



18th September 2026

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I was delighted to be able to start the week with a visit to the Bayeux Tapestry with a group of our Year 6 children. It was a fantastic experience for us all, and I certainly learnt a lot along the way! It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about this unique opportunity.

Thank you also to our Reception parents for joining us on Wednesday for our Reading and Phonics Workshop. It was very well attended, and I am always pleased to see parents engaging so positively with the school and supporting their children's learning.

Please do come along on Thursday 24th September for our first coffee morning of the year. This will be an informal opportunity to meet other parents, ask questions and have a chat with members of the school community. It will also be our Macmillan Coffee Morning, and we hope to raise some money for Macmillan nurses, who carry out such important work supporting people and families in our community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St Chad's.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Grow in Love. Live in Peace.

Mrs. T Lawlor



On Monday some of our Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit the Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum. It was an incredible experience to see this remarkable piece of history up close. At an astonishing 75 meters long the tapestry is truly breath-taking and gave the children a fascinating glimpse into life nearly 1,000 years ago.



It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, particularly as the tapestry has not been in England for around 1,000 years! The children had a wonderful day, learning and exploring the meaning of the images presented in this beautiful hand made tapestry. We were incredibly proud of them, as their behaviour throughout the visit was exemplary. What a fantastic experience and a memorable day for our Year 6 children!





Catholic Life



We are delighted to introduce our new Faith Leaders this year. This is an important role within our school community, and we are very proud of the children who have been chosen to take on this responsibility.

Our Faith Leaders have been chosen by their fellow pupils, who recognised the qualities they see in them and the way they demonstrate their faith through their words, actions and kindness. They will be wonderful

role models for others as they help us to grow together in faith.

Each pair of Faith Leaders will have the opportunity to facilitate daily prayer and liturgy within their classroom. They will also help to promote prayer and worship throughout the school and encourage others to live out our faith through their actions and the way they treat one another.



We look forward to seeing our Faith Leaders grow in confidence as they take on this special role, helping us to maintain the high standards of spirituality within our school and inspiring others to deepen their love of God and live out their faith each day.

St Luke

Leona-Rae, Lloris

St Elizabeth

Zora, Khadir

St Martha

Briella, Nielle

St John Paul II

Ryan, Rahmahtullah

St Carlos

Naella, Shasanth

St John Bosco

Ronel, Shana

St Martin

Makeeba, Ithiel

St Andrew

Paul, Odera

St James

Shalom A, Nana

St Brigid

Anaiyah, Anthonia

St Therese

Leilah, Manny

A Huge Thank You from CAFOD

We were delighted to receive a very special thank-you letter from Monica Conmee at CAFOD, expressing her gratitude to the St Chad's community for our incredible fundraising efforts over the past two years.

Together, we have raised an amazing £1,136.49 for CAFOD! Monica thanked our families and children for their kind and generous donations, which are helping to make life better for some of the most vulnerable people in communities around the world.

We are incredibly proud of the generosity and compassion shown by our St Chad's family. Our fundraising is a wonderful example of how, by working together and thinking of others, we can make a real difference beyond our own school community.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our CAFOD fundraising!



CAFOD National Assembly

During our Thursday Liturgy, we watched CAFOD's Autumn Assembly, which reminded us of Pope Leo XIV's message in *Dilexi Te*, meaning "I have loved you." This apostolic exhortation focuses on Christ's love for people living in poverty and reminds us of the Church's call to renew our commitment to those who are most in need.

This message will be at the heart of our charitable work this term. As a school community, we will be raising money for CAFOD and doing our small part to respond to Pope Leo's call to show Christ's love through our actions.

We look forward to seeing our children continue to demonstrate the generosity, compassion and kindness that are such an important part of life at St Chad's.





This week we start our afterschool Arts and Crafts Club and had lots of fun creating colourful rainbow chains! The children enjoyed choosing their favourite colours, cutting and joining the paper strips to make beautiful rainbow decorations. It was a creative way to develop their fine motor skills, teamwork and imagination. Miss Del Busto



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.



St Elizabeth and St Luke had a fantastic time making jam sandwiches as part of our learning about *The Tiger Who Came to Tea!* The children enjoyed spreading the jam, assembling their sandwiches and, of course, tasting their delicious creations. It was a fun and tasty way to bring the story to life and write about the process.



School Uniform

A gentle reminder to all families about our school uniform expectations.

