



9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Daphne, Joshua, Kaya, Pria, Zak, Alayna, Cooper, Max, Orlaith,  
Hallie, Neha, Joseph, Isobel, Elozino

I find returning to work after the Christmas holiday one of the hardest: its cold and dark to name just a couple of reasons! As a staff team we were chatting about this, but then also how much better we feel on the first day when the children arrive. Our children have been absolutely amazing this week. There have been calm and focused and not even noticed the cold weather!

At the time of writing, we have survived the threat of snow this week which is quite a change from last year which I had forgotten about until I was reminded this week. The cold spell – however – continues. We try where possible to give as much notice as we can if closures are necessary but sometimes conditions do change quickly. Should we need to close we will try to share messages by text, Facebook and Seesaw/Tapestry.

Those of you with children who currently access OOHA will probably be aware that Katie Brown our new OOHA manager has started with us. Katie started just before Christmas although it feels like she has been part of our team for much longer. We are sure that you will have already noticed the impact Katie has had (your bills have been issued for one ☺). I am sure you will continue to make Katie feel welcome. Details of our holiday clubs have already been issued, so if you have not seen it check your emails or contact OOHA for further details.

Next week on Thursday morning, we will hold FOSC coffee morning which will be in the bungalow and was well attended when we ran a similar event. Please do feel free to drop in for a coffee and a chat – the more the merrier!

Next week, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January it is a Wild West themed day in the kitchen. Details enclosed and bookable on ParentPay. If your child/children would like a school dinner on that day and usually have a packed lunch the meal can be booked as a 'one off'. If you have missed the booking opening please contact the school office to book.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

*Guia Marsland*

This week in Year 1, Tom from LUFC came in to teach us about healthy fruits and the children designed their own fruit smoothies. They sampled raspberries, blueberries and then made a smoothie from a range of fruits. Here are the children working on their smoothie design and sampling a very healthy drink!





**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**"Campfire" Pizza Wraps  
Or  
"Wild Creek" Battered  
Fish**



**Served with Beans,  
Sweetcorn & Chips**

**Chocolate Chip Cookie**



*Wild West*  
**DAY!**

Anyone who orders a school meal on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January will be entered into a prize draw. Three winners will be selected randomly (names will be drawn out of a 'hat') and the lucky winners will receive a £10 toy/book voucher.



## Belonging to a *talk-rich* Trust

**Abbey Trust**  
**Primary 100 Words**



### What does Oracy do?

#### Oracy will:

- Value your voice
- Improve your vocabulary
- Develop your language and expression

## This week's words are:

- generate
- global
- highlighted



### Supporting Maths Reasoning at Home

To help children build strong problem-solving and reasoning skills, we've gathered a selection of free, high-quality online maths resources that you can use at home. These sites offer games, challenges, and reasoning activities suitable for all primary ages. This is not instead of homework but in case parents would like extra maths activities. We hope you find them helpful for practising key skills in a fun and engaging way!

[Home](#) | [NRICH](#)

[Fun maths games and activities - Oxford Owl for Home](#)

[Maths Games for KS2: designed by a teacher for teachers - Mathsframe](#)



## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate. We raised a fantastic £310 which exceeded our target.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Orders must be placed on [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) by 3.30pm on a Friday 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 re-united 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.

# St Chad's CofE Primary School **Newsletter**



St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2025 - 2026\_version 17

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SPRING TERM	
January 2026	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am School Re-Opens Nursery to Year 6
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30 -2.45pm New Reception 2026 and Nursery Open Event
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 - Year 5 Assessment Week 1
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>FOSC Meeting 8pm (online)</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>FOSC Coffee Morning 9am</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Prince Henry's Cross Country Event – First Race 10am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 2
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
February 2026	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Leeds United Healthy Schools working with year 1 and year 4
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Reception Trip to Harlow Carr</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	NCMP and Vision Screening- Reception and Year 6 Children
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>FOSC Family Bingo Night</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 <del>Swimming</del> <b>Bikeability</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Starts
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	8.45m School Re-Opens
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Whole school Lent Appeal begins
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Middleton Park Cross Country Event – First Race 10am
March 2026	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Trip to Skelton Grange

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## SPRING TERM (continued)

### March 2026 (continued)

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSC Quiz Night
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Trip to Royal Armouries
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 – Year 6 Reports Issued
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 6.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to Year 6 (Event 1)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents Evening Nursery to Year 6 (Event 2)

## SUMMER TERM

### April 2026

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Service @St. Chad's Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.15pm School Closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am School Opens
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am

### May 2026

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Tests
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Tests
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Test
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Tests
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FOSC Spring Fling
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Pyjama Day (or similar!)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holidays

### June 2026

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	8.45am School Opens
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Multiplication Times Tables Check opens
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check opens
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 1
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 – Year 6 Assessment Week 2
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am



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<b>June 2026 (continued)</b>	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Trip to Saltburn
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) – option 1
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) – option 2
<b>July 2026</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Lawnswood Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	pm Whole School transition afternoon
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	am Whole School transition morning
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Abbey Grange Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm Year 6 Production
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10 – 2pm Year 6 Mearwood Park
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports issued
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon – reserve date)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery End of Year Celebration (pm)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception End of Year Celebration (pm)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	1.45pm Leavers Service @St. Chad's Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Training Day (school closed to pupils)