



# St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

12th December 2025

## Dear Parents,

This week has been a joyous one, filled with our wonderful carol services and nativities. These celebrations have really helped us reflect on the true meaning of Advent and prepare our hearts for Christmas. The children have been an absolute delight in all their performances, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on their fantastic contributions to the ethos and community of St Chad's. Another highlight of the week was our parents' coffee morning on Wednesday. The focus was *Harmony at Home*, and we enjoyed a lively and informative presentation and discussion led by Soraya from *Off the Record*, a mental health charity working across Croydon schools. Soraya is based here at St Chad's and has already supported many of our children and families. The aim of the session was to explore how we can promote positive communication at home and help our young people develop self-discipline. We plan to offer additional sessions before school, and Soraya will also make herself available to any parents who would like to talk about supporting their child at home or navigating family dynamics.

I would like to thank all the staff involved in preparing the children for the Christmas concerts and nativities. It has been a very busy few weeks, but we truly appreciate their hard work, creativity and attention to detail. Thank you also to our PTFA for providing refreshments at the carol service and the KS1 nativity, as well as for organising the Christmas discos for all the children.

You will see from our attendance figures that we have been particularly affected by flu and stomach bugs recently. Please help us to minimise the spread of these viruses by keeping your child at home for at least 48 hours to ensure that symptoms have fully subsided. We would also like to highlight concerns around punctuality. Your support in ensuring children arrive on time is greatly appreciated. We are noticing an increase in the number of children arriving late in the mornings, which can be disruptive to the start of the school day.

I hope you all have a restful weekend. Dinner day on Wednesday 17th, and children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to celebrate the occasion. In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor



## St Anne's Nativity



We were very excited to welcome our families into class to watch our Nativity yesterday. We sang beautifully and remembered all of

our words. The band played the instruments excellently and some of us even sang solos. We made our mummies and daddies very proud! It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of our first term in Reception. Well done St Anne's



# Carol Service



On Tuesday evening, we welcomed our families into the school hall for our year 3 and 4 Carol Concert. Together, we retold the story of Jesus' birth through a combination of song, acting and prayer. We worked collaboratively to bring the Nativity story to life, sharing the events of the first Christmas with confidence and reverence. Through our performances, we reflected on the importance of Jesus' birth for Christians and the message of hope, love and joy that the story brings. It was a meaningful opportunity to celebrate our learning in RE and to share this special moment with our school community.



# Nursery Nativity

Today the Nursery children made their parents very proud as they performed the Nativity retelling the of the birth of Jesus. They remembered what they had to do and sang beautifully. It was such a lovely way to celebrate Jesus' birthday.



# Yr1&2 Nativity

This week Years 1 and 2 performed their wonderful Nativity play for both the school and their families. The children sang beautiful hymns, and their acting truly brought each character to life. They did an amazing job portraying the greatest story ever told.



# Year 6 Shine in a National Live Streamed Poetry Lesson



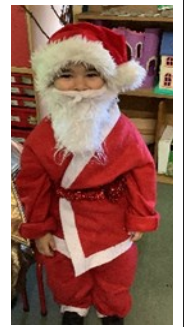
On Tuesday, our Year 6 children took part in a live-streamed lesson on writing poems about diversity. This wasn't just a session they watched — they were *live* to more than 1,500 children across the country. Ameerah, Gabriella and Joseph were invited to share their advice on poetry writing, and Michaela had the incredible honour of reading her national winning poem to the entire audience. All of our pupils read clearly and confidently, representing our school brilliantly.

# St Peter's Nativity



We were so excited to welcome our families into class to watch our Nativity performance yesterday! We sang our hearts out and remembered all our lines perfectly. The band played their instruments wonderfully, and some of our little ones even wowed everyone with amazing solos. We made our mums and dads super proud! It was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of our first term in Reception.

Brilliant job, St Peter's!



01/12/2025 - 05/12/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94.9	4.6
St Peter Rec	82.3	0.9
St Ann Rec	93.2	0
St Elizabeth	89.6	0.4
St Luke	85.7	0
St John Paul	95	0
St Martha	98.5	0
St John Bosco	91.1	1.4
St Martin	79.6	0.4
St Catherine	91.4	0.5
St Andrew Y5	85.2	0.3
St James Y5	93	1.5
St Therese Y6	79.6	0
St Brigid Y6	84.1	0.5
Totals	88.6	0.7

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 in the Juniors.*





## 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**



## Next two weeks at St Chad's

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
Monday 5th January	Inset Day—School closed to all children
Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school 8:35am
Wednesday 7th January	
Thursday 8th January	
Friday 9th January	

# 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.

