

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another great week in school and a particular shout out to reception who have been in full days this week. I think there may be some tired children this weekend, and probably adults too! It really does feel like our reception children have been with us longer. Now they are in school in the next week or so our reception children will meet their year 6 buddies; we will be sure to get plenty of pictures.

This week saw all our music lessons start, with the first drum lessons. Gosh the kit is very large! Apologies again for the late cancellation of the coffee morning; there were some unexpected logistical challenges with the drum

kit.





Class curriculum newsletters are now also on our school website https://www.st-chadsprimary.co.uk/latest/class-curriculum-newsletters .

Attendance and punctuality remain strong so thank you for this. We know it can sometimes be hard for children to know when the classroom door has been open when they are busy playing with friends. From Monday, we will be blowing a whistle (or ringing the bell) at 8.45am so children know it's time to line up ready to go into class.

Have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week. Kind regards,











On Tuesday, year 6 went outside to make the most of the September sunshine to carry out a science experiment. They were tasked with the challenge of making a funnel that contained three small holes to emulate healthy and unhealthy arteries. Although many children were dampened in the process, the learning aims were obvious and it became clear how important it is to keep our hearts healthy.





On 10th September, year 6, as the first class in school and on day 7 of a new term (!!), took a trip to the Royal Armouries Museum. Not only did they get a chance to peruse the WWII gallery and be quizzed on newly learned facts, they participated in the hands on 'Home Front workshop' where they rehearsed army drills and experienced what it would have been like being an ARP.

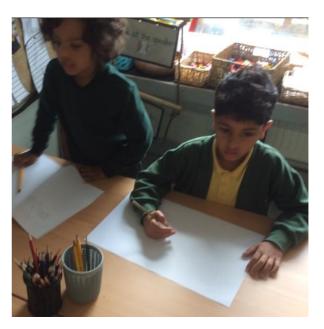




This week in Year 1 we have been learning all about adjectives to describe the beautiful world around us.

We created our own list of words and decorated our work. Look out for some amazing poetry coming this way in a few weeks!





Flu vaccinations are taking place on Thursday 18th
September. The deadline for signing your child up has been extended to 3pm on Monday 15th September so this weekend is your last chance to book! Nursery Children are also invited to book.



School Aged Immunisation Service 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service Woodhouse Health Centre Cambridge Road, LEEDS LS6 2SF

Email: schoolimmsteam@nhs.net

Tel: 0113 84 33101

Dear parent/guardian,

It is time for your child's yearly flu vaccination! This is offered to school years reception up to and including year 11.

Please use the link and individual school code below to complete your consent/refusal form. Access to the link will close 1 week before the session. Your child's session will be on Monday the 9th of December.

https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

The code for your child's St Chad's Church of England Primary School is: EE141521

Why get your child vaccinated?

Flu can be a nasty illness and isn't just a bad cold. Giving your child the flu spray will protect them and will also help to keep more vulnerable friends and family members safe and well. The flu vaccination is quick, simple and free.

www.nhs.uk/child-flu has further information and tells you which children may need the flu injection instead of the nose spray.

Does the nasal spray contain porcine?

Yes, but it is a very purified version which is barely detectable. The vaccination is for medical purposes and has been deemed permissible for use by the British Fatwa Council.

Is there an alternative?

We do offer an injectable vaccine that **DOES NOT** contain porcine. This vaccine is only offered in high schools and SILC schools, primary aged children would need to attend one of our community clinics.

Chair: Brodie Clark CBE Chief Executive: Selina Douglas



Please Keep Our Children Safe

A reminder again not to park on the cul-de-sac of Thornhill Road and if friends or relatives who may not be aware, please let them know. This will stop us speaking to grandparents who were not aware!

We do continue to monitor here and would highlight that there appears to be work going on near one of the houses and there are sometimes vans parked on the pavement. Please take extra care here.

This week we were contacted by residents as double parking on Arncliffe Road meant that no-one could pass. We think the car/cars involved were linked to school.



Please arrive in plenty of time for pick-up so you can find a safe space to park which may be slightly further away. This will ensure the safety of everyone.

SCHOOL MEALS

Orders must be placed on

www.parentpay.com

for the following week. If meals are not ordered a packed lunch must be provided. Thank you for all your support with this – it really makes a difference.

LOST PROPERTY

Any named lost property found has been returned to classes. I hope that you were reunited with some uniform which was out on display during the recent parent consultations.

Lost property will continue to be stored in the boxes outside of school.

