



2nd October 2026

St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As we approach the half-term break, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our parent-teacher meetings during the week beginning **19th October**. Please ensure that you have signed up for a meeting slot if you have not already done so.

We greatly value the positive links between home and school, and believe that working in partnership with families plays an important role in supporting children's learning, development and wellbeing.

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent homework questionnaire. We were delighted to receive feedback from **105 families**, which has provided us with valuable insight into your views and experiences. The vast majority of families reported that homework is manageable and felt positive about the amount of homework set by the school.

Many parents highlighted the importance of regular reading and spelling practice, with the view that a little practice each day can make a real difference. You also emphasised the importance of homework linking closely to classroom learning, enabling children to access tasks and work as independently as possible.

We recognise that fitting homework into busy family lives can sometimes be challenging. However, we believe that meaningful homework can help strengthen the connection between home and school and reinforce the learning taking place in the classroom.

Following your feedback, we are looking at introducing **Times Table Rock Stars**, an engaging online platform designed to help children develop speed and confidence in recalling their multiplication facts.

Thank you once again to all 105 families who took the time to share their thoughts with us. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will help us continue to review and develop our approach to homework in a way that best supports our children.

Kind regards,

In Christ, Mrs T Lawlor



Our next parents' coffee mornings will take place on **Wednesday 4th November At 8.40am.**

We will have Samantha from the Family Hub in attendance. Samantha is a Senior Croydon Family Hub Navigator. She will be in attendance to introduce her service and share the support on offer for children, young people and their families.

Family Hub Navigators provide a friendly, accessible point of contact for families, helping them to connect with a wide range of local services and support. Their aim is to ensure that families receive the right help at the right time, improving wellbeing and strengthening outcomes for children and young people.

They can offer signposting and referrals into appropriate services, information, advice and guidance to families on a range of topics (e.g. parenting, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, SEND support, financial advice and community services, Early Years services etc..) They work with families who have children aged 0 -19 (up to 25 with SEND)



Catholic Life

Year 1 Bring the 'Our Father' to Life!

In our RE lessons this week, Year 1 have been exploring the **Our Father** prayer. To help the children connect with the words, we have been pairing each line with some simple actions that the children came up with.



CAFOD Club Caring for Our Common Home

Our fantastic CAFOD Club has been putting Catholic Social Teaching into action by leading a litter pick around the school. Equipped with litter pickers and plenty of enthusiasm, they worked hard to clear away rubbish, ensuring our school looks clean, tidy, and welcoming for everyone.

By caring for our local environment, the pupils are living out their commitment to protecting God's creation and looking after our planet.



"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."

Pope St John Paul II

This week, we were delighted to welcome Pam and Angie back to spend time with our Year 4 and 5 children and to help guide them on their journey with Jesus. The children were reverent and engaged throughout the sessions, listening thoughtfully and contributing to the discussions. They particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to pause, reflect and spend some peaceful time considering the many gifts God has given us. It was a lovely and meaningful time together and the children are looking forward to Pam and Angie's next visit!

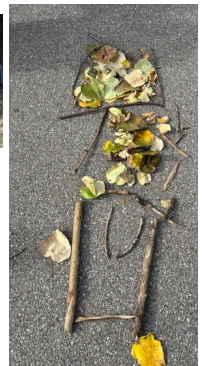


St Brigid's Trip to Dulwich College

St Brigid 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.

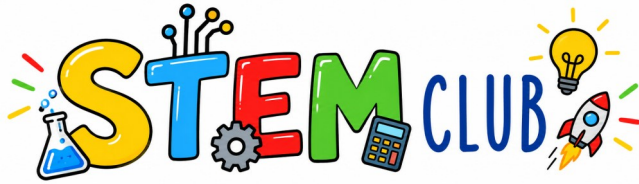


Yr2 Rain Sticks



After reading our class book-Lila and the Secret of Rain, we collected stick from their field to create our very own rain sticks to summon the rain. We used the sticks to make a hut and Lila. We then painted them white and then added some glitter and ribbon for decoration.





