



# St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents,

Wishing our Year 6 pupils and staff team an enjoyable trip to the PGL centre over the weekend. We are set to be blessed with wonderful warm weather, which I am sure will add to the enjoyment of the experience!

Please note that our school Sports Day will take place on Friday 19th June. Further information regarding the running order for the day will be shared after half term.

We will also be holding our first Mufti Day on Friday 5th June in support of the PTFA Summer Celebration taking place on Friday 26th June.

Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend and half term break. Enjoy the summer weather, but please do take care in the heat.

Yours in Christ—Tamsyn Lawlor

## Yr5 STEM Day

Year 5 had the opportunity to attend Science workshops at Fidelis College. During the sessions, children learnt about elements in the periodic table and explored how different substances react when heated using a Bunsen burner. They also took part in a workshop where they handled and raced maggots whilst learning about their speed and how they can be used in medical treatments to treat injuries. The final workshop was exploring the properties of a number different materials including using circuits to test their conductivity. The children had a great morning and gained lots of new scientific knowledge. They also impressed the teachers leading the sessions with some of their knowledge and were commended by members of staff for their focus, engagement and good behaviour during the sessions.





# Catholic Life

## Pentecost



This week, St John Bosco led the school in a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the Feast of Pentecost. The children were incredibly reverent and reflective throughout, helping us all to remember the importance of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Through prayer, readings and worship, the children reminded us that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen us in our daily lives as followers of Christ. They also reflected on how it is now our mission to continue the work begun by the disciples by sharing God's love, kindness and message with others.



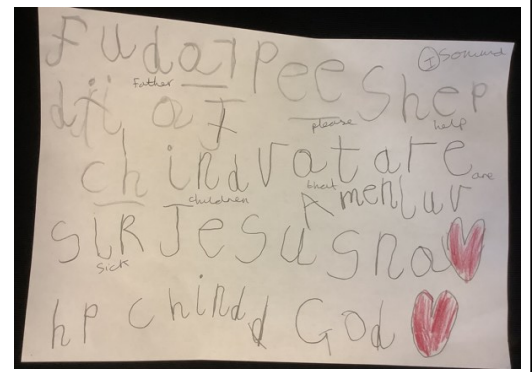
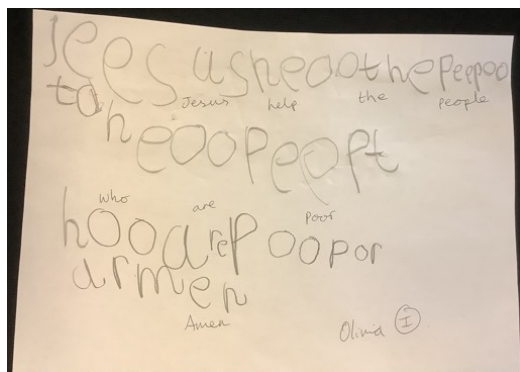
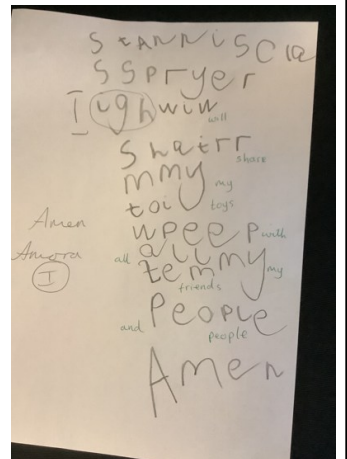
The school community would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the parishioners of St Chad's Church for their generosity and support during last weekend's second collection in aid of the school. Thanks to their kindness, the school will be able to purchase new Bibles for the children, which will greatly enrich their learning and faith journey.

A very special thank you is also extended to Fr Ambrose for his continued support, encouragement, and kindness towards the school community. His care and generosity are deeply appreciated by everyone.

## Little Voices, Powerful Prayers

In Reception we have been enjoying our RE lessons. Recently we have been learning about praying for our neighbours close to us and around the world. We created class prayers. This inspired some of the children (Amora, Olivia and Somma) to have a go at writing their own prayers to God. They did this with no help from an adult. Wow! Romeo, Somto and Iremide worked together to make a Church, including a tower and a cross. It is wonderful to see the children's faith developing.

Miss Roberts



# Catholic Football & Netball Tournament

On Saturday, our children took part in the Catholic Schools Football and Netball Tournament representing St Chad's brilliantly throughout the day. Our netball teams had a fantastic morning with both teams winning many of their matches. The children worked incredibly well together showing excellent teamwork, determination and showed a real sense enjoyment throughout the day. It was wonderful to see how much they have improved across the year! The staff and parents were exceptionally proud of all they achieved.

Our football team also gave a performance to be proud of where they worked well as a team and won a number of their matches which saw them progress all the way to the quarter finals. The children showed great determination, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the tournament.



On Tuesday, Year 4 arrived dressed in their Greek outfits, ready to immerse themselves in a day of exciting activities linked to their History learning on the Ancient Greeks. Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of creative and hands-on tasks. They created and decorated Greek clay pots using traditional patterns, made Olympic medals from salt dough linked to their PE learning, and designed beautiful watercolour backgrounds for their mosaic writing. To end the day, the children enjoyed tasting a variety of Greek-inspired foods. The honey and Greek yoghurt were very popular, although the hummus received mixed reviews!

It was a fantastic day filled with excitement, creativity and smiles throughout the classrooms.





