



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

15th May 2026

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This week has been a particularly busy one, especially for Year 6, as they completed all of the SATs tests. Our Year 6 children worked diligently and consistently hard throughout the four days, and we are extremely proud of their efforts and attitude.

It was wonderful to celebrate Ascension Thursday at St Chad's Parish on Thursday. Our children were a real credit to the school, showing reverence and respect throughout the Mass. A special well done to Danielle in Year 5 for reading so beautifully during the service.

It is with sadness that I must announce the departure of Mrs Sam Curran from St Chad's. Mrs Curran has been a dedicated member of our staff team since 2015 and has played an instrumental role in supporting our younger children in Reception, particularly with their reading and overall development. She will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike. We wish Mrs Curran and her family every happiness and success as they begin an exciting new chapter.

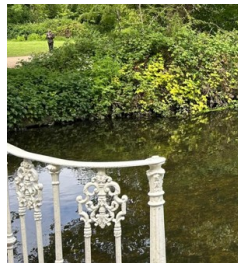
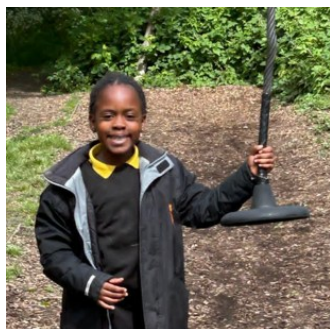
We would also like to warmly welcome Miss Caron Allery to our office team. Many of you may already have met Miss Allery, who has quickly become a valued addition to the team.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours in Christ—Tamsyn Lawlor

St Martha's trip to Morden Hall Park

On Friday St Martha 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.





Catholic Life

2nd Collection at St Chad's Church

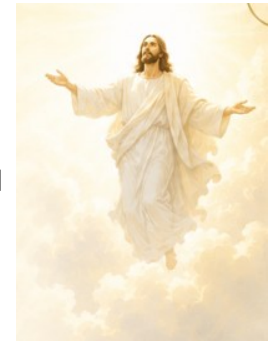
This Sunday, the second collection at all Masses at St Chad's Church will go towards the purchase of our new school Bibles. We would encourage all families to make every effort to attend Mass and support this important collection. Families may also wish to share with other parishioners how valuable these Bibles will be for the children, encouraging support for this meaningful cause.

These Bibles are an essential resource for our children and will be used weekly within lessons, worship and prayer to help enrich and deepen their spiritual lives. They will be greatly valued, carefully looked after and used to support the children in growing in faith and understanding of God's word.

We extend our sincere thanks to Fr Ambrose for facilitating this collection and for his continued support of our school community.

THE FEAST OF The Ascension

On Thursday, children from Years 2–6 attended Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. The children participated beautifully in the liturgy by serving through readings, prayers and singing. During the homily, the children gave thoughtful and impressive answers which clearly demonstrated their growing understanding of our Catholic faith. Their responses reflected both their engagement and the excellent teaching and faith formation taking place across the school. We were incredibly proud of the reverence and maturity shown by all of the children.



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.

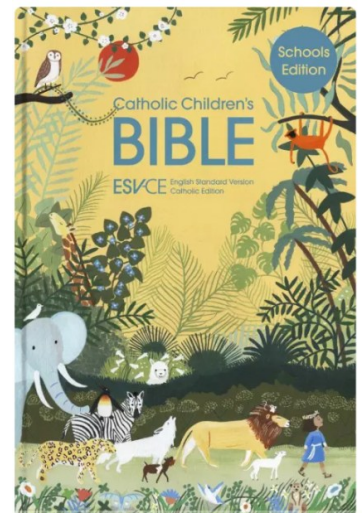
We are asking families to support this important initiative by purchasing a Bible for the school. Each Bible costs £16.99, and you are very welcome to:

- 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.





Today, as part of the Month of May, we gathered together as a school community to take part in our beautiful Crowning of Mary liturgy. During this special celebration, we honoured Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who is a model of faith, love, courage and kindness for all Christians. Mary's willingness to say "yes" to God reminds us to trust in Him and to care for others with compassion and humility.

The children engaged prayerfully and respectfully throughout the liturgy, joining together in song, prayer and reflection. It was wonderful to see the reverence shown by all pupils as we crowned Mary and celebrated her special place within our faith.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our families for the abundance of beautiful flower donations. Your generosity helped to make the celebration truly special and created a lovely focal point for our worship. It was a very meaningful occasion for our whole school community.



