



24th April 2026

# St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the sun this week and to see children getting into their summer uniforms.

Year 6 are now preparing for their SATs, which will take place during the week beginning 11th May. The children have been working extremely hard and continue to show an excellent attitude towards their learning.

We are still filling up spaces in our Reception classes for September 2026, please do spread the word in your local communities!

Thank you to St Martin class for leading a liturgy on St George's Day, reminding us of the courage and strength of the saint.

Last week we had new interactive whiteboard screens installed in every classroom. These will enhance teaching and learning across the school, providing quicker access to technology and a wider range of resources. We would like to extend our thanks to our governing body directors for supporting this investment, which will add real value to our children's learning experiences at St Chad's.

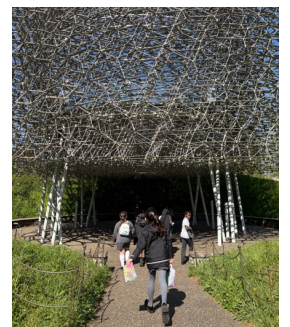
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



## Yr5 Trip to Kew Gardens



On Wednesday 22nd April, Year 5 went on a school trip to Kew Gardens as part of our Living Things and their Habitats Science topic. We eagerly explored the beautiful gardens and applied our knowledge of the life cycle of plants to the fantastic range of plant species the garden has to offer. Our highlights were the ginormous beehive structure, the Palm House and climbing the Treetop Walkway - many bravely conquering their fear of heights!





## St George's Feast Day

St Martin De Porres class led a school liturgy on 23 April 2026 for St George's feast day, exploring his life through readings, and prayer. Pupils reflected on his courage, faith, and the gifts he used to stand up for the truth and to protect others. The liturgy invited the school community to consider how they could show bravery, kindness, and resilience in daily life, inspiring everyone to follow his example and use their talents to make a positive difference to the school and local community.



## Support Our Children - Gift A Bible

As a school, we are excited to be introducing our new Religious Education scheme, **Lighting the Path**, which places a strong focus on helping children encounter and understand Scripture more deeply.

To support this, we are hoping to provide each class with English Standard Version Catholic Bibles that will be used regularly in lessons, prayer, and liturgy. These Bibles will play an important role in nurturing the spiritual life of our school and supporting the children's growing understanding of their faith.

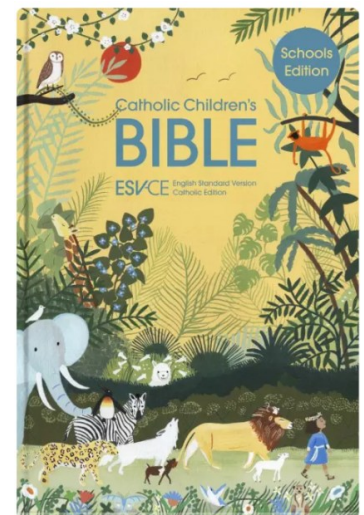
**We are asking families to support this important initiative by purchasing a Bible for the school. Each Bible costs £16.99, and you are very welcome to:**

- donate the full cost of a Bible, or
- contribute any amount towards one

As a lasting sign of your generosity, each donated Bible will include a message and your family name inside the front cover. This will serve as a meaningful reminder to future St Chad's children that their learning and faith journey has been supported by the kindness of our school community.

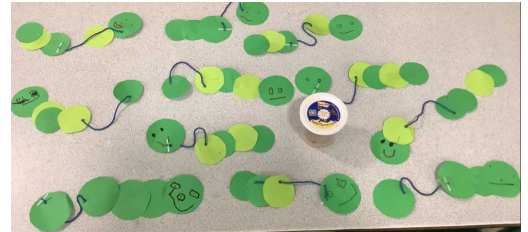
Any contribution, no matter how small, will be deeply appreciated and can be made through your ParentPay account.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us grow together in faith.



# Nursery News

It's caterpillar week so we have made caterpillars using different tools to attach its body, as well as using clay, which we will paint once they're dry. A little tub of 5 real caterpillars arrived and we are looking forward to watching them grow and transform. On Friday we had a surprise visitor walk into nursery who was happy to let us all have a stroke before they left!



## Roman Pots

Year 3 have been fully immersed in their History learning this week as they continued their topic on the Romans. We spent an exciting (and very messy!) morning creating our own papier mâché pots, carefully shaping and moulding them to resemble traditional Roman designs. Our pots are now drying over the weekend, ready for the next stage of the process. The children are very much looking forward to painting and decorating their creations next week, bringing their Roman pottery to life with colour and pattern!



13/04/2026 - 17/04/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	95.6	0
St Peter Rec	97	0.9
St Ann Rec	95.2	0.5
St Elizabeth	99.1	2.9
St Luke	100	0
St Martha	91.8	2.3
St John Paul	100	2.4
St John Bosco	95	0.7
St Martin	94	0.8
St Catherine	98.2	0.9
St Andrew	99.3	1.4
St James	97.8	1.5
St Therese	96.4	0
St Brigid	96.8	0.9
Totals	96.8	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 Luke & St John Paul in the infants and St Andrew in the Juniors.*



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Amanda, Uatiza
St Elizabeth	Luna, Jake
St Martha	Shilo, Tofunmi
St John Paul	Shana, Nicole
St John Bosco	Logan, Micah
St Martin	Michael, Jewel
St Catherine	Arabella, Jamal
St James	Samuel, Mikaere
St Andrew	Rose, Charlotte
St Brigid	Jayden, Isabella
St Therese	Jayden, Elvis

## Gospel Value



St Luke	Sage, Taleia, Isaiah
St Elizabeth	Iremide, Jake, Isata
St Martha	Jeremiah, Ararat, Krystelle
St John Paul	Ronel, Effie, Tony
St John Bosco	Whitney, Chelsea, AJ
St Martin	Aaron, Joaquim, Wyshown
St Catherine	Abdul, Mathilda, Choyce
St James	Joshua, Iris, Akonobea
St Andrew	Bella, Angel, Malachi
St Brigid	Dave, Serena, Ksawery
St Therese	Gabriella, Michael, Maelle

## Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 27th April	After school clubs start this week!
Tuesday 28th April	Y5 Boosters sessions start—3pm—3:45pm
Wednesday 29th April	Reception—St Anne's visit to Horniman's Museum Yr6 SATs/PGL Meeting 5:00-6:00pm
Thursday 30th April	
Friday 1st May	Reception—St Peter's visit to Horniman's Museum
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May	
Wednesday 6th May	
Thursday 7th May	
Friday 8th May	

# 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.

