



# St Chad's Catholic Primary School

21st November 2025

## Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday, everyone!

This week, we had the privilege of being represented at a special event in London hosted by the Premier League Foundation. The celebration marked 15 years of the Foundation and the incredible work it carries out in school settings across the country.

St Chad's was invited because, as you know, Michaela in Year 6 recently won the national Premier League Primary Stars poetry competition for Crystal Palace's Palace for Life Foundation, as part of the Premier League's **No Room For Racism** campaign. Her outstanding achievement continues to shine a spotlight on our school.

During the event, I took part in a question-and-answer session with acclaimed TikTok creator Kit Brown, and we were interviewed by renowned sports commentator and presenter Gabby Logan. Kit Brown, who was on the judging panel for the competition, shared how impressed he was by Michaela's poem and is looking forward to visiting St Chad's to meet her in person.

It was a wonderful evening, and we received so much praise for Michaela's work. It was fantastic to hear St Chad's recognised in such an inspiring setting, and we are all extremely proud—once again—of Michaela's remarkable achievement.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

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.



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in Love,  
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Peace

Next Events

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09:30  
Open Morning

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

# Yr6 Victorian Day

Yr6 explored what education was like in 1899. They learned about the strict curriculum and the various punishments used to keep order in Victorian classrooms. During the session, the children practised traditional handwriting, used an abacus for arithmetic, made gruel, and created their own Victorian-style greeting cards. It was a great day full of hands-on activities, and the children all looked wonderful in their Victorian costumes, adding to the atmosphere of the experience.



# St James Liturgy- World Day of the Poor

This week, St James Class led a Liturgy for World Day of the Poor, reminding us that we are all God's hands on Earth and it is our duty to take care of each other, especially those who are struggling. The liturgy focused on the work CAFOD does to help people in need around the world, and allowed us to reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching - the big and small actions we can do to help. We joined together in thoughtful prayers, reflection and song.





# St Chad's Parish Fayre



St Chad's Catholic Church will be hosting their much-loved annual Christmas Fayre this Sunday, **23rd November**, following the 10:30am Mass. This festive community event is always a highlight of the season and offers something for everyone. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of stalls, including the ever-popular bottle tombola, sweets stall, craft tables, and many other traditional favourites.

There will be plenty of opportunities to browse, buy Christmas gifts, and support the parish community. Children will also have the exciting chance to meet Santa in his grotto- a magical experience.

All are warmly welcome to come along and enjoy the festivities.



## Hurricane Melissa Appeal



A huge thank you to all our families for the generous donations of much-needed items for the Hurricane Melissa Appeal. We will be sending everything off today, and we know these supplies will be gratefully received by the communities affected.

If you have not yet had the chance to donate but would still like to help, you can support national relief efforts through organisations such as the **British Red Cross Disaster Emergency Appeal**, who continue to collect monetary donations to support emergency responses. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support

## Inconsiderate and Dangerous Parking

We would like to remind all parents and carers about the ongoing issue of dangerous parking at the corner of Alverston Gardens and Selhurst Road. Parking on the double yellow lines is not permitted at any time, and doing so creates a serious hazard for pedestrians and other road users. This behaviour puts our children at risk by blocking visibility and making crossing the road unsafe.



The safety of all our pupils is paramount. Please ensure you park considerately and follow all road markings to help keep our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Coats Reminder

As the temperature has dropped and a cold spell is forecast, we would like to remind all parents and carers that every child should bring a **school coat** to school. It is important that children are dressed appropriately to stay warm during the day, especially during outdoor activities and playtimes. Thank you for helping us ensure that all pupils remain comfortable and safe in the colder weather.



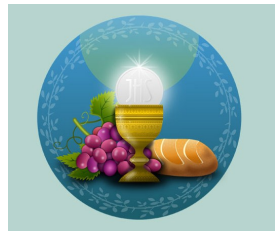
# First Holy Communion 2026

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 - 2 pm.  
**Saturday 13th December** from 12 - 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.



# Yr6 Rosh Hashanah



Year 6 enjoyed tasting apples dipped in honey as part of their learning about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. They explored the significance of the celebration and were able to draw comparisons with our Sacrament of Reconciliation and society's own New Year traditions, deepening their understanding of different cultural and religious practices.



