



St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

8th May 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday everyone,

On Monday, our Year 6 children will begin their KS2 SATs. They have worked incredibly hard to reach this point, and I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success and keeping them in your thoughts and prayers next week.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to provide some context regarding the slight change to the PE uniform, from a yellow polo shirt to a white one. New guidance around school uniform affordability has required us to reduce the number of compulsory branded items. If we removed the logo from the yellow polo shirts, we would likely end up with many different shades of yellow, which may appear untidy. We have therefore chosen white polos, as they are easy to source and affordable for families.

We would like to reiterate that yellow polo shirts can still be worn, and these changes will be introduced gradually over time. We fully understand that many families wish to hand down and reuse uniform items wherever possible.

The new mobile phone policy will come into force in September. I understand that some parents wish to track their children using smartphones. However, 'brick' phones can still be used for calls and messages, allowing children to contact parents if they are travelling to and from school independently. That said, we would strongly encourage primary-aged children to be accompanied by an adult when travelling to and from school wherever possible. Please also consider making use of our wraparound club to support with school pick-up arrangements.

As always, please do come and speak to me if you ever need clarification about anything. Yours in Christ—Tamsyn Lawlor

St Peter's visit to the Horniman Museum



Last Friday, St Peter Class had a fantastic trip to the Horniman Museum. We travelled by train, which was a very exciting experience, and the children behaved exceptionally well, following all instructions carefully. At the museum, we explored the butterfly house and loved watching the butterflies flutter all around us. In the aquarium, we spotted jellyfish, clownfish, seahorses and even poisonous dart frogs. After enjoying a lovely picnic, we spent time exploring the outdoor areas, including the music gallery and visiting the farm animals—where the alpacas were a clear favourite!

We are incredibly proud of all the children in St Peter Class for such a wonderful day. Ms Del Busto



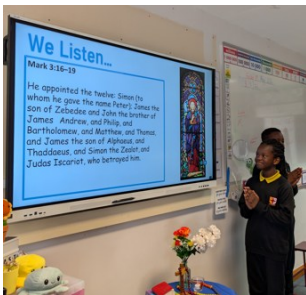


Catholic Life

St James' Feast Day Liturgy



This week, we marked St James' feast day in class by reflecting on his quiet faith, kindness, and service to others, reminding us that even small acts can make a big difference. Our class faith leaders led us in scripture, prayers, and reflection and we thought about how we can be more like St James through small acts of kindness, being peacemakers, and through service to God.



"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit." - James 3:17-18

St Martha's Ascension Lesson

As part of our new R.E. curriculum, *Lighting the Path*, Year 2 have been learning about the events of the Ascension. To deepen their understanding, the children created models showing Jesus ascending into Heaven, alongside messages reminding us that although Jesus is no longer physically present, He is with us until the end of time.



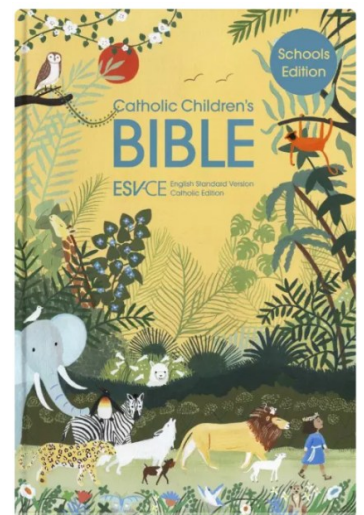
Support Our Children - Gift A Bible

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.

Crowning of Mary

As we enter the month of May, a time traditionally dedicated to Mary, we are delighted to invite you to our annual Crowning of Mary celebration.



This special event will take place in school, on **Friday 15th May at 2:00pm**. It is always a meaningful and reflective occasion in the life of our school.

As part of the celebration, we kindly ask that children bring in **flowers or small bedding plants** on the day. These will be used as offerings during the ceremony and help to make the occasion even more special.

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend, and we would be pleased to share this time with you.

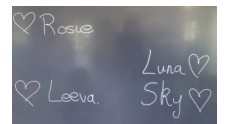
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

St John Paul II to Morden Hall Park

Last Friday, St John Paul had a lovely trip to Morden Hall Park to explore a variety of flowers in different environments. The children investigated four different habitats and learnt how plants grow and adapt in each one. They also explored what plants need in order to grow and discovered many different types of plants, helping to deepen their learning and understanding. We enjoyed a lovely walk through the park and had our lunch in the sunshine.



