



St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

1st May 2026

Dear Parents,

We have been enjoying a lovely spell of sunny weather this week, and it has been wonderful to see the children spending more time outside on the grass.

As we move further into the season, may I kindly remind you about hay fever medication. If needed, this can be taken in the morning before school to help keep children comfortable throughout the day.

Now that the weather is more settled, we would also appreciate all children attending school in their summer uniform.

We are currently experiencing a high number of late arrivals. Please remember that the school gates open at 8:25am, and all children should be in class by 8:35am. Your support in ensuring punctuality is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, here are some important dates for your diaries:

- **Friday 15th May** – Crowning of Mary (always a special and uplifting occasion)
- **Friday 19th May** – St Chad's Sports Day
- **Friday 22nd May** – Year 6 PGL Residential
- **Monday 8th June** – Summer Photographs
- **Friday 12th June** – INSET Day (school closed)

There are many exciting events to look forward to, and we look forward to continuing to work together over the summer term.

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend! In Christ—Mrs Tamsyn Lawlor

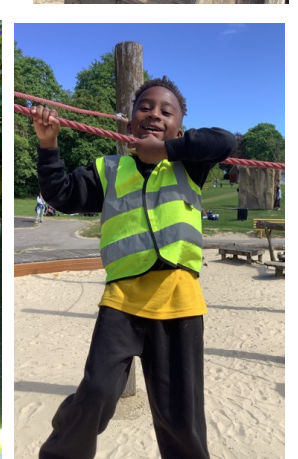
Reception's visit to the Horniman Museum



This week St Anne's class enjoyed a wonderful trip to The Horniman Museum. We travelled by train which was very exciting. All the children remembered to stand behind the yellow line, mind the gap and hold on tight.

When we arrived at the Museum we explored the butterfly house where we enjoyed seeing the butterflies fly around us! In the aquarium we spotted jellyfish, shrimp, seahorses and poisonous dart frogs. Later on we had a great time playing in the enormous sand pit and climbing frames. Well done St Anne's

Miss Roberts





Catholic Life

Adoration

Years 3, 4 and 5 had the special opportunity to take part in Adoration on Monday. During this sacred time, the children were able to pause, reflect and spend quiet moments in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

It was a peaceful and reverent experience that encouraged them to deepen their faith, strengthening their relationship with God and bringing them closer to Him. A big thank you to Pam and Angie from St Chad's church for bringing this ministry into our school.



Weekly Mass Rota

Our weekly Wednesday Mass rota provides a great opportunity for our children to take an active role in the life of the Church. During Mass, pupils serve by reading the daily readings, leading the intercessions, and singing, helping them to participate fully in the liturgy. It is important that children regularly experience Mass in the church, deepening their understanding of worship and strengthening their faith. They are always made to feel very welcome by the parish community. After Mass, they are encouraged to go into the parish hall, where they enjoy games, a snack, and a Bible quiz together.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Fr Ambrose and Karen for providing and supporting this valuable opportunity for our children.

Thank You

Thank you to the 10 parents who have already generously purchased a Bible for the school. We are truly grateful for your support and kindness. Your contribution is deeply meaningful in helping us to share and nurture our faith and beliefs within our school community. It is not too late to donate a Bible—there is still an opportunity to do so up until July

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.

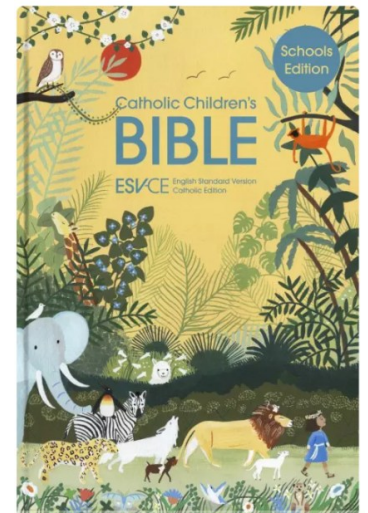
We are asking families to support this important initiative by purchasing a Bible for the school. Each Bible costs £16.99, and you are very welcome to:

- 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.



May, The Month of MARY



Join Archbishop John Wilson in praying for life this May

Rosary for Life

Pray the rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

Holy Mother, as you guided the saints, guide me.
Teach me to hope even when the road is hard.
Lead me always closer to your Son, Jesus.
May my life reflect trust in God's mercy.
Amen

Nursery News



We are so pleased to see the warm weather, as this has helped our caterpillars to grow. On Thursday we observed them hanging from the top of their home. Their skin will harden and they will become chrysalises. Every day the children are eager to see what the caterpillars are doing.



