



2nd October 2026

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As always, we have had a busy and positive week at St Chad's!

On Tuesday, we held the first of our school admissions open mornings, and it was lovely to welcome prospective families into school. We really are a bit of a hidden gem, as several visitors commented that they didn't even know we were here! Please do help us to spread the word and share all the wonderful things that happen at St Chad's with local families. We would love to welcome even more families to our school community.

Yesterday, we celebrated a Beginning of Year Mass with colleagues from other Croydon Catholic schools. It was a wonderful celebration and a real testament to the excellent work that takes place across Catholic schools in Croydon. It was lovely to come together in faith and to celebrate the important role our schools play in the lives of our children and families.

Thank you also for the fantastic response to our homework questionnaire. We are very grateful to everyone who has taken the time to share their views. We will now summarise the information we have received and provide you with a written update on the next steps.

A reminder that our Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place during the week beginning 19th October, just before half term. We look forward to seeing you then.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents who joined us this morning for Reading. It was a lovely way to start our Friday morning, and we really appreciate your continued support in encouraging a love of reading at home.

Have a restful weekend, and as always, thank you for your continued support of St Chad's.

In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor





Catholic Life

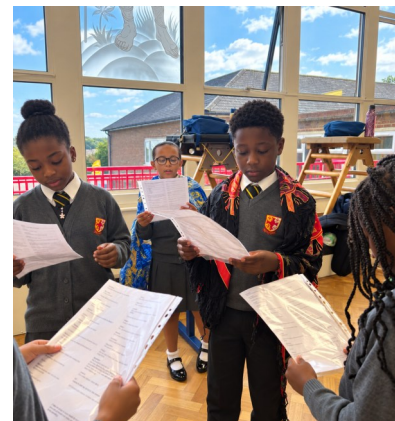
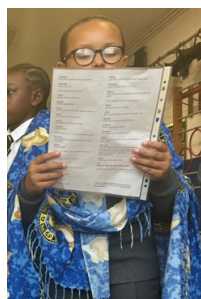
St Brigid's Harvest Liturgy

Today, St Brigid's class led our whole-school Harvest Liturgy, reminding us to be thankful for the many gifts and blessings God has given us. The children reflected on how fortunate we are to have food, clean water and the things we need each day, while remembering that not everyone in our world has the same opportunities or access to these basic resources. We were encouraged to think about how we can share fairly, avoid waste and care for God's creation. The children were then invited to make their own Harvest Promise – a commitment to one thing they can do to share resources, reduce waste or use water more carefully. Our whole school joined together in beautiful singing, creating a wonderful atmosphere of prayer and reflection. St Brigid's class delivered the liturgy with great thoughtfulness and reverence, helping us all to pause, give thanks and consider how we can put our faith into action.



Faith Leader's Day at Good Shepherd

Our Year 5 and 6 Faith Leaders had a wonderful day at Good Shepherd Catholic School, joining Faith Leaders from Catholic primary schools across Croydon. The children took part in a range of activities designed to deepen their faith, develop their understanding of their role as Faith Leaders and celebrate our shared Catholic community. It was a lovely day of faith formation, friendship and enjoyment. Our children behaved excellently throughout the day and were a real credit to St Chad's.

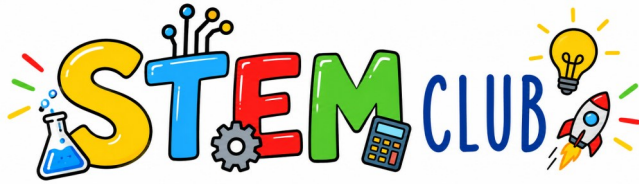


St Therese's Trip to Dulwich College

St Therese had a wonderful trip to Dulwich College, where the children had the exciting opportunity to see the actual lifeboat, the James Caird, which carried Ernest Shackleton and his men to safety during their Antarctic expedition. It was a fantastic chance for the children to bring their learning about Shackleton to life and see such an important piece of history up close. The children behaved excellently throughout the visit and were a real credit to St Chad's.



As we begin October, Black History Month, we would like to share what the children who attend the African Drumming Club have been doing. They have learned the 3 fundamental tones Bass, Open Tone and Slap, and the 3 specific ways to hit the drum to acquire these tones. They have had fun exploring various rhythms which is the regular pattern of sounds. They also learned about where the drums originate from, how the drums are made and had a go at designing one by drawing circular patterns on a template. They are preparing to perform to the rest of the school very soon.



This week in STEM Club, we explored the fascinating walking water rainbow experiment! We watched as coloured water travelled between glasses along strips of kitchen roll, creating a beautiful rainbow of new colours. The children learnt about capillary action. This is when water moves through tiny spaces, such as the gaps between the fibres of the paper towel, even moving upwards against gravity. Similar to how a plant transports water from the soil, through its roots, all the way to its leaves. Two important properties of water help this happen. Adhesion is the attraction between water molecules and other materials, so the water sticks to the paper fibres. Cohesion is the attraction between water molecules, causing them to stick together as they travel along the paper.



What you need:

Clear glass or plastic cups
6/7.
Food colouring (Primary colours work best for colour mixing.)
Kitchen towel.
Water.

Method:

Fill the first, third, fifth and seventh cup with water – 3/4 full. Add red food colouring to the first and seventh cup of water. Add yellow food colouring to the third cup of water. Add blue food colouring to the fifth cup of water. Fold the paper towel into strips and then in half to create a bridge to connect the full cups to the empty cups. Watch the capillary action as the adhesion and cohesion make the water walk to the next glass causing the colours to mix and form new colours.



The children have settled into Nursery really well and it has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence and enjoying their time with us.

