



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

13th March 2026

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This week has been full of exciting opportunities for our pupils. Our Year 1 children enjoyed a visit to the library, while Year 2 explored the National Portrait Gallery. Our girls' football team also represented the school brilliantly at a tournament at Coloma, and we are especially proud of our science quiz team who came first in their competition.

Another highlight was our CAFOD Lent Walk this morning. It was a joyful occasion filled with lovely singing and a real sense of community. St Chad's is certainly a vibrant place to be, and it is wonderful to see our children enjoying so many enriching experiences.

This weekend is Mothering Sunday, which is always a special time. We know many of the children are excited to celebrate and wish their mothers a happy day. We also recognise that this can be a difficult time for some, and we extend our warmest wishes to all families as they mark Mothering Sunday in their own way.

In Christ

Mrs T Lawlor

Two teams from our school recently took part in a Science Quiz at Thomas Becket. Competing against 15 teams, our pupils achieved an outstanding result, finishing 1st and 5th overall – an extraordinary achievement.

As a result of their fantastic performance, Team 2 have now qualified for the National Final in Oxford this June. We are incredibly proud of all eight Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who represented the school so brilliantly and showed such enthusiasm, knowledge and teamwork.

Well done to everyone involved!

Science Quiz Winners!



1 St Chad's Team 2	1575	8 St Mary's Team 1	975
Margaret Roper Team 2	1385	9 St Thomas Becket Team 2	950
3 Good Shepherd	1225	10 St Aidan's Team 1	910
4 St Joseph's Team 1	1040	11 Laleham Lea Team 1	860
5 St Chad's Team 1	1025	12 Margaret Roper Team 1	790
6 St Thomas Becket Team 1	1015	13 St Mary's Team 2	700
7 St Joseph's Team 2	1010	14 St Aidan's Team 2	685
		15 Laleham Lea Team 2	600



BIG LENT WALK CAFOD

This morning, the whole school from Nursery to Year 6 took part in the Big Lent Walk. Even though the weather was cold and gloomy, it certainly didn't dampen our spirits! The children showed great enthusiasm as they walked together to raise money for CAFOD, supporting those less fortunate as part of our Catholic Social Teaching. Thank you to all the parents who kindly sent in the £2 donation. If you forgot, it is not too late – please feel free to send it in next week. I look forward to sharing the total amount raised in next week's newsletter!

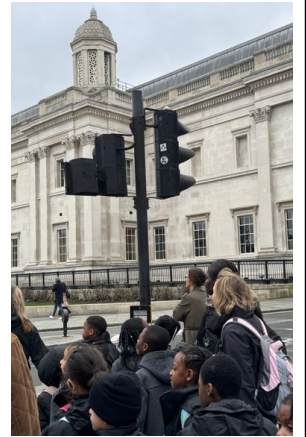


Yr2 The National Portrait Gallery



On Thursday, Year 2 visited the National Portrait Gallery to learn about significant people from the past such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

The children explored different paintings and considered the hidden messages they present and discussed what might be happening in each one. After the visit, we enjoyed a walk through London and had lunch in Trafalgar Square. The children had a wonderful day and really enjoyed the trip.



Catholic Social Teaching in Action

Cafod Club have been busy making bracelets which they will be selling after school on **Tuesday 17th March** in the school playground. The children have worked hard to create these and are excited to raise money for a great cause.

Please come along and support our club while helping us raise money for **CAFOD**. All bracelets will be available to buy for **£1.00 each**. Thank you in advance for your support!



Reception Letters



As part of our topic, 'People Who Help Us', we have been learning about postal workers. This week we have written postcards to our mummies and daddies. We enjoyed putting King Charles stamps on them and on Thursday we went to our local post box to post them. We were very excited! All the adults in Reception were impressed with the children's writing and pictures. Keep an eye out in your letter boxes, and expect a special postcard very soon!



Yr1's Visit to the Library

On Tuesday Year 1 visited South Norwood library. Sue, one of the librarians, welcomed us, shared information about the library and read them a story. The children then had the opportunity to explore and look through the bookshelves and book boxes. Some children were able to borrow some books because they brought their library cards. The other children joined the library and received their cards at the end of the school day.





Girls Football at Coloma

On Wednesday, some of our Year 6 girls attended a football tournament at Coloma. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their skills on the pitch as well as showing that they worked well as a team. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with each match and some fantastic goals were scored. They showed great support to each other, demonstrating resilience and determination throughout the competition. Well done to all the children involved, you were excellent representatives of our school.

Nursery News

As part of science week Nursery did two experiments as part of our growing topic. We put white carnations in 4 vases with different coloured water to see what happens. The flowers are beginning to change colour as they drink. Our second experiment was to see if water could walk. We were very excited to see that it did as it travelled "up and over" the paper into the next bowl.