We have some stocks of spare uniform so please do let school know if you need any uniform and will from time to time put this on display and please take what you need.

PE KIT REMINDERS

Unfortunately, children are still not adhering to the PE kit uniform. We continue to see an array of coloured tops, shorts and many branded t-shirts and sweatshirts. The uniform is as follows:

- Black PE shorts/jogging bottoms
- Plain round necked t-shirt in team colours
- Plain sweatshirt in team colour, bottle green or black (no branded items).

We are still seeing colourful and branded sweatshirts.
Please support with this.



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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



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Young Musicians Studio

Free Open Day

When

Saturday 13th of September 9:30am - 1:00pm

Where

Trinity Academy Leeds

Free! Guest performances during the day from the Orchestra of Opera North Come meet our teachers, make some friends, play music and watch a professional orchestra in action!





Scan the OR code to sign up

















The whole school calendar is shown on the next few pages. Some dates as you will appreciate are subject to change. Any dates which have changed since the previous calendar as shared in the summer term are shown in red.

There has been a change to one of the dates previously shared in the summer term for parent consultations. Parent Consultations are as follows:

- Monday 13th October (Year 1 only)
- Tuesday 14th October (N, R, Y2- Y6)
- Thursday 16th October (All School)



We have had feedback last that it would be helpful to know when booking will be open for parents evening which I agree can be really helpful. For the Autumn parents consultation. booking will "go live" at 6.30pm on Friday 26th September. Another date for your diaries ©.



St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2025 - 2026_version 5

NOTE: Changes since previously issued at the end of the summer term shown in red.



AUTUMN TERM		
	September 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September	8.45am school opens to Nursery, Year 1 to Year 6	
Tuesday 2 nd September	3.15pm Year 1 Welcome Meeting	
Wednesday 3rd September	Phased start for new Reception pupils	
Thursday 4th September	3.15pm Year 2 Welcome Meeting	
Friday 5th September	3.15pm Year 4 Welcome Meeting	
Monday 8th September	3.15pm Year 5 Welcome Meeting	
Tuesday 9th September	Year 4 swimming starts (pm)	
Tuesday 9th September	3.15pm Year 3 Welcome Meeting	
Tuesday 9th September	FOSC Meeting No1 – approx. 7pm in the school hall	
Wednesday 10 th September	Year 6 Trip (The Royal Armouries)	
Wednesday 10 th September	8.45am all Reception children start full time	
Thursday 11th September	9 – 10am Coffee Morning New Reception Parents	
Friday 12th September	9 – 10am Coffee Morning New Reception Parents	
Friday 12th September	No Family Worship	
Monday 15th September	3.15pm Reception Welcome Meeting	
Tuesday 16th September	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Tuesday 16th September	3.15pm Year 6 Welcome Meeting including briefing about Robin Wood	
Thursday 18th September	Nursing Team (school immunisations) in school	
Monday 22 nd September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip	
Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip	
Wednesday 24th September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip	
Thursday 25th September	9.15am – 10.45am New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event	
Friday 26th September	Parent Consultation – Booking goes live at 6.30pm	
Tuesday 30th September	Fire Brigade Talk to Year 5/Year 6 (provisional)	
October 2025		
Friday 3 rd October	FOSC 'Wine Night' [provisional]	
Wednesday 8th October	Rev Hannah meeting year 1 links to RE Unit	
Monday 13th October	Year 1 only Parents Consultation Event 1 3.30 – 6.30pm	
Tuesday 14th October	Nursery, Reception, Year 2 – Year 6 Parent Consultation Event 1 3.30 – 6.30pm	