Our topic this term is Colour, and this week we have been exploring the colour blue. The children enjoyed baking delicious blueberry cakes, learning about the different ingredients and developing their skills as they mixed everything together. There was lots of fun, excitement and plenty of learning along the way!



Attendance Matters

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 Therese this week**



21/09/2026 - 25/09/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	95.7	2.1
St Ann Rec	95.2	1
St Elizabeth	96.4	0.9
St Luke	93.6	0.9
St Martha	100	0.5
St John Paul	95	1
St John Bosco	92.3	2.3
St Carlos	94.5	0
St Martin	93.8	0.3
St Andrew	97.5	2.1
St James	94	0.8
St Therese	100	1.5
St Brigid	96.3	1.1
Totals	95.7	1.1

St Chad's PTFA

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association
Working together to support our children.



Make a real difference

Help to raise valuable funds to provide extra resources, experiences and opportunities for our children.



Make new friends

Meet new people, feel part of our school community and work together for a positive difference.



Be part of a supportive community

Join a friendly group of parents, carers, staff and friends who share a common goal - supporting the needs of our children.



Use your skills and talents

Everyone has something to offer - whether it's organising, baking, practical skills, creative ideas or simply your time and enthusiasm.

Join our PTFA!

If you are interested, please speak to the school office team.



Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

Priest Reference Signing Evenings

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that there will be three evening sessions at the Church hall for the signing of secondary school priest references.



Monday 29th September - 7:00-8:00pm

Monday 12th October - 7:00-8:00pm

Monday 19th October - 7:00-8:00pm



If Ambrose will need to see your child's Baptism Certificate before signing the reference form. Please try to attend one of these sessions, as these signatures are required and it may be difficult to arrange.



Please ensure your forms are signed within these dates.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Lloris, Somto
St Elizabeth	Laelle-Reign, Leo
St Martha	Nafisa, Ethan
St John Paul II	Rahmahtullah, Kendrich
St John Bosco	Mya, Ronel
St Carlos	Naeto, Lorenzo
St Martin	Britney, Kymani
St James	Liora, Johanan
St Andrew	Emmanuel K, Monisade
St Brigid	Anthonia, Trevell
St Therese	Nicole, Kyle

Gospel Value



St Luke	Ellie, Iyla-May, Moyo
St Elizabeth	Aziel, Ephraim, Kayilani
St Martha	Nafisa, Mia, Luna
St John Paul II	Weslynn, Taleia, Ezekiel
St John Bosco	Caevan, Kylian, Natalia
St Carlos	Rousset, Krystelle, Naella
St Martin	Ithiel, Amanda, Harlem
St James	Arabella, Jamal, Rouge
St Andrew	Favour, Divine, Rosie
St Brigid	Anaiyah, Anashae, Danielle
St Therese	Heather, Marisha, Emmanuel

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 5th October	
Tuesday 6th October	Open Morning 9:30
Wednesday 7th October	
Thursday 8th October	St Brigid Trip to Dulwich College
Friday 9th October	
Monday 12th October	
Tuesday 13th October	Open Morning 9:30
Wednesday 14th October	
Thursday 15th October	Y6 Stem workshop
Friday 16th October	

Spread the Word!
Know a family who'd love St Chad's?
Tell them about our Open Mornings!



St Chad's
Catholic Primary School



Grow in Love Live in Peace

**Welcomes you to our
Open Mornings**



Tuesday 29th September
Tuesday 6th October
Tuesday 13th October
Tuesday 20th October
Tuesday 3rd November



Open mornings
start at
9.30am.



Please book by emailing:

office@stchadsprimaryschool.com

If you can't make any of those dates then please call
or email the school: **0208 771 3470.**

This year's SATs results were

93%

for Reading, Writing and Maths
which places us in the **top 5**
schools locally.

Please do come along
and find out more about
St Chad's.



We look forward to welcoming you.

ST CHAD'S YOUTH COMMUNITY

AGES
10-18

Launching October 11th

Come, Connect and Grow!

✝
ROOTED IN CHRIST

FORMED BY THE CHURCH

SENT ON MISSION

"Remain in me, as I also
remain in you."

JOHN 15:4

We want to create a space for us to
connect, grow in our faith, and dive deeper
into how we can live as disciples of Jesus.



SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER |



2PM-4PM



Games



Food



Prayer



Fellowship



YOU'RE INVITED TO

**ST CHAD'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUTH NORWOOD**

OCTOBER MARY FESTIVAL

2026

Come, let us honour Mother Mary

Devotion to praying the Rosary daily
and honouring Mother Mary

WAYS TO JOIN IN

Weekend Rosary Before Mass

Saturday 6:00pm • Sunday 8:00am

October Marian Talks

Thursdays 1, 8, 15 & 22 October • 7:00pm

Pilgrim Statue Visits Our Homes

Register for a three-day visit to your home.

Youth Community Launch

Sunday 11 October • 2:00–4:00pm

Under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima

Rosary Procession

Sunday 25 October, after 10:30am Mass
Followed by the crowning of Mary in church
and parish consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

Night of Light

Friday 30 October • 4:30–8:00pm

Children celebrate, pray the Rosary and crown Mary.

Saint dress up pageant • Learn about saints

Play, dance and share a meal

WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD • HONOUR TO MARY

We Look Forward To Celebrating With You!



LIBRARY FESTIVAL

Croydon
Libraries



CROYDON CENTRAL LIBRARY

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER, 11AM-3PM

A CELEBRATION OF BOOKS AND READING

- ☀ Chat to local authors, buy books and get them signed
- ☀ Free family activities
- ☀ Stories from 1pm
- ☀ Explore stalls from local partner organisations



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE PRIZE PRESENTATION AT 2PM



Prize winners have been invited to attend the presentation and collect their prize.



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