Reception - After School Club



Reception have been having a wonderful time this term at our after-school club. The children are learning how to stay focused, work together, and follow the rules when playing with others.

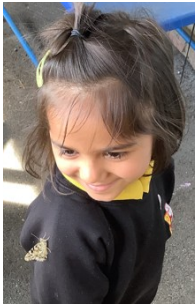
We are all having great fun so far!

Ms Del Busto and Miss Roberts



Reception's Trip to Sainsburys

This week in Reception, we have been reading 'Kitchen Disco' by Clare Foges and Al Murphy. It's a really funny book about fruits who have a disco in our kitchens at night. We walked to Sainsburys today to buy some fruit. We enjoyed searching for the correct fruit, and then scanning them and paying for them at the self service check out. When we got back to school we designed and ate fruit kebabs and had a fruit disco just like in our story. Many thanks to the adults who came with us and a big thank you to Mrs Aniagolu, Mrs Curran and Mrs Wasylkow who walked twice with both classes. Miss Roberts and Miss Del Busto



St Anne's
Butterflies



We were very excited that our butterflies hatched this week. We named them Lee, Rosie, Chloe and Beautiful flower. They were flying around a lot inside their net and ready to find their new homes. Luckily, they were very interested in meeting us, flying around us and landing on us. They were very tickly. We hope they fly back and visit us soon! Miss Roberts



Nursery News

Our chrysalides have finally emerged as beautiful butterflies, delighting all of nursery. We waited for them all to appear, then when the weather was warm we set them free and said goodbye. It is always such a lovely experience watching the lifecycle of a caterpillar.



Update



Congratulations to Hannah on her fantastic success at the Southern Area Inter-Counties Team Championships in Woking, where she proudly represented Surrey. Hannah showed great determination, skill and sportsmanship throughout the competition, and we at St Chad's are incredibly proud of her achievement, winning 2 out of 3 Shiai's.



God-given Talents

At St Chad's, we always love hearing about the achievements of our children outside of school. We recognise that education and success are built through a strong partnership between home and school, and we are proud to celebrate the many talents and accomplishments of our pupils. As a Catholic school, we believe that every child is blessed with unique gifts from God. Whether through sport, music, dance, art or academic success, we love recognising these talents and celebrating them during our Friday Celebration Assembly. If your child achieves something particularly special outside of school — such as representing their county, setting a record or winning a major competition — we would love to hear about it. Please send details to the school office so that we can celebrate these wonderful God-given talents together.



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 Brigid in the Juniors.



04/05/2026 - 08/05/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	93.3	2.8
St Peter Rec	96.6	2.3
St Ann Rec	92.5	0
St Elizabeth	96.4	4.2
St Luke	92.5	1.3
St Martha	98.2	1.8
St John Paul	100	2.4
St John Bosco	96.6	2.2
St Martin	95.8	2.6
St Catherine	97.2	0
St Andrew	98.7	0.9
St James	96.8	2.3
St Therese	97.7	1.1
St Brigid	100	0
Totals	96.7	1.7

CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award





St Luke	Kaiden, Ethan
St Elizabeth	Theo, Marrick
St Martha	Olamaria, Roussett
St John Paul	Nicole, Siba
St John Bosco	Leah, Logan
St Martin	Rosie, Odera
St Catherine	Arabella, Zofia
St James	Danielle, Maria
St Andrew	Elisha, Rodrigo
St Brigid	All St Brigid
St Therese	All St Therese

Gospel Value



St Luke	Olivia, Gregorio, Weslynn
St Elizabeth	Kamsi, Iremide, Nora
St Martha	Olamaria, Shasanth, Tiffany
St John Paul	Frank, Tony, Sophia
St John Bosco	Isaac, Isaiah, Junior
St Martin	Monisade, Jayden, Favour
St Catherine	Aleksis, Ire, Ife
St James	Jermaine, Danielle, Mikaere
St Andrew	Brielle, Antonia, Kyle
St Brigid	Joshua, Ksawery, Liesel
St Therese	Abel, Cressida, Michael

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 18th May	Adoration Palace For Life Reading afternoon—15 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
Monday 1st June	School Returns 8:35
Tuesday 2nd June	
Wednesday 3rd June	
Thursday 4th June	
Friday 5th June	
 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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FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
TRAVELTRAINING@CROYDON.GOV.UK

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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>