



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

19th December 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of 2025, it has been my great pleasure to celebrate the success of the autumn term and to continue getting to know our children and families better. St Chad's is a truly wonderful school, filled with love and compassion.

We have enjoyed a lovely final week in school, with highlights including 20 children visiting the Christmas Grotto at Crystal Palace and our wonderful Christmas dinner day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Brown and her amazing catering team. Christmas dinner was superb, as are the meals they provide for our children throughout the year.

A warm thank you and sincere recognition go to the entire St Chad's staff team — our office staff, site team, teachers, and teaching assistants. Each and every one of you adds great value to the school, and we are truly blessed to have such a dedicated team who work tirelessly every day.

I would also like to say farewell to Mrs Prestidge, who will be leaving us today. We thank her for her commitment and dedication to St Chad's over the past seven years and wish her every success for the future.

Thank you for the many generous cards, good wishes, and gifts we have received. We are truly appreciative of your generosity and wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Every good wish for 2026. We look forward to our continued work together.

In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor



Carols at Heavers Court

Our Cafod Club children and our Kindness Ambassadors went to sing carols, and hand out Christmas cards made by children at school at our local care home. The children sang beautifully and spread joy to all the residents.

It was wonderful to see the beaming smiles on the children's and adults faces !



Father Christmas at Palace For Life

Twenty families enjoyed a special visit to Selhurst Park to meet Father Christmas. During the visit, the children took part in a range of Christmas-themed arts and crafts before heading into the woodland-themed grotto to meet Father Christmas and his elves. The experience was made even more exciting with a surprise visit from Maxence Lacroix, who spent time talking and playing games with the children. A huge thank you to Thea Allum and all the Palace for Life staff for their kindness and generosity in making this such a memorable experience.



Nursery News



Nursery have been getting ready for Christmas. We have been making a daily advent promise, listening to stories, as well as making a star candle holder, tree decoration and an angel card. On Wednesday we had our Christmas party playing pass the parcel and enjoying lots of lovely food. It's been a very busy term so we are all excited to celebrate Jesus' birthday at home with our family.



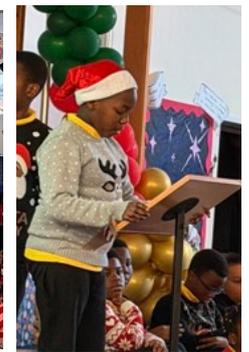
PTFA Christmas Discos

Last Friday's PAF discos were a fantastic success. The children thoroughly enjoyed dancing, singing along to the music and spending time with their friends, while our infant children were thrilled to meet Father Christmas. The event created a wonderful atmosphere and brought our school community together. A huge thank you to the PAF members and all the helpers and volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the evening such an enjoyable and memorable occasion.



Human Rights Celebration of the Word

On Wednesday, St Andrew's class led a thoughtful and thought-provoking Celebration of the Word focused on human rights. Through their readings, reflections and prayers, the children highlighted the importance of treating everyone with fairness, dignity and equality. The celebration encouraged the school community to reflect on how we can show respect and compassion to others in our daily lives, and the children should be commended for delivering such a meaningful and well-prepared service.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

08/12/2025 - 12/12/2025		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94.4	3.5
St Peter Rec	96.8	1.4
St Ann Rec	91.4	0
St Elizabeth	90.9	3.5
St Luke	87.1	1
St John Paul	81.8	1.4
St Martha	93.7	2.6
St John Bosco	98.2	3.6
St Martin	98	3.6
St Catherine	95.9	0.9
St Andrew Y5	93.8	0.3
St James Y5	99.6	3.3
St Therese Y6	91.4	0.5
St Brigid Y6	87.7	4.1
Totals	93.2	2.1

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's in the infants and St James in the Juniors.



Next two weeks at St Chad's

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	
Monday 12th January	
Tuesday 13th January	
Wednesday 14th January	
Thursday 15th January	
Friday 16th January	



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



Parenting Pointers From the:

COFFEE MORNING



Behaviour is Communication

What might they be trying to tell me?



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.

