



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

27th February 2026

Dear Parents,

The first week back of this rather short half term has flown by!

We are now in the season of Lent, and the children are being encouraged to reflect on their Lenten promises and on the importance of giving. We will once again be partnering with CAFOD during this special time. The children will have opportunities to hear from CAFOD representatives, as well as take part in prayerful and reflective activities throughout the weeks ahead.

There is certainly a lot to pack into this half term. We begin with St Chad's Feast Day on Monday 3rd March. We will celebrate with a special liturgy and a range of fun activities. We are also looking forward to welcoming our governors into school so they can see St Chad's in action and spend time talking with the children.

Auditions are currently underway for St Chad's Got Talent, which will take place on Thursday 19th March at 6:00pm. We are excited to see the many talents our pupils will share!

A gentle reminder regarding mobile phone use on the school site: phones should not be used while on the premises in order to safeguard all of our pupils. Additionally, if you are supporting with a school trip or walk, phones should not be used while supervising the children. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor



Bishop Bradley

Congratulations to Bishop Gerard Bradley, who was ordained as a Bishop on 2 February. Bishop Gerard grew up in South Norwood and was a long-standing parishioner of St Chad's Church as a boy and young man. His nephew and niece also attended St Chad's School. Bishop Gerard returned to his home parish to celebrate Mass, and we were proud that 18 Year 6 pupils, wearing school uniform, attended to represent our school. Thank you to the Year 6 children for giving up their time to mark such a special and important occasion. We wish Bishop Gerard every blessing and success in his future service.



London's Air Ambulance

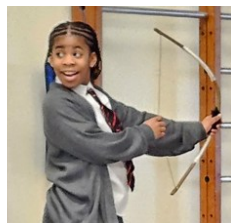
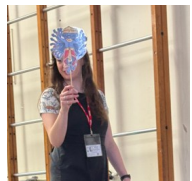
Year 1 enjoyed an interesting visit from the Air Ambulance Charity. They came to talk to us about the different people that make up the Air Ambulance team and about the special helicopter that they use. All of Year 1 enjoyed this interesting talk and learnt lots of information about the work they do.



Freshwater Theatre Company

On Tuesday, our KS1 and KS2 pupils took part in a fantastic storyteller workshop as of our World Book Day celebrations. The children were captivated by the traditional tale of Ramayana, focusing on the adventures of Rama and Sita. The session was great fun, highly interactive, and full of energy.

Pupils joined in with actions, repeated key phrases, and helped bring the story to life through drama and discussion. It was a wonderful way to spark imagination, encourage a love of storytelling, and begin our celebrations for World Book Day in an engaging and memorable way.



Thank You

It was lovely to read in Sunday's St Aidan's Parish Newsletter an article thanking the children of St Chad's School for their involvement in a recent community project.

The organiser, Leonie Wilding, wrote:

"Special thanks must go to the children of St Chad's School who have involved themselves in this project with such energy and creativity. I have no doubt that we will be asking them to help out again next autumn."

We are incredibly proud of our pupils for representing the school so positively and for their enthusiasm, commitment, and creativity within the wider community.



Nursery News

We have been learning about Chinese New Year and know that it is the year of the horse. After watching a video about the celebrations we read the story to find out how each animal had a year named after them. We made red Chinese lanterns and today cooked stir fry that we tried to eat using chopsticks. Some of us were quite successful.



CAFOD National Assembly



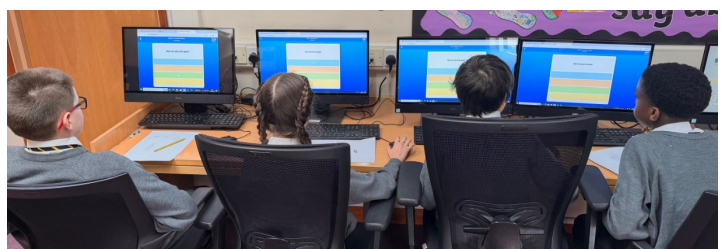
This week, our children joined the CAFOD National Live Assembly as part of our Lenten journey. The assembly focused on the Big Lent Walk and reminded us how our fundraising can make a real difference to communities around the world affected by climate change. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, we reflected on our call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our global family. Through prayer, generosity and action, we are living out our faith and putting love into action this Lent.



Lent 2026: Love grows



Four children from Year 6 took part in the Maths Quiz Club semi-final after placing in the top two during the initial heats. They performed amazingly well. All of the children gave their very best and should be extremely proud of their achievement. Well done to our fantastic mathematicians!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Precious, Amanda
St Elizabeth	Desire, Ethan
St Martha	Skylar, David
St John Paul	Psalm, Mya
St John Bosco	Leah, Fabiola
St Martin	Simeon, Divine
St Catherine	Johanan, Mathilda
St James	Khayson, Manny
St Andrew	Rose, Trevell
St Brigid	Jesse, Karis
St Therese	Michael, Tony

Gospel Value



St Luke	Weslynn, Ezekiel, Aaliyah, Liam, Gregorio, Nikyrah
St Elizabeth	Mia, Kamsi, Elisha-Noah, Iremide, Merrick, Rudi
St Martha	Skyler, Tofunmi, Shilo, Krystelle, Rousett, Lorenzo
St John Paul II	Nicole, Denzel, Caeven, Ayla, Nathan, Sophia
St John Bosco	Eliora, Logan, Micah, Britney, Ryeden, Christly
St Martin	Favour, Divine, Paul, Lily, Leonard, Rosie
St Catherine	Zofia, Shalom N, Arabella, Monae, Hannah, Nogan
St James	Georgia, Nicole, Janelle, Maria, Emmanuel, Danielle
St Andrew	Angel, Anthonia, Moyin, Elisha, Joshua L, Emmanuel
St Brigid	Karis, Jayden, Joseph, Joshua, Serena, Kamso
St Therese	Abel, Anastasia, Gabrielle, Inam, Michael, Jonathan

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 2nd March	St Chad's Feast Day School Liturgy Donkey Visit
Tuesday 3rd March	
Wednesday 4th March	Reading Café– D.E.A.R session in the hall from 3pm
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day– Dress up as your favourite BOOK character Yr6 First Aid Training
Friday 6th March	Book Hat Day CAFOD Assembly
Monday 9th March	Science Week
Tuesday 10th March	
Wednesday 11th March	Science Quiz Girl's Football Tournament– Coloma
Thursday 12th March	
Friday 13th March	Big Lent Walk Y2 Trip to



Golden Table

Well done to our Golden Table children, who have demonstrated excellent behaviour in the dining hall, showing fantastic manners, kindness, and respect to others. This week, they were invited to eat at the special Golden Table so they could be rightly recognised for their positive behaviour at lunchtime.

We are very proud of you all – keep up the excellent work!

Reception– Jaylen

Yr1– Aaliyah, Azai, Elisha-Noah, Isaiah

Yr2– Natalia

Yr3– Kamia

Yr4– Simeon

Yr5– Jermaine, Ebose



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Supporting your Child with Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA)

Tuesday 24th February 5:30pm

Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Tuesday 3rd March 5:30pm

Helping your Child with Behaviours that Challenge (Primary age)

Tuesday 10th March 5:30pm

Introduction to Neurodivergence

Tues 17th March 5:30pm

Tues 24th March 5:30pm

Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 1:30pm



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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
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Club Manager
Stephanie Odewale

Starting
2nd September 2025

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