



17th July 2026

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Today marks our final day of the school year!

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 children for their outstanding achievements, not only in their SATs results but throughout their time at St Chad's. They have been an exceptional year group in so many ways, serving as excellent role models and making us incredibly proud. We wish them every happiness and success as they begin the next stage of their education. As they move on to a variety of secondary schools, I am sure they will continue to be wonderful ambassadors for St Chad's.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our Year 6 parents for the vital role they have played in their children's success. A strong home-school partnership is so important and provides the foundation for every aspect of a child's education. Many families are leaving St Chad's this summer after a long association with our school, and we thank them wholeheartedly for their unwavering support, kindness and commitment over the years. You will always remain a valued part of the St Chad's family.

Thank you to all of our children and parents for making this such a wonderful academic year. We are also truly grateful for the thoughtful gifts, cards and kind wishes we have received. Your generosity and appreciation mean so much to us.

As we reach the end of the year, we will also be saying goodbye to two valued members of staff.

Miss Blunden, who has been part of the St Chad's team since 2022, is leaving to take on an exciting new challenge in Caterham. We thank her for her dedication, commitment and care during her time with us, and we wish her every success and happiness in the future.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Tickler from our After School Club, who is leaving to concentrate on her studies. We thank her for all she has contributed and wish her every success in the next chapter of her journey.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of staff at St Chad's for their hard work, dedication, professionalism and unwavering commitment throughout the year. Their care and enthusiasm make our school such a special place, and they richly deserve a restful and enjoyable summer break.

As I sign off until September, I would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a wonderful summer holiday. Have a fantastic break, take care of one another, stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

Happy Summer Holidays!

In Christ — Mrs Lawlor





Catholic Life

Yr6 Leavers Mass

On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils led a beautiful and prayerful Leavers' Mass at St Chad's Church, celebrated by Fr James and Fr Paul. It was a wonderful occasion, shared with many parents and family members who joined us to give thanks for the children's eight-year journey at St Chad's.

The pupils participated with reverence and confidence, proclaiming the readings, leading the Prayers of the Faithful and singing with great enthusiasm. Their thoughtful responses throughout the Mass reflected not only their love of God but also the strong faith that has been nurtured during their time at St Chad's.

The celebration was a fitting reminder that, at the heart of our school, lies our shared Catholic faith and the love of God. As our Year 6 pupils prepare to begin the next chapter of their lives, we pray that they will continue to walk with Christ, carrying the values, faith and spirit of St Chad's wherever they go.



This half term, our Year 6 pupils have thoughtfully created their own prayer boxes to take home—special places where they can continue their conversations with God beyond the classroom. Inspired by the prayer tables we use in school, these decorated boxes are intended to become quiet, sacred spaces within their homes and a reminder that prayer is part of everyday life. Today, the children completed their prayer boxes by receiving a cross, symbolising Christ's constant love and presence with them wherever they go.

In today's busy world, it is easy to overlook the importance of stillness and prayer. We hope these prayer boxes will encourage our children to pause each day, spend time with Jesus, offer thanks, pray for others and grow in faith. Our prayer is that these simple boxes become much more than a school project. May they nurture a lifelong habit of prayer, helping our children to recognise God's presence in their daily lives and grow ever closer to Christ.

Year 6 Prayer Boxes





Subject	National Expected Results	St Chad's Expected	National Greater Depth	St Chad's Greater Depth
Reading	75%	95%	31%	75%
G.P.S	74%	93%	30%	75%
Maths	75%	93%	27%	68%
Writing	73%	93%	13%	27%
Combined	63%	93%	9%	23%

We are absolutely delighted to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our Year 6 pupils, who have achieved the **best SATs results at St Chad's in over 20 years!** The children have worked with incredible determination, resilience and enthusiasm throughout their time at St Chad's, and these outstanding results are a testament to their hard work and commitment.

An incredible **93% of our pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined**, placing St Chad's **30 percentage points above the national average**. Across every subject, our children significantly exceeded national expectations, with particularly impressive Greater Depth outcomes in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, and Mathematics.

Congratulations, Year 6! You have made the entire St Chad's community incredibly proud. We wish you every blessing as you begin the next chapter of your educational journey.

These remarkable outcomes reflect not only the dedication of our pupils but also the unwavering commitment, expertise and passion of our staff. Their high expectations, outstanding teaching and tireless support have enabled every child to flourish.

A Fond Farewell to Our Year 6 Class

There was hardly a dry eye in the hall as our Year 6 pupils presented their final assembly, marking the end of their journey at St Chad's. It was a truly moving celebration of eight wonderful years, filled with memories, laughter and heartfelt reflection.

The children spoke with confidence and maturity as they looked back on the experiences that have shaped them, celebrating their achievements, sharing their many talents and expressing sincere gratitude to the staff who have supported, encouraged and inspired them throughout their time at St Chad's. Their words were a powerful reminder of how much they have grown, not only academically but also as kind, compassionate and faith-filled young people.

It was wonderful to see so many families join us for this special occasion, and afterwards the whole school gathered to give our Year 6 pupils the farewell they so richly deserved. As they left the hall for the final time, they did so with the love, prayers and best wishes of the entire St Chad's community.

We are immensely proud of each and every one of them. May God continue to guide their steps as they begin the next chapter of their journey, and may they always remember that they will remain a cherished part of the St Chad's family.



Faithful Disciples of Jesus

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved **all nine Gospel Values** and been awarded our prestigious **Faithful Disciple of Jesus Award**.

This year, we are delighted to celebrate **our highest number of recipients ever**—a wonderful testament to the commitment of so many children to living out our school mission and following in the footsteps of Christ. Through their kindness, compassion, integrity and service to others, they have shown that faith is lived through everyday actions as well as words.



This is our highest award for Christian witness, recognising children who have consistently chosen to live the Gospel values throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of each recipient and thank them for being such inspiring examples of what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus. May God continue to guide and bless them as they grow in faith and love.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Taleia, Goregorio
St Elizabeth	Ethan, Nora
St Martha	Isla, Shasanth
St John Paul	Ronel, Frank
St John Bosco	Chizi, Micah
St Martin	Rosie, Favour
St Catherine	Aleksis, Ire
St James	Leilah, Maria
St Andrew	Heather, Joshua E
St Brigid	All of Year 6
St Therese	

Gospel Value



St Luke	Liam, Taleia, Rahmahtullah
St Elizabeth	Barbara, Luna, Merrick
St Martha	Isla, Krystelle, Shilo
St John Paul	Nyla, Denzil, Shana
St John Bosco	Logan, Christly, Ithiel
St Martin	Jayden, Wyshown, Antonelle
St Catherine	Nogan, Sophie, Mathilda
St James	Nicole, Joshua M, Manny
St Andrew	Joshua L, Anthonia, Sophie
St Brigid	Aista, Liesel, Joseph
St Therese	Melvin, Jonathan, Maelle

September at St Chad's

1st & 2nd Sept	Inset Days– No school for the children.
Thursday 3rd Sept	Yr1-6 Children Start Back 8:35
Friday 4th Sept	



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

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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>



TALK TO US
OFF THE RECORD

**MHST Summer Group:
Creative Well-being**

Get creative, connect, and support your wellbeing.

When: Tuesdays during school holidays (beginning 28th July)
Ages 8-11, 10am-12pm
Ages 11-14, 1:30-3:30pm

Location:
Portland House,
678 London Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 7HU

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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.

