St Chad's Catholic Primary School
Weekly Newsletter

20th November 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been another very busy week at St Chad's, filled with a wonderful range of enriching opportunities that have brought learning to life for our children. We firmly believe that learning extends beyond the classroom, and we strive to provide experiences that nurture curiosity, broaden horizons and make learning memorable and enjoyable.

We began the week with Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week, celebrating individuality and reminding us of the importance of kindness, inclusion and respect – values that sit at the heart of our school and our rule, To Be Kind.

Our children have enjoyed some fantastic opportunities this week. 130 of our Junior children visited the Wintershall Travelling Nativity at St Aidan's, an inspiring experience which brought the story of Jesus' birth to life through actors and Nativity animals, marking the beginning of our Advent preparations and helping the children reflect on the joy and wonder of Christmas. Year 3 and Year 6 also enjoyed special themed days linked to their History learning, giving them the opportunity to immerse themselves in their topics in a memorable and engaging way. Year 1 enjoyed a trip to the cinema, whilst 30 children from Year 4 and Year 5, including our Sports Leaders, had the exciting opportunity to visit Crystal Palace Stadium for a tour.

These experiences reflect our commitment to offering our children an excellent and enriching education, where learning is not only meaningful but exciting, memorable and full of opportunities. I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm with which our children embrace these experiences and, as always, they have been a wonderful credit to St Chad's.

Have a good long weekend

Mrs T Lawlor



Catholic Life





130 of our Junior children enjoyed a wonderful visit to St Aidan's to experience the Wintershall Travelling Nativity. Through the beautiful storytelling of talented actors and the presence of real Nativity animals, the children were transported into the Christmas story, bringing to life the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. It was a truly special experience, helping us reflect on the wonder, joy and true meaning of Christmas. Our children were an absolute credit to St Chad's, demonstrating wonderful behaviour throughout the visit.

















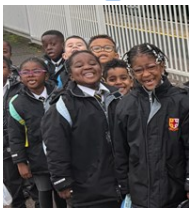
A huge thank you to **Palace for Life** for providing St Chad's with a fantastic surprise stadium tour! A group of lucky Year 4 and Year 5 pupils were given the exciting opportunity to explore behind the scenes of a Premier League stadium and discover what goes on beyond the pitch. The children enjoyed exclusive access to the media rooms, home and away changing rooms, and even had the chance to sit in the players' dugout at pitch side, imagining what it would be like to be a professional footballer! It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved, and we are incredibly grateful to Palace for Life for making this wonderful opportunity possible!





Yr1 Cinema Trip









This week, Year 1 enjoyed a very exciting trip to the cinema to watch *Minions & Monsters*! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were a fantastic audience throughout. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity to develop their social skills and broaden their cultural experiences, enriching our already varied and exciting school curriculum.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we celebrated **Anti-Bullying Week** through a range of fun and engaging activities. We talked about the importance of being kind, including others in our play and making sure everyone feels welcome and valued. We also discussed trusted adults and the importance of speaking up and asking for help if we need it. To finish the week, we enjoyed celebrating **Odd Socks Day**, embracing what makes us all unique!













On Thursday, Year 3 had a fantastic time travelling back to the Stone Age! The children came to school dressed as Stone Age people and enjoyed a day full of fun and exciting activities. We started the day by making our very own Stonehenge using biscuits and icing. Afterwards, we gathered around a campfire to learn how Stone Age people lived and kept warm. The children also enjoyed listening to a Stone Age story around the fire. Then the children learnt a fun dance called the "Stone Age Stomp", which included actions such as making a fire, hunting mammoths and fishing. Later in the day, the children got creative by drawing either a woolly mammoth or a sabre-toothed tiger, two amazing animals that lived during prehistoric times. To finish off our exciting day, we watched "The Croods", a film about a prehistoric family and their adventures. Year 3 had an absolutely amazing day filled with lots of laughter, fun and learning! The children have learnt so much more about life in the Stone Age, and it was a fantastic way to bring our “Across the Ages” topic to life!







