



Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Muhammad, Lurie, Phoenix, Zoe, Mila, Gwen, Frankie, Amelie, Mary, Jake, Suz, Ethan, Evan and Lola

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful week back at school. Our children have been incredibly settled, have fallen back into routines and focused on their learning. I almost dare not say it, but it appears that 'Spring may have sprung'. We have had some wonderful break times and lunchtimes with all of us enjoying being out in the sunny weather.

This week saw the first Lent Appeal activity which was It's Not A Sleepover Event hosted by our Early Years Team for nursery and reception. There was not much sleeping as too much fun was had ☺ : dancing, glow sticks, popcorn, bedtime stories and more party games!



This weekend sees the last Saturday cross country event. Hopefully, it will remain dry, and we will need less layers than those events earlier in the year. Good luck to all those taking part.



Next week on Thursday 5th March it is World Book Day and as you are aware children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. There will be a range of events on the day and on Wednesday KS2 will take part in Poetry Slam and on Friday our younger children have been invited a Tiger Who Came for Tea themed tea party.

Another date for your diary for next week is Friday 6th March at 6.30pm when the bookings for parent consultations on the 26th March and 1st April 'go live.'

This week saw the start of our clubs for this half term. Thanks to Miss Juckes and Ms Pollard for all their hard work in organising these clubs and helping them to run smoothly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Guia Marsland

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On Thursday before we broke up, we had a visit from The Lord Mayor of Leeds. He met with our school councillors to hear about their role in school, our Lent Appeal and he talked to them about his role as Lord Mayor. He told them all about the mayoral chain which we learnt was about 125 years old!





Schools White Paper

As you may be aware from reports in the news this week, the government has released a schools white paper, [Every Child Achieving and Thriving](#).

What is the schools white paper?

The white paper is not a new law. It is a document that sets out the Government's ideas and proposals for changes they would like to make to reform the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system in England.

This includes a consultation on the proposed SEND reforms, which runs until the 18th May.

What happens next?

There will now be a 12-week consultation which means that the Government has asked for [views on its ideas](#). This means families, professionals and stakeholders have an opportunity to comment directly on the proposals over the next 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, the Government will consider the feedback and then may revise their proposals. If at this point changes to the law are required, the Government must introduce a Bill to Parliament to be debated and examined before becoming law.

What does it mean for me right now?

At this point, existing SEND law remains unchanged. This means no legal rights or support will change for families. We are looking through the white paper as a school and Trust, but wanted to reassure you that this is a plan for the future and will not remove the support currently in place for your child.

As we find out more, we will update you of any changes in how we work with our children over time.

What's in the schools white paper?

The white paper itself is rather large, but the government have produced some helpful summary sheets for various stakeholders. Find out more about key information and proposed reforms [here](#).

Friends of St Chad's

AGM



Tuesday 24th MARCH

8pm via Teams

Meeting ID: 934 895 169 590 5

Password: xe9Xb6

Whether you would like to get more involved or just want to hear more about what the PTA has been up to, please come and join!

2026 book missions



This year is the National Year of Reading. Inspired by the BookTrust Reading Mission, we have created a monthly reading mission here at St Chad's Primary School to encourage and celebrate reading throughout the year.

March

Join the World Book Day celebrations



April

Read a poetry book or a verse novel.



May

Can you read a book that makes you laugh!



June

Can you read a book outside! What's the most unusual place you can find?



July

It's a summer of sport! Read a sporty book.



August

Can you send a letter or a drawing to your favourite author or illustrator?



September

Read a book because you love its pictures/illustrations



October

Read a spooky book for Halloween!



November

Can you read a non-fiction book and tell a friend a cool fact.



December

Swap your favourite book with your friends.



My favourite books of the year are...



Dear Parents, Carers
and little readers,

We would like to invite Reception and KSI to The Tiger Who Came to Tea Party at St Chad's to celebrate World Book Day! Join us for a cosy story time where we will read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, talk together about the story and share our ideas about the characters. After the story, we'll enjoy a fun tea party to finish our celebration. Get ready for a roar some time full of stories, smiles, and a little bit of tiger magic!



From, Miss Griffiths
and Miss Agley.

Friday 6th March

PURPLE PARTY

Lent Appeal

2nd April

This year, we would like to invite Year 3 and Year 4 to come to school **dressed in PURPLE** for our own purple parties for lent. Children are encouraged to be as creative as they want to be though there will be opportunities to incorporate purple into their outfits on the day regardless.

Children are also encouraged to bring in purple themed snacks and food for a **purple picnic** in the afternoon too. It will be an extra fun way of learning about the importance of lent appeal and our chosen charity.

