



6th March 2026

Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Georgia, Suki, Isley, Sasha, Myles, Peggy, Thomas F, Mabel, Otis, Tavi, Ivo, Isabella, Hasnain and Armaan

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fabulous and sunny week in school! After the excitement last week of our nursery and reception classes sleepover, this week saw World Book Day. A huge thank you to Miss Griffiths (aka Little Miss Sunshine) and Miss Agley (aka Little Miss Chatterbox) who organised fantastic range of events and activities so we could immerse ourselves in all things reading and reflect on the joy of reading. Thanks to FOSC who hosted our 'book stall' ~ your child had the chance to pick a new book and bring it home. Finally, thank you to everyone who supported their children with dressing up as their favourite character.

Last Saturday, was the last Cross Country Saturday League event of the year. It has been great this year to see new faces taking part and show such resilience. As ever, a whole community event with our school families supporting with the logistics such as getting our children to the start line! We will be taking part again next year.

Well done to Isacc and Charlotte who took part in the West Yorkshire Cross Country finals this week. Amazing performances from both competitors.

Don't forget we shared details of our candidates for parent governors this week and voting ends on Friday 13th March and this Friday at 6.30pm appointments for our upcoming parent consultations can be made.

Bookings are still being taken for the FOSC Curry and Quiz Night on Friday 13th March. This event is always a huge success and if you have not been before come along and give it a go. School staff have a table this year ~ come and see how we get on!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. We look forward to welcoming you back bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Guia Marsland

A challenge has been sent across the Trust...

And it has YOUR school's name on it.
On 9th June, schools from across the Trust will gather for an EPIC Poetry Slam and the search is on for the most powerful poets and boldest rappers to take to the stage.

This is not just any competition.

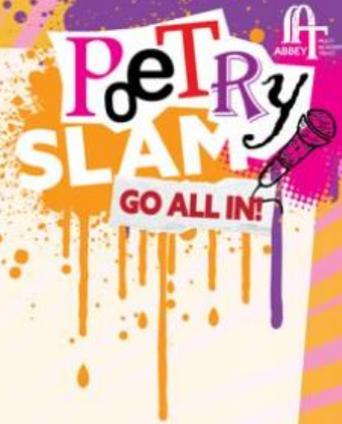
This is a battle of words.

A celebration of creativity.

A chance to stand in the spotlight and be heard.

This year's theme is:

"GO ALL IN."



**ARE YOU READY
TO GO ALL IN?**



Testament is an acclaimed writer, rapper and Guinness world record breaking human beatboxer who is based in West Yorkshire.



The project will conclude with a final celebration event, held at the Moyes. Pupils from across the trust will come together to:

- Perform their poems in front of a live audience
- Celebrate creativity and achievement
- Take part in a supportive, trust-wide celebration

Prizes will be awarded in a range of categories, such as performance, originality, use of language and audience impact. The poet from the launch event will attend in person to:

- Perform their poetry
- Celebrate pupils' achievements
- Present awards and prizes

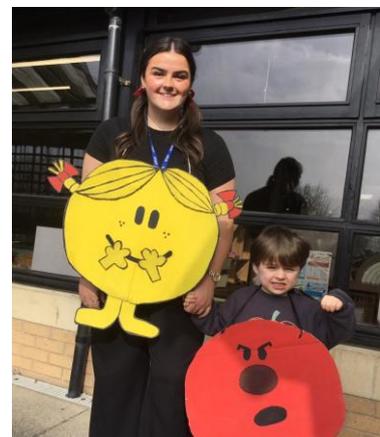
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Reception had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day! The children enjoyed taking part in an exciting costume parade, hot-seating their favourite book characters, and choosing a new story from the book swap. Of course, there was also plenty of time spent enjoying lots of wonderful books.



To finish the day, we made the most of the sunshine by reading our new stories outside with our Year 6 buddies, which was a lovely way to share our love of reading together.





World Book Day '26





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Year 3's Federico took the Royal Academy art competition incredibly seriously as he spent his evening after school putting together his final work. Our school theme was Growth.

"To me, I feel like this piece represents all the things I've done from when I was a little baby from all the way up to now. It's too hard to explain but I have grown through all of my achievements and the things I have done in my life. My friends have helped me grow, my mum and my dad and my sister are all my role models. I actually looked up to my sister to make this art project in the first place. This shows who I am."

Well done Feddy and to everyone who created a piece of work and entered the competition – we are certainly a school full of creative children.



The Graduated Approach: Assess, Plan, Do, Review

At St. Chad's we use a clear graduated approach to SEND support. This means support is purposeful, flexible and regularly reviewed, rather than fixed.

- **Assess** – understanding strengths and needs
- **Plan** – agreeing the right support
- **Do** – putting the strategies in place
- **Review** – checking impact and adjusting

Parents and children are central to this process. Support plans are reviewed at least 3 times a year, so provision evolves as children grow and change. This ensures support remains meaningful and effective.

Try this at home:

Celebrate progress, not just outcomes. Small steps forward matter and recognising effort builds confidence and resilience.

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...

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

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:

- Organise
- Outcomes
- Overcome



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 26 th 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 4 th March	KS2 Poetry SLAM Event
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	EYFS & KS1 The Tiger Who Came To Tea Party
Monday 9th March	Year 4 Multisport @Abbey Grange
Thursday 12 th March	Year 1 Trip to Skelton Grange
Friday 13 th March	FOOSC Quiz Night
Tuesday 17 th March	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 3 Trip to Royal Armouries
Thursday 19th March	8.45am Read It - Say It - Share It Open House Event
Thursday 19 th March	Year 1 - Year 6 Reports Issued
Tuesday 24th March	Year 5 Easter Experience @ Cornerstones Baptist Church
Tuesday 24th March	FOOSC AGM 8pm Via Teams
Thursday 26 th March	Year 4 Easter Experience @ Cornerstones Baptist Church
Thursday 26 th March	2.15pm You 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 23 rd April	Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

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May 2026

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
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 2 nd 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
Saturday 20th June	FOSC Summer Fair (note correction)
Monday 22 nd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 6 supporting @National PE Conference (Leeds Becketts)
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)

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July 2026 (continued)

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
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 14 th 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 16 th 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)