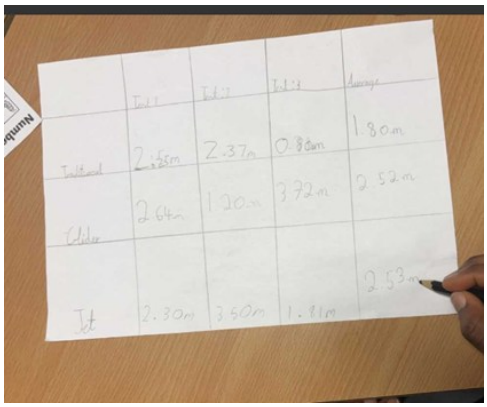






STEM CLUB

This week in STEM, the children had great fun testing their paper aeroplanes to discover which design could travel the furthest. They carefully measured and recorded the distance each aeroplane travelled before calculating an average for each design. After comparing their results, the groups discovered that the Jet design travelled the furthest overall! We then discussed how we could improve our aeroplanes to make them fly even further, including changing the type of material, the size of the paper and the shape of the wings. The children really enjoyed putting their designs to the test!







Nursery News

This week the nursery embraced odd socks day. The children were encouraged to be kind to each other and learnt that it is okay to be different.

Our topic is nursery rhymes this term. This week is miss Polly had a dolly. The children participated in craft activities and enjoyed role play dressing up as doctors.













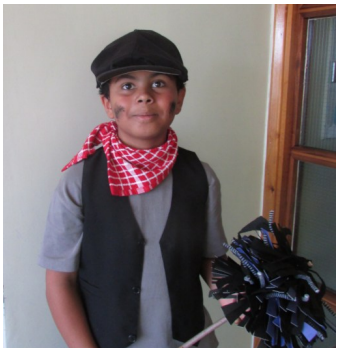






Year 6 had the opportunity to discover what it would have been like to be educated in 1899. They explored the strict curriculum and learned about the numerous forms of punishment used to maintain discipline in Victorian classrooms.During the session the children practised traditional handwriting and used an abacus to complete arithmetic, just as Victorian pupils would have done. The experience gave them a vivid insight into the routines, expectations, and challenges faced by children in the Victorian era.









Attendance Matters

09/11/2026 - 13/11/2026		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	91.5	3.1
St Ann Rec	94.4	0.5
St Elizabeth	96.4	2.3
St Luke	97	0
St Martha	94.8	0.5
St John Paul	93.9	1.1
St John Bosco	97.1	1.9
St Carlos	99	1.5
St Martin	98.4	1.6
St Andrew	96.7	3.3
St James	100	0.9
St Therese	96.7	0
St Brigid	97.8	0.4
Totals	96.6	1.2

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 James this week

CONGRATULATIONS!

Headteacher's Award

St Luke	Whole Class
St Elizabeth	Whole Class
St Martha	Mia, Jake
St John Paul II	Olivia, Sage
St John Bosco	Caevan, Tony
St Carlos	Shakye, Marcel
St Martin	Precious, AJ
St James	Nogan, Shalom A
St Andrew	Lily, Simon
St Brigid	Elijah, Joshua
St Therese	Noah, Tara

Gospel Value

St Luke	Nyla, Maria, Lloris
St Elizabeth	Martim, Amora, Aziel
St Martha	Iremide, Merrick, Nielle
St John Paul II	Shammah, Weslynn, Kaiden
St John Bosco	Ronel, Denzil, Ephy
St Carlos	Naella, Anjali-Rose, David
St Martin	Fabiola, Britany, Logan
St James	Shalom N, Aleksis, Arabella
St Andrew	Antonelle, Louis, Monisade
St Brigid	Anthonia, Anashe, Bella
St Therese	Mena, Charlotte, Heather

Next two weeks at St Chad's

Monday 23rd November	**INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL**
Tuesday 24th November	
Wednesday 25th November	
Thursday 26th November	
Friday 27th November	Open Morning 9:30
Monday 30th November	
Tuesday 1st December	Advent Gospel Assembly
Wednesday 2nd December	
Thursday 3rd December	
Friday 4th December	Year 6 Girls—Palace Football PTFA Christmas Discos