In line with recent government guidance, we have reduced the number of compulsory branded uniform items to just **three: the school coat, school bag and school jumper or cardigan**. Families are welcome to purchase additional branded items if they wish, but these are no longer mandatory.

While we have introduced greater flexibility around branding, **our school uniform remains an important part of our school identity and we ask all families to follow the agreed uniform carefully**. In particular, we have noticed that some children are wearing coats that are not part of our school uniform. Our school coat should be either a **grey duffle coat or a black jacket featuring the St Chad's logo**. This is one of our three compulsory branded items.

We have also noticed a small number of girls wearing **trousers that are not part of our agreed uniform**. We kindly ask families to ensure that children come to school wearing the correct uniform each day.

We appreciate that there are many items to remember when preparing children for school, and we thank you for your support in helping us to maintain high and consistent standards. **Our full uniform requirements are clearly set out on the school website**, so please do refer to these if you are unsure about any item.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and support.



Congratulations to Danielle and Maria, and Elijah and Noah



**Congratulations to
our new House
Captains**

**Akonobea, Leilah,
Lashonda, Bella,
Noah, Emmanuel,
Heather and Kyle.**



**Our new Sports Captains are
Moyin and Mikaere**

We are delighted to announce our new Pupil Leadership Team for this school year. Our Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy, together with our House Captains and Sports Leaders, have been chosen because they have consistently demonstrated our Gospel Values and have been positive role models for others during their time at St Chad's.

We are confident that they will lead with kindness, respect, compassion and responsibility, helping to make our school a happy and welcoming community for everyone. During the year, our Pupil Leaders will have opportunities to welcome and support younger pupils, represent the school at events, help with assemblies and worship, encourage participation in house and sporting activities, and listen to the ideas and views of other children.

We wish all of our Pupil Leaders every success as they take on these important roles. We look forward to seeing them Grow in Love and Live in Peace as they serve our school community.



07/09/2026 - 11/09/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	95.4	1.2
St Ann Rec	98.1	2.4
St Elizabeth	99.5	1.4
St Luke	94.6	0.5
St Martha	100	0
St John Paul	88	1
St John Bosco	92.7	3.2
St Carlos	90.9	1.8
St Martin	90	1.6
St Andrew	100	2.9
St James	95.2	0.8
St Therese	99.3	1.5
St Brigid	98.6	3.6
Totals	95.6	1.7

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 Martha and St Andrew this week



Yr4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting

A reminder that our Year 4 Parents' Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Workshop will take place on **Tuesday 29th September at 3.10pm** in the Year 4 classroom.

The workshop will provide information about the MTC, explain how multiplication tables are practised and assessed in Year 4, and share some helpful ways you can support your child at home. We look forward to seeing you there!

Morning Drop-Off Arrangements

A reminder to all families, **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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Somma, Elijah
St Elizabeth	Amora, Sandy
St Martha	Merrick, Nora
St John Paul II	Liam, Sage
St John Bosco	Aisa, Kylian
St Carlos	Naella, Tiffany
St Martin	Precious, Danielle
St James	Zofia, Arabella
St Andrew	Leonard, Wyshown
St Brigid	Lashonda, Danielle
St Therese	Heather, Marisha

Gospel Value



St Luke	Leona-Rae, Nyla, Somto
St Elizabeth	Josiah, Zion, Bliss
St Martha	Brielle, Kamsi, Luna
St John Paul II	Nikyrh, Liam, Uatiza
St John Bosco	Ephy, Nyla, Denzel
St Carlos	Ola-Maria, Shilo, Anjali-Rose
St Martin	Makeeba, Ithiel, Leah-Rose
St James	Keziah, Nogan, Hannah
St Andrew	Odera, Emmanuel, Emmanuel
St Brigid	Anaiyah, Georgia, Maria
St Therese	Leilah, Manny, Mikaere

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 21st September	
Tuesday 22nd September	
Wednesday 23rd September	New School Year Mass 10am
Thursday 24th September	McMillan Coffee Morning 8:20am—All welcome Secondary Transfer Meeting (Yr6 Parents only) 5pm
Friday 25th September	
Monday 28th September	
Tuesday 29th September	Yr4 Multiplication Check Meeting 3:10pm 9:30 Open Morning for perspective parents
Wednesday 30th September	Faith leaders Day at Good Shepherd
Thursday 1st October	St Therese Trip to Dulwich College 4pm Denery Mass at John the Baptist Purley
Friday 2nd October	D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) event 8:15am