



# St Chad's Catholic Primary School

14th November 2025

## Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It's been the end of another busy and meaningful week at St Chad's. This week we marked Remembrance Day, with our Year 6 children leading a moving and fitting assembly that honoured those who have given their lives, while also sharing the important messages of peace, hope, and love.

We have also focused on Anti-Bullying Week and the importance of kindness. The children have received many reminders about living out our Gospel values and showing kindness in all they do.

It was wonderful to see a team of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils take part in the general knowledge quiz at St Aidan's. Meanwhile, Year 3 and Year 4 have enjoyed exciting trips to the cinema and the Horniman Museum. As always, the children have represented St Chad's to a very high standard, and we are extremely proud of them all.

Thank you for your generous support of the Poppy Appeal and the Jamaican Hurricane Appeal. Your generosity and kindness do not go unnoticed. Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend, once you get there!

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.



Grow  
in Love,  
Live in  
Peace

Next Events

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09:30

Open Morning



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Reception Places  
Still Available for  
2025/2026  
Admissions - Apply  
Now!

# Catholic Cross Country

A number of KS2 children took part in the Catholic Cross Country event at John Fisher Playing Fields. All of the children competed brilliantly, showing fantastic resilience, determination, and team spirit throughout the races. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and represented our school so well. A special mention and congratulations to Michael in Year 6, who ran an outstanding race and finished 2nd— an amazing achievement! Well done to all our runners for their effort and enthusiasm!

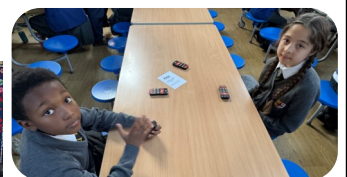


## Nursery News

Nursery have been celebrating difference by taking part in odd socks day. We listened to Simon Sock by Sue Hendra and then designed our own odd socks. We are thinking about kindness and for each kind act we do, we can put a marble in the kindness jar as we are learning how to make good relationships. It won't be long before it is full!



On Wednesday 8 children from Year 5 and 6 were selected to participate and represent St Chad's in the General Knowledge Quiz Cup National Championship. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the competition, showcasing their wide range of knowledge and quick thinking. We are incredibly proud of them and the wonderful way they represented our school.



# Yr2 Judaism Week



During Judaism Week, Year 2 had a wonderful time making delicious Challah bread. Challah is a special bread eaten on Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest and celebration. We mixed yeast, warm water, honey, eggs, salt, and flour to make the dough, then shaped it into rolls and baked them. We enjoyed our freshly baked bread with apples and honey. It was a fantastic way to learn about and experience a Jewish tradition!



# Years 3&4

Year 3 and 4 were very lucky to receive free cinema tickets from *Into Film* and enjoyed a wonderful trip to Vue Cinema to watch *Kensuke's Kingdom*, based on the much-loved book by Michael Morpurgo. The children were captivated by the story and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the characters and adventures brought to life on the big screen.

They represented our school beautifully throughout the visit, showing excellent behaviour and enthusiasm from start to finish. A huge thank you to *Into Film* for providing this fantastic opportunity – it was a memorable experience for everyone!



# Anti Bullying Week



Reception wore their odd socks into school to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week and to show that we are all different and that our differences should be celebrated! The children enjoyed talking about kindness and what it means to treat everyone with respect. It was a fun and colourful way to share an important message about being proud of who we are and celebrating others too.

# Yr6 Remembrance Assembly



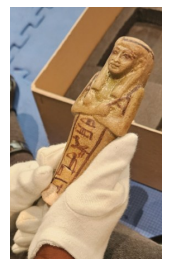
Our Year 6 pupils led a poignant and moving Remembrance Assembly this week, reflecting with great maturity on the sacrifices made by others in times of conflict. Their readings, prayers and reflections demonstrated deep respect and understanding of the importance of remembrance.

The whole school then took part in the two-minute silence, which was exceptionally moving. Every child observed it with sincerity and reverence — including our wonderful Reception children, who were so calm and respectful throughout. It was a truly special moment of unity and reflection for our school community.