We didn't taste the rainbow, we made one! In STEM we explored the science behind diffusion using Skittles and water. The Skittles are placed around the edge of the plate and warm water is added. The sugar and food-colouring particles around the Skittles were very crowded together. This is called a high concentration. The particles naturally moved from the area where they were more concentrated towards the surrounding water, where there was a lower concentration of sugar and food colouring. As the particles spread out, the colours travelled through the water, creating a colourful pattern. This experiment demonstrated diffusion in a simple and exciting way: particles move from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration until they become more evenly spread out.

Equipment:

Skittles
Warm water (warmer the better)
Plastic or China plate.

Method:

Line the Skittles around the edge of your plate.
Add warm water to the centre of the plate, so that it coats the bottom of the Skittle and sits around just below the middle. (Add too much and the Skittles will start to float around.)



This week in nursery learning about the colour yellow. The children painted sunflowers using different paintbrushes, scrunched tissue paper to make buzzing bees. The most fun was chopping bananas, mixing with custard and eating delicious!

The children have also enjoyed Black History Month. They have been learning about Lydia Newman, making hair brushes and listening to story Hair Love.



28/09/2026 - 02/10/2026

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	96.2	0.5
St Ann Rec	95.2	1
St Elizabeth Y1	98.2	2.9
St Luke	97.3	0
St Martha Y2	98.1	3.8
St John Paul	95	1.9
St John Bosco	95.5	3.1
St Carlos	100	
St Martin	93.8	2.5
St Andrew Y5	95.8	1.8
St James Y5	99.2	3.3
St Therese Y6	100	0.5
St Brigid Y6	99.3	0

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 Elizabeth and St Therese and St Carlos this week



Stanley Arts Visit

A huge thank you to Stanley Arts for visiting our school and giving the children such a fantastic creative experience! The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an exciting range of activities across the creative writing and art workshops.

They explored their imaginations through drama activities and poetry writing, before getting creative by designing their very own Stanley Arts monsters. The children also enjoyed making colourful clay mosaics, using clay and mosaic pieces to create unique works of art.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to express themselves, try something new and let their creativity side shine. We are incredibly grateful to Stanley Arts for an inspiring and memorable day.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award



St Luke	Leona-Rae, Khaleb
St Elizabeth	Lior, Nzinga
St Martha	Maleika, Theo
St John Paul II	Kaiden, Nikyrah
St John Bosco	Caevan, Abigail
St Carlos	Esme, Shilo
St Martin	Ithiel, Fabiola
St James	Ire, Ema
St Andrew	Jayden, Odera
St Brigid	Eva, Raymond
St Therese	Sophie, Brielle

Gospel Value



St Luke	Lloris, Akua, Janelle
St Elizabeth	Josiah, Zora, Liliana
St Martha	Merrick, Kamsi, Nora
St John Paul II	Amanda, Ryan, Sage, Olivia
St John Bosco	Abigail, Ronel, Mya
St Carlos	Shasanth, Anjali-Rose, Tiffany
St Martin	Micah, Whitney, Chelsea
St James	Liora, Keziah, Johanan
St Andrew	Emmanuel K, Joaquim, Hunter
St Brigid	Maria, Anthonia, Lashonda
St Therese	Siena, Leilah, Akonabea

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 12th October	Black History Month Assembly
Tuesday 13th October	Open Morning 9:30
Wednesday 14th October	
Thursday 15th October	Y6 Stem workshop—Building Suspension Bridges Virtual Rosary Yr1-6
Friday 16th October	KS1 & KS2 School Council Meeting
Monday 19th October	Parents Evening EYFS & KS1 (not St Luke) 3:20-6:50pm
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Evening KS2 & St Luke 3:20-6:50pm Yr6 Height & weight Check Open Morning
Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evening EYFS & KS1 3:20-5:50pm
Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evening KS2 3:20-5:50pm
Friday 23rd 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 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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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.