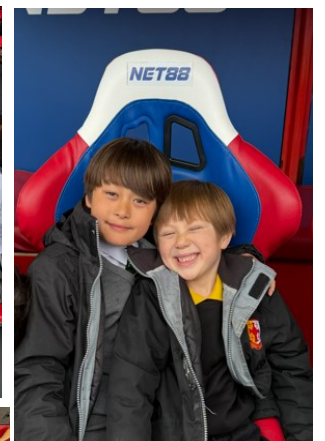
# Eagle Readers

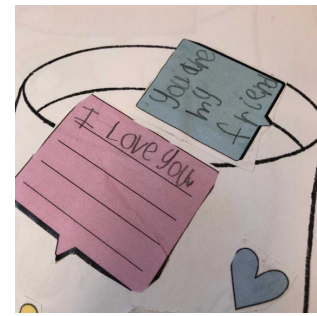
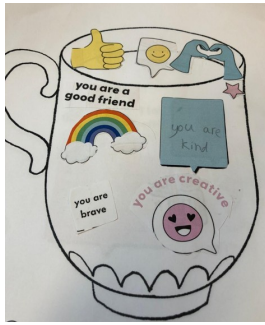


This week, 15 families were delighted to attend a very special reading event at Crystal Palace Stadium. The children took part in a range of exciting reading activities and phonics games, before enjoying a wonderful session with a local author.

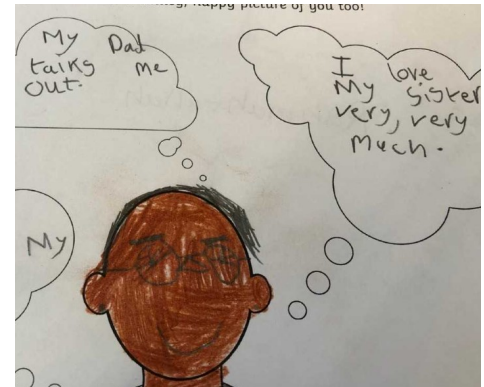
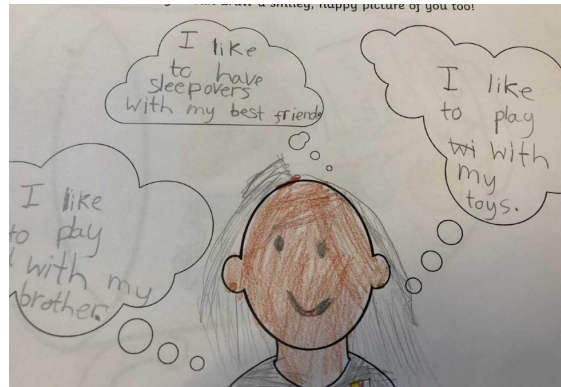
Families were then treated to an unforgettable behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium, including visits to the home and away changing rooms, the press box, and even the managers' and directors' suite! The children and their parents engaged wonderfully throughout the experience and thoroughly enjoyed this unique opportunity together.

A huge thank you to the Palace for Life Foundation, who made everyone feel so welcome and supported throughout the day.





Year 1 took part in activities for Mental Health week 2026, to help them understand their emotions and build a kinder, more supportive classroom environment . They thought about ways to feel positive and about what makes them feel happy .They embraced this year's official national theme, "**Action: for yourself, for someone else, for all of us**", actively participating in daily wellbeing activities designed to turn emotional awareness into positive habits.



## Nursery News

We read about the events of Pentecost in the Bible, then coloured pictures showing the strong wind and flames appearing above the people's heads. We also made kites to remind us of the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. It is truly marvellous to see the love of God growing and flourishing so beautifully in even our youngest children.



## Yr6 Residential Trip



We would like to wish all of our Year 6 children a wonderful time as they head off on their residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill over the Bank Holiday weekend. We hope they have lots of fun, make special memories with their friends and experience a real sense of achievement as they challenge themselves with the exciting activities planned. Residential trips are such an important opportunity for children to grow in confidence, independence and teamwork, and we know that Year 6 will make the most of every moment. A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Gant, Miss McNicholas, Mrs Mitchener and Mrs Mooney for giving up their own long weekend to accompany and support the children. Please keep them in your prayers.



11/05/2026 - 15/05/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	97.3	1.4
St Peter Rec	90	1.8
St Ann Rec	100	0.5
St Elizabeth	98.6	3.8
St Luke	100	0.5
St Martha	97.6	0
St John Paul	98.1	1.9
St John Bosco	96.9	1.7
St Martin	97.9	3.8
St Catherine	98.6	1.8
St Andrew	98.6	1.1
St James	97.8	2.2
St Therese	100	0.5
St Brigid	99.1	0
Totals	97.9	1.5

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 Ann & St Luke in the infants and St Therese in the Juniors.*



## Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 1st June	School Returns 8:35
Tuesday 2nd June	Y1 trip to Wetlands
Wednesday 3rd June	
Thursday 4th June	
Friday 5th June	Y5 Science STEM day @ BTG PTFA—Mufti Day—money donation for summer celebration
Monday 8th June	Class Photos Day Phonic Screening Week
Tuesday 9th June	
Wednesday 10th June	
Thursday 11th June	
Friday 12th June	INSET Day—school is closed

# 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.





**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: [TRAVELTRAINING@CROYDON.GOV.UK](mailto:TRAVELTRAINING@CROYDON.GOV.UK)

**CROYDON**  
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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>