



St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear Parents,

We are grateful for everyone's support in managing a busy week at St Chad's, especially as we continue to battle pupil and staff absences due to heavy colds and flu. Hopefully we have now seen the last of it.

Despite this, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Horniman Museum, and Year 6 visited the Polka Theatre. Our Year 6 pupils also had a thought-provoking presentation from John Pridmore, who has been leading the Parish Mission at St Chad's.

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising the Christmas school discos on **12th December**. Please remember to purchase your £5 ticket from the school office (Years 1–6).

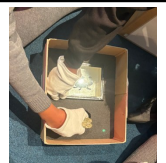
We look forward to welcoming you to our **Carol Service on Tuesday 9th December at 6pm**, led by Years 3 and 4, as well as to the **EYFS and KS1 Nativities on Thursday 11th December**. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the 9th, and we will be holding a retiring charity collection in support of **HCPT (Lourdes Pilgrimage)** and the **Children's Society Crisis Fund**.

Have a restful weekend, and keep well.

In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor



Yr4 Horniman Museum



St Martin Class enjoyed an exciting trip to the Horniman Museum to explore Ancient Egyptian artefacts. They examined parts of a sarcophagus, jewellery, amulets, and even saw a real death mask. Hands-on activities helped them think like archaeologists, deepening their understanding of Egyptian life and culture.



Yr1 Advent Wreaths

This week the Year 1 children have been learning to understand the meaning of Advent. We have been learning to recognise the different candles and know that they represent Peace, Joy, Hope and Love. The children also worked together to make an Advent wreath for each classroom.



Yr6 Polka Theatre

Year 6 visited the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to see an adaptation of Philip Pullman's *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. The children were thrilled to have front-row seats and were absolutely amazed by the retelling. Those who had recently read the book were full of discussion afterwards, comparing what was the same, what was different, and how the production brought the fireworks to life on stage. A big thank you to the Polka Theatre for the free tickets.



Our Kindness Ambassadors took part in a national Kindness Ambassador meeting led by 52 Lives, joining schools from across the country. They were able to share the many ways they have promoted kindness in our school, and it was a valuable opportunity to learn from the work other schools are doing. The children returned inspired, with new ideas to help us continue improving our own kindness initiatives.

Kindness 52



Tennis Club

Tennis has been a very popular after-school club this term, and we wrapped up the season with an exciting end-of-term tournament. Congratulations to our gold, silver, and bronze medallists! A special congratulations also goes to **Jemiah**, who won a tennis racket for his outstanding commitment, positive participation, and consistently great attitude throughout the term. Well deserved!



Coffee Morning

You are all warmly invited to attend our next coffee morning which will take place on **Wednesday 10th December at 8.45am**

The subject of the coffee morning is -

Harmony at Home: Practical Tools for Parenting.

We are really lucky to have Soroya and Pam from our school's wellbeing team delivering the presentation.

They will share information and practical strategies on how we can support our children's mental health and wellbeing at home and school.



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 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.



Advent Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the Advent Breakfast on Wednesday to support the work of CAFOD, helping some of the most vulnerable people around the world. Although the turnout from parents was lower than we had hoped, it was still a lovely opportunity to enjoy the community spirit. We hope these events can continue in the future, as they bring people together and support a great cause. Despite the smaller attendance, we raised £50, which will make a real difference to someone's



24/11/2025 - 28/11/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	88.1	2
St Peter Rec	82.7	2.2
St Ann Rec	95	0
St Elizabeth	88.3	0.9
St Luke	89.5	0
St John Paul	93.6	0.5
St Martha	96	1
St John Bosco	97.9	2.1
St Martin	86.8	1.6
St Catherine	86.8	0.9
St Andrew Y5	95.2	0
St James Y5	95.6	1.1
St Therese Y6	96.4	0
St Brigid Y6	96.4	0
Totals	91.9	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 Martha in the infants and St John Bosco in the Juniors.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Liam, Nikyrah
St Elizabeth	Rudi, Kamsi
St Martha	Isla, Krystelle
St John Paul II	Ronel, Tony
St John Bosco	Lloyd, Smith
St Martin	Julia, Emmanuel A
St Catherine	Shalom A, Keziah
St James	Maria, Akonobea
St Andrew	Kyle, Gilad
St Brigid	Shalom, Liesel
St Therese	Abel, Michael

Gospel Value



St Luke	Taleia, Amanda, Precious
St Elizabeth	Nora, Luna, Micah
St Martha	Rousset, Olamaria, Shasanth
St John Paul II	Denzil, Natalia, Pslam
St John Bosco	Isaac, Isaiah, Ebum
St Martin	Odera, Paul, Antonelle
St Catherine	Keziah, Johanan, Ire
St James	Tyra, Lashonda, Miriam
St Andrew	Ebose, Sophie, Heather
St Brigid	Marlon, Karis, Aista
St Therese	Jacob, Alex, Jemiah

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 8th December	
Tuesday 9th December	National Literacy Assembly—Live from St Chad's! Carol Concert Y3 and Y4 @ St Chad's School @ 6pm (children in school from 5.30pm)
Wednesday 10th December	
Thursday 11th December	Nativities: 8:50am—Nursery 10am—St Anne (Reception) 11am—St Peter (Reception)
Friday 12th December	Y1 and Y2 Nativity @ 9.15am
Monday 15th December	Story Telling Workshop
Tuesday 16th December	Palace For Life Christmas Grotto
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Carols at a care home
Thursday 18th December	
Friday 19th December	Finish at 1pm

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.





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

