supporting children at home in developing their language skills and helping them to express their feelings and emotions. Strong communication skills have a positive impact on children's behaviour, confidence, and relationships, both in and out of school.

Thank you in advance for your support of the **Jamaican Hurricane Appeal**. This is always a wonderful way for us to come together as a global community and offer what we can to help those in need.

We have another **Open Morning for prospective parents on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025 at 9:30am**. These events have been very popular, which is really encouraging. Thank you once again to all the parents who have been recommending our school - your support is greatly appreciated.

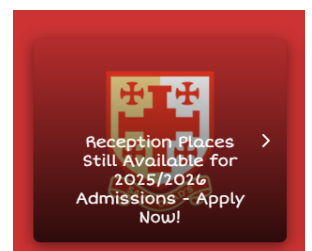
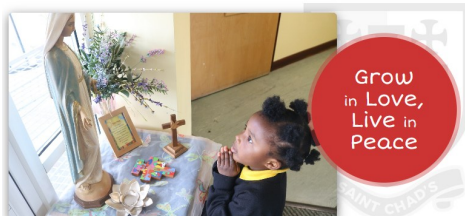
I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and thank you for your continued support.

In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor

Open Morning 2nd December

We warmly invite prospective parents of children due to start **Reception in September 2026** to join us for our **Open Morning on 2nd December at 9:30**.

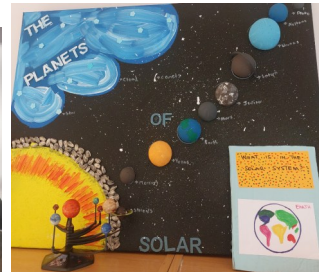
Come and see St Chad's in action - meet our dedicated staff, explore our vibrant classrooms, and discover how we nurture a love of learning right from the very start of your child's journey. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes St Chad's such a special place to learn and grow.



Year 5 Earth & Space

The children in Year 5 have been busy over half term researching and creating fantastic projects, to prepare for the launch of our Autumn 2 Stargazers Science topic, which looks at Earth and Space.

The children have made fantastic models and booklets, using the research they have done. Thank you to all the support and time spent doing these



Next Monday (10th), we are inviting all our pupils to wear odd socks to school as part of Anti-Bullying Week. This fun and colourful tradition helps us celebrate the fact that we are all unique and special in our own way.

As a Catholic school, we believe that every person is made in the image of God. Just as God created each of us with care and love, we are called to respect, value, and celebrate everyone's differences.

Wearing odd socks is a simple way for the children to show that it's okay to be different and that everyone deserves kindness and respect. We look forward to seeing a rainbow of creativity and individuality around the school on Monday!



Nursery News

This week, the children have been learning all about Baptism and what it means to become part of God's family. They loved taking on the roles of the priest, parents, and godparents as they celebrated the baptism of baby Mary! They enjoyed baptising their own "babies" in the water play area, helping them to understand this special sacrament in a fun and memorable way.



First Holy Communion 2026

Registration forms (printed on purple paper) are available at the back of the church in a white tray. Please take a form, read it carefully, and complete it if your child is in Year 3 or above at primary school and you wish them to receive Holy Communion in June 2026.

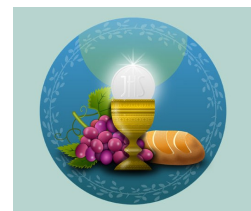
Completed forms should be returned to the Guild Room in person on either:

• **Saturday 22nd November** from 12 pm to 2 pm, or

• **Saturday 13th December** from 12 pm to 2 pm.

Forms received after 13th December will be deferred to the 2027 program.

The First Holy Communion team looks forward to welcoming you all.



Free Tickets To A Womans Crystal Palace Game!

We're excited to invite all our families to attend the **Crystal Palace Women's match** this **Sunday, 9th November!** This is a fantastic opportunity to support the team and be part of the **Palace for All initiative**.

For more information about the event, visit: <https://www.cpfc.co.uk/news/women/palace-women-v-sheffield-united-to-celebrate-palace-for-all-initiative/>

Free tickets are available! Use the promo code **CPFCWPFA** when booking. You can reserve up to 20 tickets per transaction, and the code can be reused for additional bookings. We'd love to see as many of our families there as possible to cheer on Palace Women—don't miss out!



End of the School Day

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who take the time to smile, wait patiently, and greet staff politely at the end of the school day. Your friendly approach really helps us ensure that every child is dismissed safely.

We understand that collection time can take a little longer—especially in the younger years—as we make sure each child is handed over to the correct adult. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures, and we truly appreciate your cooperation.

Please continue to wait patiently and avoid calling out to teachers or children during dismissal. Our teachers and teaching assistants work hard to care for and protect your children, and we ask that all interactions remain polite and respectful at **all** times.

Please Label All School Uniform

We are finding more and more **unlabelled uniform** in school, which makes it very difficult to return lost items to their rightful owners. Please ensure that **all uniform, coats, jumpers, cardigans, shoes, and water bottles are clearly labelled** with your child's full name.

When names are missing or hard to read, items can easily go home with the wrong child or end up in lost property. Clear labelling helps staff quickly reunite belongings and reduces the need for replacements.

Iron-on, stick-on, or permanent marker labels all work well — thank you for helping us keep lost property to a minimum!

Deacon Tony Flavin

Year 6 had a wonderful visit from Deacon Tony Flavin, who came in to talk about vocation and commitment. He shared how he became a deacon and explained how following his calling has enriched his life.

Deacon Tony also spoke about the work he does and the time he dedicates to his vocation. The children were engaged throughout, asking thoughtful questions and showing genuine interest in learning about his journey.