Ideally, please remember to bring your donations towards the charity with you on the day.



Teachers2Parents

If you have the teachers to parents app please can you delete it from your phone. We are experiencing problems with some parents not receiving text messages because the messages are delivered to the app. If you do not have the app installed messages will come through as a text. Thank you

St Chad's CofE Primary School Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term	Dates
Term begins	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Last day of Half Term	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
School re-opens	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Last day at School	Friday 18 th December 2026

Spring Term	Dates
Term begins	Monday 4 th January 2027
Training Day	Friday 29 th January 2027
Last day of Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2027
School re-opens	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Good Friday - School Closed	Friday 26 th March 2027
Easter Monday - School Closed	Monday 29 th March 2027
Last day at School	Friday 2 nd April 2027

Summer Term	Dates
Term begins	Monday 19 th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Last day of Half Term	Friday 28 th May 2027
School re-opens	Monday 7 th June 2027
Last day at School	Tuesday 20 th July 2027

Training Days

The tables above include our Training Days which are:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 29th January 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

In Partnership to
Educate, Nurture & Empower



Club timetable

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Internal clubs				
3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm
Classical drawing club (KS1 and KS2)	School of Sanctuary Club (KS2)		Choir (KS2)	Basketball (Years 2-6)
			3:15pm – 3:45pm	
Maths Boosters (Y6)				
External Clubs				
3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3:15pm – 4:00pm
Multi sports (KS1 and KS2)	Games Club (KS1 and KS2)	Taekwondo (KS1 and KS2)	Football (KS1 and KS2)	Netball (KS1 and KS2)
			3:15pm – 4:00pm	
Art Club (KS1 and KS2)				
Please note: Due to parents' evenings, all clubs will not run on Thursday 26th March Wednesday 1st April				

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:

- Obvious
- Occur
- Option



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](#)

FRIENDS OF ST CHADS PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITE YOU TO THE annual
CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF INDIA STREET FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

COME AS A TEAM OR COME ALONE & JOIN A TEAM ON THE NIGHT

GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE & MAKE NEW FRIENDS

DATE: FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026

TIME: 7:15PM

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS £12, AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY

(TICKET PRICE INCLUDES WELCOME DRINK & A SELECTION
OF INDIAN STREET FOOD SERVED AT YOUR TABLE)

CASH BAR ON THE NIGHT

SCHOOL MEALS

Orders must be placed on 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

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.

We will be sorting the boxes soon as our lost uniform seems to have grown considerably of late!

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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SPRING TERM	
February 2026	
Monday 23 rd February	8.45m School Re-Opens
w/c 23 rd February	Whole school Lent Appeal begins
Thursday 26th February	EYFS It's Not a Sleepover Event 6 - 7.15pm
Saturday 28 th February	Middleton Park Cross Country Event - First Race 10am
March 2026	
Wednesday 4th March	KS2 Poetry SLAM Event
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6th March	EYFS & KS1 The Tiger Who Came To Tea Party
Thursday 12 th March	Year 1 Trip to Skelton Grange
Friday 13 th March	FOSC Quiz Night
Tuesday 17 th March	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 3 Trip to Royal Armouries
Thursday 19 th March	Year 1 - Year 6 Reports Issued
Tuesday 24th March	FOSC AGM 8pm Via Teams
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 Easter Experience @ Cornerstones Baptist Church
Thursday 26th March	2.15pm We Are Special (Choir ~ invited parents)
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 1 st April	Easter Service @St. Chad's Church
Thursday 2 nd April	3.15pm School Closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	8.45am School Opens
Wednesday 22 nd April	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 23rd April	Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
May 2026	
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATS Tests

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May 2026 (continued)

Tuesday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Wednesday 13 th May	KS2 SATS Test
Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Friday 15 th May	FOSC Spring Fling
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 Pyjama Day (or similar!)
Thursday 21 st May	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Friday 22 nd 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
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 5 Trip to Leeds Grand Mosque
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check opens
w/c 8 th June	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1
w/c 15 th June	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 2
Tuesday 16 th June	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 6 Trip to Saltburn
Thursday 18 th June	Whole School Culture Day (provisional pending Abbey Grange)
Monday 22 nd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Thursday 25 th June	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon)
Saturday 27th June	FOSC Summer Fair (provisional) ~confirmed

July 2026

Wednesday 1 st July	Lawnswood Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)
Wednesday 1 st July	pm Whole School transition afternoon
Thursday 2 nd July	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon ~ reserve date)
Thursday 2 nd July	am Whole School transition morning
Thursday 2 nd July	Abbey Grange Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)
Friday 3 rd July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon)
Wednesday 8 th July	5pm Year 6 Production

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July 2026 (continued)

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