



11th September 2026

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to complete our first full week back at school, and I am very happy to report that there has been lots of positivity across St Chad's.

It has been particularly lovely to see our youngest children settling into school so well and beginning their St Chad's journey. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our Reception children full time from Tuesday.

On Monday, a group of our Year 6 children will be visiting the British Museum to see the Bayeux Tapestry. This is a truly unique opportunity, and we are delighted that our children are able to experience this important piece of history first-hand.

Lots of learning has taken place this week, and I have been privileged to see some wonderful examples of work and learning in children's books. It has been fantastic to see the children engaging so positively with their learning and making such a strong start to the new school year.

Our clubs also start back from Monday, so there is lots to look forward to!

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor

Morning Drop-Off Arrangements

A reminder to all families about our morning drop-off arrangements, which will again come into effect from **Monday 14th September**.

From this date, **only Nursery and Reception parents/carers should walk down the path to drop off their children**. Parents/carers of children in **Years 1–6 should say goodbye at the main gate**, where staff will support children as they enter school.

To ensure children are safely welcomed into school, the morning entrance will be staffed by:

- **Main gate:** Mrs Lawlor and Mrs Davern
- **Side path:** Coach Luca or Coach Bradley
- **Infant playground:** Mrs Mitchener or Mrs Mooney

There is an exception for Infant children with SEND/EHCPs who may still require an adult to accompany them down the path.

These arrangements are an important part of our **safeguarding procedures**, ensuring that children are supervised by school staff as they enter the school site and that we can maintain a safe, calm and organised start to the school day. We really appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping us to make this work effectively.

The **school gates are open and staffed from 8:25am**. Please remember that children **must not be left unaccompanied at the gate before 8:25am**, as there is no staff supervision before this time and it is not safe for children to be left waiting alone.

Parents/carers who need to speak to the office are, of course, welcome to do so. However, mornings can be particularly busy, so where possible, we kindly ask that **non-urgent enquiries are left until afternoon collection**.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and cooperation in helping us to keep our children safe.



03/09/2026 - 04/09/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	100	0
St Elizabeth	95.5	0
St Luke	97.7	0
St Martha	95.2	1.2
St John Paul	85	0
St John Bosco	90.9	0
St Carlos	78.3	0
St Martin	84.4	0
St Andrew	84.4	0
St James	89	0
St Therese	94.6	1.8
St Brigid	91.4	0
Totals	89.6	0.3

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 Luke and St Therese this week



Secondary School Transfer Meeting

Year 6 Parents' Meetings – Thursday 24th September

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents and carers to our **Secondary School Transfer Meeting on Thursday 24th September at 5.00pm**.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to go through the secondary school application process, explain the key steps and deadlines, and answer any questions you may have about choosing and applying for a secondary school.

Please note that this is a **parent/carer-only meeting, with no children attending**, so that we can ensure everyone has the opportunity to hear the information clearly and ask questions without distractions.

School Fund Donation

We would like to invite all families to make a voluntary contribution to our **School Fund**. We suggest an amount of **£20 per family**, though of course, any amount would be greatly appreciated. You can make any payments via your ParentPay account.

This year, our School Fund will help us to **establish a second library within school**. We want to create a welcoming and inspiring space where children can develop their love of reading, surrounded by a wide range of **high-quality, engaging texts**. The new library will also provide a comfortable environment for children to enjoy books, with inviting seating, cushions and cosy spaces designed to make reading a pleasure.

Your donations will help us to create a special space that encourages children to read, explore new worlds and develop a lifelong love of books. **Every contribution, however large or small, will make a real difference**. We thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Jenelle, Jessie
St Elizabeth	Zora, Liliana
St Martha	Kamsi, Raie
St John Paul II	Ryan, Isaiah
St John Bosco	Denzel, Ade
St Carlos	Daniel, Rousset
St Martin	Clayton, Amanda
St James	Nana, Hannah
St Andrew	Michael, Mayank
St Brigid	Anaiyah, Christian
St Therese	Siena, Rodrigo

Gospel Value



St Luke	Maria, Khaleb, Somma
St Elizabeth	Khadir, Amora, Olivia
St Martha	Ire, Barbara, Merrick
St John Paul II	Weslynn, Precious, Rahmahtullah
St John Bosco	Abigail, Frank, Ronel
St Carlos	Esme, Krystelle, Shasanth
St Martin	Fabiola, Elicora, Micah
St James	Ife, Shalom N, Johanan
St Andrew	Rosie, Wyshown, Antonelle
St Brigid	Anthonia, Janelle, Anashe
St Therese	Akonobea, Noah, Emmanuel

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 14th September	British Museum 19 children—Bayeux Tapestry
Tuesday 15th September	Reception children in full time
Wednesday 16th September	2:30 Reception Phonics and Reading Meeting
Thursday 17th September	
Friday 18th September	
Monday 21st September	
Tuesday 22nd September	
Wednesday 23rd September	
Thursday 24th September	McMillan Coffee Morning 8:20am—All welcome Secondary Transfer Meeting (Yr6 Parents only) 5pm
Friday 25th September	