Reception's Butterflies



This week in St Peter, our caterpillars emerged from their cocoons and transformed into four beautiful butterflies. The children loved learning how to care for them and naming them while exploring the life cycle and the importance of looking after living beings. On Friday, we said goodbye to our little friends, wishing them a happy life and hoping they will come back to visit us again soon. Ms Del Busto

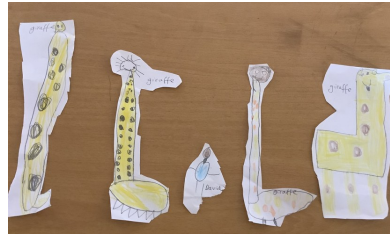


Happy 100th Birthday Sir David Attenborough

Today the whole school came together to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. Throughout the school, teachers planned a range of exciting activities to help the children learn more about his incredible work and lifelong dedication to the natural world.

The celebrations also linked beautifully with our Catholic belief in stewardship — the responsibility given to us by God to care for His creation. Through discussions, artwork and learning activities, the children reflected on the importance of protecting the environment and respecting the world around us, just as Sir David Attenborough has encouraged generations to do.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of how we can all play a part in caring for our common home. Happy Birthday Sir David.



Junior Art Club

In Junior Art Club this week, the children completed their beautiful watercolour paintings of fish. They worked incredibly hard and showed great creativity throughout the project. A range of artistic techniques were explored to create the vibrant underwater scenes, including the use of mixed media and sprinkling salt onto wet paint to produce interesting textures and effects.

The group demonstrated fantastic focus, patience and attention to detail when carefully blending colours and adding the finishing touches to their work. Mrs Chandler and Mrs Davern were extremely impressed by the creativity and effort shown by all of the children.

The finished masterpieces are something the children should be very proud of, and everyone is excited to see what wonderful artwork will be created next — watch this space!

Nursery News



It's lady bird week, so we been drawing, painting and counting them when we played the ladybird game. Our favourite activity was decorating a biscuit so it looked like one.

We are still observing our caterpillars as they are now chrysalides and waiting patiently for them to emerge as butterflies.



S.A.Ts

Please keep our Year 6 children in your prayers as they begin their SATs tests next week. We ask God to give them strength, confidence and comfort throughout the week, helping them to remain calm and do their very best. May they feel supported, encouraged and reassured, knowing that their hard work and efforts are valued. We pray that God's peace will be with them during each test and that they approach the week with courage and positivity.



27/04/2026 - 01/05/2026

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	96.9	1.8
St Peter Rec	85.5	3.6
St Ann Rec	91.9	0
St Elizabeth	100	1.9
St Luke	97.5	0
St Martha	94.6	0.9
St John Paul	100	2.4
St John Bosco	99.3	1
St Martin	95	1.7
St Catherine	96.4	1.4
St Andrew	99.3	0.7
St James	99.3	2.6
St Therese	97.2	0
St Brigid	94.6	0
Totals	96.4	1.3



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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award





St Luke	Kendrick, Rahmahtullah
St Elizabeth	Ethan, Barbara
St Martha	Isla, Shasanth
St John Paul	Melody, Ade
St John Bosco	Lloyd, Jamal
St Martin	Hunter, Julia
St Catherine	Shalom A, Abdul
St James	Emmanuel, Mikaere
St Andrew	Brielle, Isabella
St Brigid	Abel, Shalom
St Therese	Jayda, Jemiah

Gospel Value



St Luke	Olivia, Uatiza, Nikyrah
St Elizabeth	Raie, Malaika, Mia
St Martha	Esme, Naella, Marcel
St John Paul	Ayla, Caevan, Nevaeh
St John Bosco	Fabiola, Ryeden, Micah
St Martin	Odera, Jazelle, Divine
St Catherine	Hannah, Johanan, Zofia
St James	Danielle, Maria, Akonobea
St Andrew	Sophie, Joshua E, Isabella
St Brigid	Ameerah, Jayden, Jesse
St Therese	Anastasia, Gabriella, Jonathan

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 11th May	Yr6 SATs Begin
Tuesday 12th May	
Wednesday 13th May	
Thursday 14th May	Feast of the Ascension Yr2-6 9:30 Mass at St Chad's Church
Friday 15th May	Crowning of Mary Liturgy St Martha –Yr2 Trip PTFA BBQ—fundraising for Summer Fair
Saturday 16th May	Catholic Football Netball Competition at Margaret Roper 9am-1pm
Monday 18th May	Adoration Palace For Life Reading afternoon—20 families 2:30-4:00
Tuesday 19th May	Catholic Swimming Gala—Yr5 &6 at Trinity School Greek Day – Y4
Wednesday 20th May	Y1 phonics meeting – am
Thursday 21st May	
Friday 22nd May	School Journey 22nd-25th May PGL Residential Half Term– school closes at 3pm
 8th June—Class Photos Day. 	

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.





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



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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>