## Attendance

10/11/2025 - 14/11/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	96.9	1.1
St Peter Rec	97.3	0
St Ann Rec	93.2	0
St Elizabeth	95.7	0
St Luke	95.2	0
St John Paul	94.6	0
St Martha	98	0
St John Bosco	100	0
St Martin	98	0
St Catherine	98.2	0
St Andrew Y5	98.3	0
St James Y5	100	2.2
St Therese Y6	97.3	0
St Brigid Y6	94.6	0.5
Totals	96.4	0.3

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 Martha in the infants and St James and St John Bosco in the Juniors.*



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Kendrick, Weslynn
St Elizabeth	Iremide, Alex
St Martha	Olamaria, Shilo
St John Paul II	Melody, Sophia
St John Bosco	Christly, Wonderful
St Martin	Simon, Divine
St Catherine	Layton, Onyx
St James	Elijah, Iris
St Andrew	Angel, Antonia,
St Brigid	Arianna, Dave
St Therese	Melvin, Elvis

## Gospel Value



St Luke	Nikyrh, Ezekiel, Rahmahtullah
St Elizabeth	Merrick, Raie, Yathra
St Martha	Anjali, David, Tiffany
St John Paul II	Abigail, Nicole, Zahra
St John Bosco	Fabiola, Britney, Leah
St Martin	Monisade, Rosie, Mayank
St Catherine	Leonor, Nogan, Zofia
St James	Danielle, Anaiyah, Maria
St Andrew	Mena, Moyin, Joshua E
St Brigid	Abel, Ameerah, Jayden
St Therese	Anastasia, Michael, Stanley

## Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 24th November	Parliament Week Rock Steady Concert 2:30—Parents of the musicians are welcome to attend
Tuesday 25th November	
Wednesday 26th November	
Thursday 27th November	
Friday 28th November	
Monday 1st December	Adoration
Tuesday 2nd December	
Wednesday 3rd December	Advent Breakfast
Thursday 4th December	Yr6 Polka Theatre— The Fire Makers Daughter
Friday 5th December	

# 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.





## We can help with information on:

- Applications for all benefits
- DLA and Carers Allowance
- Housing/Private Renting Issues
- Discretionary Housing Payments
- Household Support Fund—Grants
  - Disability Grants
- Debt Management and Budgeting
  - No recourse to public funds
  - Food Bank Vouchers
  - Parenting Courses
- 2 year funding and 30 hour funding
  - Domestic Abuse
- Support for childcare (nursery/school applications and childminders)

We offer support over the telephone or we can book a 1:1 appointment in a private and confidential space.

Please call a member of the Family Support Team on:

**Reha—0777 6590 571**

**Kirsti—0777 8105 573**

**Samantha—0777 6590 572**



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a recent brick in London air tags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers" in the UK, use of tracking devices to continue control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 81 percent between 2018 and 2022.

### TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for schools to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into homes – locations that should feel safe and secure.

### FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices can track location accurately, they could be misused to "prove" alibis or accusations of wrongdoing. For example, a student could use their belongings to falsely show where a crime was committed.

### INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user, but often people's phones, which can automatically broadcast someone's movements without their consent, can track their movements to being monitored by strangers without knowing.

### DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but their size makes them hard to see. Without proactive checking on the right tools to detect them, parents and young people might not realize they're being tracked.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's phone always seems to have their location – whether in person or through an app – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like air tags, will automatically make a noise if someone's near their sensor, so look out for a changing sound.

### CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be placed include jacket bags, bag seams, pockets, or under desk mats. If you're unsure, take a photo of the serial number before cleaning it off – this could help police trace the item if it's found to be tracked.

### USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 15.5 or later will notify users of unknown air tags nearby. Android users can install apps like "Tracker Detect" or the "Track Group" app to look out for nearby tracking devices from various manufacturers.

### HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look for, and how they might be misused. Encourage the legal consequences of using them to stalk, harass, or monitor someone.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with expertise in smart technology, the digital world, the opening of the Internet, the Internet, and the Internet. He specializes in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging tech in the digital landscape.



# 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



TALK TO US



Are you OK Croydon?