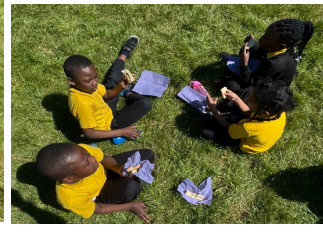
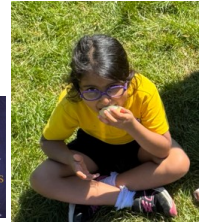
Congratulations Hannah!

It has been a very successful and busy weekend for Hannah (Yr4) in her judo achievements. Firstly, on Saturday she graded up two levels (the maximum progression) to achieve her green belt. On Sunday, she competed in the Surrey Closed Championship. Despite competing against older and heavier opponents, she delivered excellent performances and went on to win the gold medal. As a result of her success, she has been selected for the Surrey squad to represent the county in the Southern Area Inter-Counties Team Championships in Woking on 10th May.



Year 2's Green Tea Party

On Thursday, Year 2 took advantage of the lovely weather to enjoy a special green tea party, inspired by our class book, *The Pea and the Princess*. We sat together on the field and enjoyed a variety of themed treats, including pea sandwiches, green apples, peas, and cupcakes topped with pea-coloured icing. It was a fantastic way to bring our learning to life and celebrate our class story.



New Interactive Boards

We are delighted to share that new interactive SMART boards have now been installed in all classrooms. These modern resources will greatly enhance teaching and learning across the school, allowing lessons to be more dynamic, visual and engaging.



The SMART boards provide opportunities for interactive activities, instant feedback and a variety of multimedia resources, helping to bring learning to life for our pupils. We are excited to see how this technology will support greater participation, deepen understanding and inspire curiosity in every classroom.



20/04/2026 - 24/04/2026

Registration Group	Attendance %
St Mary Nur	97.8
St Peter Rec	99.6
St Ann Rec	100
St Elizabeth	99.5
St Luke	99.5
St Martha	94.6
St John Paul	98.6
St John Bosco	95.5
St Martin	97.9
St Catherine	98.2
St Andrew	98.9
St James	97
St Therese	99.6
St Brigid	96.4
Totals	98

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	Liam, Taleia
St Elizabeth	Malaika, Isata
St Martha	Tiffany, David
St John Paul	Natalia, Effie
St John Bosco	Ithiel, AJ
St Martin	Kamiya, Antonelle
St Catherine	Johanen, Onyx
St James	Elijah, Maria
St Andrew	Marisha, Anthonia
St Brigid	Ksawery, Liesel
St Therese	Jacob, Jonathan

Gospel Value



St Luke	Precious, Liam, Rahmahtullah
St Elizabeth	Barbara, Merrick, Luna
St Martha	Rousset, Krystelle, Akosua
St John Paul	Abigail, Nicole, Nathan
St John Bosco	Leah, Christly, Eliora
St Martin	Rosie, Leonard, Emmanuel K
St Catherine	Arabella, Nogan, Shalom A
St James	Leilah, Lashonda, Anaiyah
St Andrew	Heather, Noah, Moyin
St Brigid	Zion, Marlon, Karis
St Therese	Tony, Jemiah, Michaela

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 5th May	
Wednesday 6th May	
Thursday 7th May	
Friday 8th May	
Monday 11th May	Yr6 SATs Begin
Tuesday 12th May	
Wednesday 13th May	
Thursday 14th May	
Friday 15th May	Crowning of Mary ceremony PTFA BBQ—fundraising for Summer Fair

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.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS

Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.

PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT

Filtered images can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.

HIDDEN ADVERTISING

Some filters are linked to beauty products or trends, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.

BLURRED REALITY

As filters become more advanced and natural-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filters are used in everyday photos and videos.

SEXUALISED EDITS

Certain tools can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgement.

REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL

Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these artificial standards.

CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS

When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.

PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE

Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, friendships, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids N Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, TalkTV, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

STEPPING FORWARD
JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

FREE SEND EVENT

AN EVENT FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES, WHO ARE TRANSITIONING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Hosted by Croydon Council's Independent Travel Trainers

Gain valuable information from our dedicated team and staff, meet local support groups and explore opportunities to support your young person's independent skills.

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2026
VENUE: BRAITHWAITE HALL, KATHERINE STREET,
CRO 1NX
10:30AM - 13:30PM

RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON EVENTBRITE

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
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Croydon Council would like to invite parents and carers of Year 6 children, with special needs and disabilities to our event on 22nd July 2026 at Braithwaite Hall.

The event will enable attendees to look at way in which they can develop the independence of young people with SEN as they move towards adulthood. Whether transitioning to secondary school, Post-16 or adult learning we feel it is important that young people are able to explore their independence and options.

You can book on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stepping-forward-journey-to-adulthood-tickets-1986516630718?aff=oddtcreator>