It was a valuable opportunity for pupils to reflect on following their passions, serving others, and the importance of dedication. Thank You Deacon Tony.



South London Synagogue

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome David, a member of the South London Synagogue, who visited Year 6 to talk about Judaism ahead of our upcoming Judaism Week.

David shared fascinating insights about the special features of a synagogue, as well as Jewish traditions and beliefs. The children listened with great interest and asked thoughtful questions throughout.

A big thank you to David for an engaging and enjoyable start to our new topic!



Attendance

20/10/2025 - 24/10/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	90.8	1
St Peter Rec	98.2	0
St Ann Rec	94.1	0
St Elizabeth	94.4	0
St Luke	97.6	0
St John Paul	96.4	0
St Martha	96.5	0.5
St John Bosco	95.7	0
St Martin	95.2	0
St Catherine	98.6	0
St Andrew Y5	94.5	0
St James Y5	99.3	0.7
St Therese Y6	94.6	0
St Brigid Y6	94.1	0
Totals	95.5	0.2

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 in the infants and St James in the Juniors.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Sage, Precious
St Elizabeth	Mia, Merrick
St Martha	Tiffany, Akusha
St John Paul II	Ade, Ephy
St John Bosco	
St Martin	Leonard, Aaron
St Catherine	Kesiah, Liora
St James	Marium, Iris
St Andrew	Osei, Trevell
St Brigid	Jesse, Kamso
St Therese	Mary, Cressida

Gospel Value



St Luke	Kaiden, Ethan, Taleia
St Elizabeth	Luna, Merrick, Desire
St Martha	Naeto, Shilo, Isla
St John Paul II	Natalia, Abigail, Caevan
St John Bosco	
St Martin	Monisade, Paul, Leonard
St Catherine	Ife, Ire, Nogan
St James	Lashonda, Tara, Joshua M
St Andrew	Cale, Kyle, Brielle
St Brigid	Karis, Logan, Marlon, Shalom
St Therese	Anastasia, Melvin, Jacob

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 10th November	Anti Bullying Week Odd Socks Day Adoration Yr 4&5
Tuesday 11th November	Yr6 Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 12th November	Yr3/4 Cinema Trip St Aidan's General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday 13th November	World Kindness Day
Friday 14th November	
Monday 17th November	
Tuesday 18th November	
Wednesday 19th November	Yr6 Victorian Workshop
Thursday 20th November	Yr1 Cats Protection Visit
Friday 21st November	

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.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bullying impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 15 report being bullied. The effects can be long lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

1 CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

Help young people value diversity by showing that what makes us different is also what makes us strong. Encourage them to learn about different cultures, identities, and abilities through books, films, and conversations. By appreciating uniqueness in themselves and others, children can grow into open-minded individuals who build inclusive and welcoming environments.

2 MODEL RESPECT

Children watch and learn from how adults behave. Use respectful language, show patience in disagreements, and treat others with fairness – especially in front of children. By modeling inclusive behaviour and challenging unkindness, adults set a lasting example that respect should be part of every interaction, whether online, at school, or at home. Be the change you want to make.

3 SPOT THE SIGNS

Adults and young people should learn how to recognise signs that someone may be experiencing bullying. This might include withdrawal from friends, hobbies or interests, changes in mood, reluctance to go to school, or unusual injuries. Helping young people recognise these clues ensures that support can be offered sooner and problems do not go unnoticed.

4 VALIDATE FEELINGS

When a child shares something that worries them, it's important to listen carefully and validate how they feel. Respond with empathy – not judgement – and let them know it's okay to feel upset or confused. Offering reassurance and understanding helps young people feel safe about opening up, and builds the trust needed to talk again in future.

5 TEACH ALLYSHIP

Show children how to stand up for others in safe, respectful ways. Allyship might look like sitting next to someone who's been excluded, reporting hurtful behaviour, or speaking up when they witness bullying. By practising these responses together, you're helping children develop the courage to be kind and to take action when it really counts.

6 PROMOTE REPORTING

Ensure young people know how to report bullying and feel confident that they'll be taken seriously. Talk to them about who they can speak to and what to expect when they do, such as reporting school incidents to teachers, and out-of-school bullying to parents or teachers. Reassure them that reporting is a brave and helpful choice – not tattling – and that it plays a vital role in keeping everyone safe.

7 ENCOURAGE KINDNESS

Everyday acts of kindness can make a big difference in creating safer, happier spaces. Encourage children to look out for one another by being helpful, saying kind words, or including someone who feels left out. These small actions set a strong example that kindness matters, and that it can be a powerful response to bullying.

8 USE YOUR VOICE

Encourage young people to speak up for themselves and others, whether through storytelling, school campaigns, or peer-led projects. Children can learn that their voice has power. Support them to express themselves confidently and safely, helping them understand that sharing experiences can challenge injustice and inspire real change in their communities.

9 BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Children thrive when they feel supported. Help them build strong friendships, join clubs or teams, and connect with trusted adults who care. These networks offer comfort, encouragement, and protection – particularly during challenging times. Remind children that they don't have to face difficulties alone and that support is always within reach.

10 SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION

Bullying awareness shouldn't be limited to one week each year. Create regular opportunities to talk about kindness, respect, and inclusion. Use books, news stories, and personal experiences as conversation starters. Embed anti-bullying initiatives into the school, and make seeking bullying a shared, ongoing commitment.

Meet Our Expert

Robert Alltop is an experienced pastoral and safeguarding practitioner, specialising in tutorials, behaviour interventions, and attendance management. A recipient of the Diana Award for Anti-bullying, he has helped raise standards and improve Ofsted outcomes in some of the country's most challenging schools and colleges.



#WakeUpWednesday

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