# Horniman Museum Yr4

On Thursday, St Catherine Class had an exciting day out at the Horniman Museum to deepen our understanding of Ancient Egypt within our History learning. When we arrived, we had some time to explore some areas within the museum where they particularly enjoyed looking at the ancient artefacts, musical instruments, and natural history displays. After exploring, we took part in our Ancient Egypt workshop where we became archaeologists. Everyone had the chance to handle replica artefacts from the Ancient Egyptian era and use clues to work out what they were, how they were used, and what they could tell us about life thousands of years ago. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and showing excellent behaviour throughout the day.



We celebrated Kindness Day throughout the school this week. KS1 and KS2 joined a live assembly delivered by Greg from the Kindness 52 charity, who inspired the children to think about how even the smallest actions can make a big difference.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a variety of small acts of kindness, following the example of St Thérèse and Mother Teresa, who taught us the power of gentle, everyday compassion. It was a wonderful reminder of how kindness can shape our school community.

## Kindness Day



## Hurricane Melissa Appeal



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for the generous donations that have been sent in so far. The response has been great, and we are truly grateful for the kindness and community spirit shown.

We will be keeping the collection open for another week, giving families a little more time to contribute any final items before everything is packed and shipped to Jamaica. These donations will make a real difference, and we are proud to be supporting such an important cause together as a school community.

## 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!

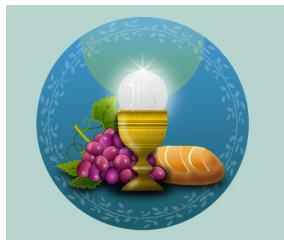
# First Holy Communion 2026

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.
- **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.



# We Remember and Reflect

On Sunday, Mrs Dodds, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, took a beautiful poppy wreath made by our KS1 children down to Katherine Street and placed it at the war memorial. St Chad's remembers and recognises the sacrifice made by all those who fought for our freedom, including the many individuals from the Croydon area who gave their lives in service. Thank you for taking the time Mrs Dodds to add our mark of respect.



## Attendance

03/11/2025 - 07/11/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	97.5	2.5
St Peter Rec	94.1	0
St Ann Rec	95.9	0.9
St Elizabeth	92.6	0.9
St Luke	98.1	1
St John Paul	97.7	1.8
St Martha	95	1
St John Bosco	97.1	0.7
St Martin	97.2	1.6
St Catherine	98.2	1.4
St Andrew Y5	96.2	0.3
St James Y5	94.4	0
St Therese Y6	98.6	0.5
St Brigid Y6	98.2	0.5
Totals	96.2	0.9

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 John Paul in the infants and St Therese in the Juniors.*



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Kaiden, Uatiza
St Elizabeth	Nafisa, Raie
St Martha	Krystelle, Marcel
St John Paul II	Ronel, Tony
St John Bosco	Isaac, Isaiah
St Martin	Jazelle, Rosie
St Catherine	Jamal, Shalom N
St James	Leilah, Justin
St Andrew	Christian, Kyle
St Brigid	Logan, Karis
St Therese	Michaela, Cressida

## Gospel Value



St Luke	Shammah, Kendrick, Liam
St Elizabeth	Kamsi, Barbara, Ethan
St Martha	Skyler, Naeto, Esme
St John Paul II	Ayla, Sophia, Nathan
St John Bosco	Micah, Eliora, Junior
St Martin	Favour, Divine, Wyshown
St Catherine	Arabella, Shalom A, Aleksis
St James	Carter J, Jermaine, Iris
St Andrew	Gilad, Rodrigo, Elisha
St Brigid	Logan, Shalom, Isabelle
St Therese	Abel, Gabriella, Melvin

## Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 17th November	
Tuesday 18th November	World Peace Liturgy
Wednesday 19th November	Yr6 Victorian Workshop
Thursday 20th November	Yr1 Cats Protection Visit
Friday 21st November	
Monday 24th November	
Tuesday 25th November	
Wednesday 26th November	
Thursday 27th November	
Friday 28th 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](mailto: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.



# 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 Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 1:30pm

## Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 1:30pm

## Helping your Child with Behaviours that Challenge (Primary age)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 1:30pm

## Introduction to Neurodivergence

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 at 1:30pm

## Supporting your Young Person with Low Mood

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1:30pm



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OFF THE RECORD



Are you OK  
Croydon?



You Talk,  
We Listen  
Croydon Drop In