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	October 2025 (continued)	
Wednesday 15th October	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Wednesday 15th October	1.45pm Harvest Service @St . Chad's Church	
Thursday 16th October	3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 6 (Event 2)	
Friday 17th October	pm Year 3 Stone Age Den Building (provisional)	
Wednesday 22 nd October	9.15 – 10.45am New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event	
Thursday 23 rd October	9.15 10.45am New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event	
Thursday 23 rd October	3.30pm - 5.30pm Parent Consultations Nursery to Year 6 (Event 2Ne)	
Friday 24th October	3.15pm school closes for half term	
November 2025		
Monday 3 rd November	Training Day – School Closed	
Tuesday 4th November	8.45am school opens for nursery to year 6	
Friday 14th November	FOSC Family Beetle Drive [may need to change - TBC]	
Friday 14th November	Children In Need (To Be Confirmed)	
Wednesday 19th November	1.30 -2.45pm New Reception 2026 entry and Nursery Open Event	
	December 2025	
Thursday 4th December	10am Nursery Nativity	
Tuesday 9th December	Last Year 4 Swimming of the term	
Wednesday 10th December	am Year 6 Trip to RERF	
Thursday 11th December	National Christmas Jumper Day (provisional)	
Thursday 11th December	10am Reception and KS1 Nativity	
Thursday 11th December	2.15pm Reception and KS1 Nativity	
Friday 12th December	FOSC Winter Warmer	
Tuesday 16th December	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Tuesday 16th December	No Year 4 Swimming	
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Elf Run (Simon on The Streets)	
Wednesday 17th December	9.30am KS2 Carol Concert/Christmas Celebration	
Wednesday 17th December	2.30pm KS2 Carol Concert/Christmas Celebration	
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day	
Thursday 18th December	1.45pm Christmas Service at St. Chad's Church	
Friday 19th December	No Family Worship	
Friday 19th December	FOSC Christmas Celebration (in school) including Santas Grotto	
Friday 19th December	3.15pm School closes for Christmas Holidays	

SPRING TERM			
	January 2026		
Monday 5th January	8.45am School Re-Opens Nursery to Year 6		
Tuesday 6th January	1.30 -2.45pm New Reception 2026 and Nursery Open Event		
Tuesday 6 th January	No Year 4 Swimming		
w/c Monday 12th January	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1		
Tuesday 13th January	Year 4 Swimming restarts		
Wednesday 14th January	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am		
w/c 19th January	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 2		
Friday 30th January	Training Day (school closed to pupils)		
February 2026			
Friday 6th February	FOSC Curry and Quiz Night		
	February 2026 (continued)		
Thursday 12th February	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am		
Friday 13th February	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term		
Wednesday 18th February	Lent Starts		
Monday 23 rd February	8.45m School Re-Opens		
w/c 23 rd February	Whole school Lent Appeal begins		
	March 2026		
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day		
Thursday 12th March	Year 1 Trip to Skelton Grange		
Friday 13th March	FOSC Family Bingo Event		
Tuesday 17th March	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am		
Thursday 19th March	Year 1 – Year 6 Reports Issued		
Thursday 26 th March	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to Year 6 (Event 1)		
Wednesday 1 st April	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to Year 6 (Event 2)		
SUMMER TERM			
April 2026			
Wednesday 1st April	Easter Service @St. Chad's Church		
Thursday 2 nd April	3.15pm School Closes for Easter Holidays		
Monday 20th April	8.45am School Opens		
Wednesday 22 nd April	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am		

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Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday Monday	
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATS Tests	
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 SATS Tests	
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 SATS Test	
Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATS Tests	
Friday 15th May	Year 6 Pyjama Day (or similar!)	
Friday 15th May	FOSC Spring Fling	
Thursday 21* May	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Friday 22 rd May	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holidays	
June 2026		
Monday 1 st June	8.45am School Opens	
Monday 1 st June	Multiplication Times Tables Check opens	
Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check opens	
w/c 8th June	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1	
w/c 15th June	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 2	
Tuesday 16th June	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Wednesday 17th June	Year 6 Trip to Saltburn	
Thursday 18th June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)	
	June 2026 (continued)	
Friday 19th June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)	
Saturday 20th June	FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) - option 1	
Monday 22 nd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential	
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential	
Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential	
Thursday 25th June	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon)	
Friday 26th June	Year 1 Trip to Armley Mills (provisional)	
Saturday 27th June	FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) – option 2	
July 2026		
Wednesday 1 st July	Lawnswood Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)	
Wednesday 1st July	pm Whole School transition afternoon	
Thursday 2 nd July	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)	
Thursday 2 rd July	am Whole School transition morning	
Thursday 2 rd July	Abbey Grange Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)	

July 2026		
Friday 3 rd July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon)	
Wednesday 8th July	5pm Year 6 Production	
Thursday 9th July	10 - 2pm Year 6 Meanwood Park	
Monday 13th July	School Reports issued	
Friday 10th July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)	
Tuesday 14th July	Nursery End of Year Celebration (pm)	
Wednesday 15th July	Reception End of Year Celebration (pm)	
Wednesday 15th July	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am	
Thursday 16th July	1.45pm Leavers Service @St. Chad's Church	
Friday 17th July	2.15pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly	
Friday 17th July	School closes	
Monday 20th July	Training Day (school closed to pupils)	
Tuesday 21st July	Training Day (school closed to pupils)	