02/03/2026 - 06/03/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	94.1	1
St Peter Rec	95.7	2.2
St Ann Rec	96.2	1
St Elizabeth	91.9	1
St Luke	96.5	0.5
St John Paul	94.1	2.3
St Martha	97	2
St John Bosco	95.7	2
St Martin	91.2	1.2
St Catherine	98.2	0.5
St Andrew Y5	99	0.7
St James Y5	98.9	2.2
St Therese Y6	100	0
St Brigid Y6	99.6	0
Totals	96.3	1.2

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 Therese in the Juniors.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Gregorio, Weslynn
St Elizabeth	Ethan, Nora
St Martha	Ararat, Tiffany
St John Paul	Siba, Frank
St John Bosco	Sky Blue, Wonderful
St Martin	Kamiya, Wyshown
St Catherine	Keziah, Jamal
St James	Nicole, Iris
St Andrew	Emmanuel, Carla
St Brigid	Jesse, Logan
St Therese	Gabriella, Mary

Gospel Value



St Luke	Ryan, Olivia, Precious
St Elizabeth	Ethan, Desire, Malaika
St Martha	Marcel, Oliwia, Naeto
St John Paul	Nathan, Sophia, Ayla
St John Bosco	Eliora, Chizi, Micah
St Martin	Monisade, Emmanuel k, Jazelle
St Catherine	Zofia, Shalom A, Ife
St James	Jermaine, Janelle, Lashonda
St Andrew	Brielle, Malachi, Joshua E
St Brigid	Ameerah, Jayden, Joshua
St Therese	Michaela, Inam, Anastasia

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 16th March	Rocksteady Concert Book Fair after school in the Music Room
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick's Liturgy –St Luke Talent Show Dress Rehearsal Book Fair after school in the Music Room
Wednesday 18th March	Infant football comp @ St Cyprians school- Y1 team Book Fair after school in the Music Room
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph's Liturgy - St Elizabeth Talent Show 6pm Book Fair after school in the Music Room
Friday 20th March	Yr6 Trip to City Hall
Monday 23rd March	Palm Sunday Assembly
Tuesday 24th March	
Wednesday 25th March	
Thursday 26th March	Last Supper Assembly– St Andrew
Friday 27th March	The Way of the Cross Assembly– St James Break up at 1pm

2026

book missions



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.



January

Read a book that makes you laugh!

February

Tell someone about a book you love

March

Join the World Book Day celebrations

April

Read a book because you love its pictures

May

Read a poetry book or a verse novel

June

It's a summer of sport! Read a sporty book

July

7 July: A new Children's Laureate is here! Read one of their books

August

Read a book outside! What's the most unusual place you can find?

September

Send a letter or a drawing to your favourite author or illustrator

October

Read a scary book for Halloween!

November

Read a non-fiction book and tell a friend a cool fact

December

Swap your favourite book with your friends

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



TALK TO US



Are you OK Croydon?



My favourite books of the year are...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately (often referred to as SVOD: streaming videos on demand). Ofcom reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional TV. With two-thirds of UK households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

COSTLY

Subscription services can be costly. As the main source of entertainment, most households have at least one streaming platform, and each platform has its own monthly subscription fee. Services are charging more for ad-free viewing, and better quality and resolution; however, there is a cheaper option with adverts. Due to price increases, Netflix and Disney reported a sharp increase in users cancelling their subscriptions in 2025.

ILLEGAL STREAMING

Sharing passwords or using modified fire sticks to access streaming content without permission is illegal. Most streaming services have new put measures in place to detect account sharing. When account sharing is identified, platforms will offer an opportunity to pay for an added member or will ask the user to verify who they are.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most streaming platforms allow users to set up a profile for each family member, with the option of putting specific restrictions in place. These include adding a profile lock or PIN, controlling autoplay of previous and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings. Nonetheless, these restrictions aren't foolproof. Content which is rated as suitable for an age group may still include themes, language, or images which children and families find inappropriate.

NEXT EPISODE

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Excessive screen time contributes to sedentary behaviour and can negatively impact physical and mental health. Ofcom found that 4- to 10-year-olds averaged 2.5 hours per day across all video-sharing platforms, not including gaming. The vast range of content available, combined with features such as autoplay, makes it easy for children to watch for extended periods of time.

BINGE WATCHING

Features such as autoplay make it easy for viewers – especially young people – to continue watching episodes without a break. This can foster unhealthy and addictive patterns, such as consuming a vast amount of content in one sitting. With binge watching come a lack of social interaction, lack of physical exercise, and often late nights and sleep disruptions which impact their mental and physical wellbeing.

HARMFUL STEREOTYPES

Many platforms track viewing habits, time consumed, and preferences, and generate recommendations to encourage your child to keep watching. This results in your child being in a 'loop' whereby they think the 'recommended' shows would be something they would enjoy more than thinking critically for themselves. This can shape their beliefs, values, and understanding of the world from a young age without even realising it.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET UP INDIVIDUAL PROFILES AND ADD PINS

Almost all streaming services allow users to set up individual profiles where each family member can have age restrictions put in place for the content they can view. Adult profiles can be protected through the use of PIN. Keep this private. Use the options of putting specific restrictions in place such as controlling autoplay of previous and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings.

MONITOR AND TALK OFTEN

Discuss with your child what they are watching, find out which programmes are trending, and watch them yourself. Have a little look at their watch history to check the content of what they're watching. Some platforms have been known to recommend or autoplay older or graphic content after a child's movie has been played. While some TV shows or movies may have a suitable age rating, your child may still find the content scary, or it may explore themes you don't want to explore with your child yet.

TALK ABOUT ALGORITHMS

Talk to your child about how streaming services track what they watch, and base adverts and recommended shows/movies on previous viewing. Encourage them to critically think about whether the recommendations are suitable and how they want to spend their time. Discuss stereotypes with your child and challenge them to think about what they watch and how this may influence their beliefs.

SET TIME RESTRICTIONS

Many streaming services offer the opportunity to buy movies, or add additional features to your subscription such as sports channels, as well as play games. This can increase the amount of time young people spend sitting in front of the screen. Some platforms (e.g. Apple TV+) allow you to set screen time restrictions. If the streaming service doesn't allow you to set screen time limits, set a family rule and stick to it.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator, and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various students' papers and carried out research for the Australian Government, comparing internet use and setting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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
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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.

