



20th March 2026

St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This week it has been glorious to finally enjoy some sunshine and begin to look ahead to brighter spring days.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week – your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Our focus this week has been on celebrating our God-given talents. We began with performances from our Rocksteady bands, who entertained us all and showcased the fantastic progress they have made over the term.

Our Year 1 children led us beautifully in learning about St Patrick and St Joseph. Both classes delivered excellent liturgies – well done to all of our Year 1 pupils for their confident reading and presentation skills.

We were also proud to have a team of Year 1 footballers represent the school at a new competition hosted at St Cyprian's. They represented the school admirably – well done to the team!

The highlight of the week was our much-anticipated *St Chad's Got Talent* evening. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event, and I was incredibly proud of every single performer. The children rose to the occasion, and I am sure the audience enjoyed it just as much as we did. Congratulations to all who took part!

A special thank you to our PTA, who raised £70 through refreshments on the night.

Have a wonderful weekend. As we head into the final week of term, please remember that school will finish at 1pm on Friday 27th March 2026.

Yours in Christ

Mrs. T Lawlor



St Patrick & St Joseph's Day

Year 1 led our St Patrick's and St Joseph's Celebration of the Word to mark these two important feast days. The assemblies were joyful and prayerful, helping us to reflect on how the saints are wonderful role models for us all. It was a truly spiritual and lovely occasion, and we are very proud of the children for leading it so beautifully.





On Thursday, some children performed at the St Chad's Talent Show. The evening showcased a wonderful variety of talents, including drawing, gymnastics, musical theatre, singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments. It was a truly lovely event, and the children worked incredibly hard to make it so special. A big thank you to the PTFA for their support and for providing drinks and snacks, helping to make the evening even more enjoyable. Thank you also to everyone who came along to support the children. A huge congratulations to all who took part and confidently showcased their talents. Finally, this special night would not have been possible without our fantastic hosts, Joseph and Abel.



Nursery News

Nursery are so pleased that our flower experiment worked. The carnations are no longer white as they have changed colour from drinking the red, yellow and blue water that we gave them.



Infant Football Competition



On Wednesday, our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a KS1 football tournament alongside other Catholic schools. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showed great enthusiasm throughout. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, putting in a fantastic level of effort in every match. We were incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves—they were a real credit to St Chad's.



02/03/2026 - 06/03/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	99	1
St Peter Rec	93	1.3
St Ann Rec	98.1	0.5
St Elizabeth	93.8	1.9
St Luke	97.5	0.5
St Martha	90.9	1.8
St John Paul	99	1
St John Bosco	100	1.7
St Martin	92	1.6
St Catherine	98.6	0.9
St Andrew	100	0.3
St James	99.3	2.2
St Therese	96.8	0
St Brigid	99.1	0.5
Totals	97	1.1

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 John Paul in the infants and St John Bosco & St Andrew in the Juniors.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Whole Class
St Elizabeth	Elisha Noah, Azai
St Martha	Shasanth, Shakye
St John Paul	Nevaeh, Mya
St John Bosco	Logan, Kymani
St Martin	Antonelle, Rosie
St Catherine	Choyce, Ayomide
St James	Anaiyah, Maria
St Andrew	Moyin, Malachi
St Brigid	Joshua, Serena
St Therese	Jonathan, Ebere

Gospel Value



St Luke	Nikyrah, Weslynn, Ryan
St Elizabeth	Brielle, Raie, Theo
St Martha	Anjali-Rose, Naeto, Esme
St John Paul	Ade, Frank, Denzil
St John Bosco	Junior, Ebun, Fabiola
St Martin	Divine, Favour, Wyshown
St Catherine	Ire, Layton, Johanan
St James	Leilah, Noah, Moyin
St Andrew	Sienna, Sophie, Joshua L
St Brigid	Aista, Jesse, Tahlia
St Therese	Abel, Gabrielle, Cressida

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 23rd March	
Tuesday 24th March	Palm Sunday Assembly
Wednesday 25th March	Last Supper Assembly– St Andrew
Thursday 26th March	
Friday 27th March	The Way of the Cross Assembly– St James Break up at 1pm
Monday 13th April	Return to school 8:35
Tuesday 14th April	
Wednesday 15th April	
Thursday 16th April	
Friday 17th April	

2026 book missions



BookTrust
Getting children reading

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



My favourite books of the year are...

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.



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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Croydon Drop In

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

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.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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 subscribing to their ad-supported tier in 2025.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 idly 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.

#WakeUpWednesday
The National College

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

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