

15th May 2026



Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Muhammad, Laurie, Autumn, Edith, Ollie, Alayna, Bobby, Marnie, Lauren, Oscar, Sophia, Isabel and All Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we do hope that was not summer been and gone! Firstly, a huge well done to year 6 for continuing to smile, be their best selves and working hard this week during SATS and to year 5, in particular, for being amazing too. They completed lessons in the hall and were so calm, mature and focused.

You will have noticed that our gates at the end of Thornfield Avenue have been repaired. Thank you for your patience with this; we were waiting for insurers and manufacture. We have listened to feedback and reflected on the incident, and as a result these gates will open from about 8.35am in a morning until 8.50am and similarly from about 3.10 – 3.20pm on an afternoon and reflect the gate times of our 'playground gates'.

You should now have received a letter regarding payment system changes. Please carefully read through the letter and take time to familiarise yourself with the new Arbor app which will be used for payments and communication going forward.

Thursday 21st May is whole class photograph day so school you may wish to send your child in their 'best' jumper that day!

Next week is the last week of our pop-up swimming pool. Thank you for all the feedback about it – it has been great to hear how it has really supported with confidence or got your children swimming. I do think I will miss it although I am sure many of you may appreciate less washing to do! After half term, we will be sure to send out a survey to collect views more widely.

Don't forget Friday will see us say goodbye to Miss Juckes. During family worship on Friday morning, we will be saying farewell and as ever you are all welcome to join us. Please don't say anything to Miss Juckes..sshh..... 😊.

A reminder that this afternoon will see the FOSC Spring Fling; it would be lovely to see you there, and don't forget to introduce yourself to Mrs Salisbury if you see her.

All that remains is to wish you a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Many thanks

Guia Marsland

SATS week!!



On Monday 11th May, Year 6 embarked upon SATS week!

We started on Friday 8th by burning our worries away, entering the weekend (without any homework for the first time this school year) full of positivity!

Alongside completing SPAG, reading and three maths papers, we built marshmallow towers, constructed paper bridges, had fun in the wind and chilly May weather and essentially, celebrated eight months of extremely hard work paying off.

Each and every member of Y6 carried themselves with maturity and responsibility, rising to the occasion outstandingly.

The year, however, is not over, and although we still have plenty of learning to go, trips to the beach and the park, a triathlon event and of course, our production (still a secret currently) are now on the horizon too. Well done Year 6 – you superstars!!!





Understanding ADHD Beyond the Stereotypes

ADHD is a neurodevelopmental difference that affects attention, impulse control and self-regulation. While many people associate ADHD with high energy or fidgeting, not all children with ADHD are outwardly hyperactive. Some may appear quiet, withdrawn or anxious, particularly girls, whose needs can be less visible.

Much of ADHD happens beneath the surface. Difficulties with working memory, emotional regulation, organisation and time awareness can all affect learning, even when a child is trying very hard. These challenges are not about motivation or behaviour choices.

Staff at St. Chad's have received thorough, evidence-based training to recognise different ADHD presentations and to respond with understanding. Strategies such as clear routines, chunked instructions, visual supports and planned movement breaks help children feel more successful and less overwhelmed.

By understanding ADHD more deeply, we reduce frustration and help children develop confidence and self-belief.

Try this at home:

Break tasks into short, manageable steps and offer encouragement between each one. This can help children feel less daunted and more motivated to keep going.

A Day at the Seaisde Menu

Main Meals:



Dessert:



Thursday 21st May

Anyone who orders a school meal on Thursday 21st May 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.

Noah's Fundraising Triathlon!



Noah will be participating in the all abilities triathlon at Becketts Park campus on the 17th of May. He's very excited and would like to try to raise some money whilst having fun. The money raised will be donated to sunshine and smiles to help pay for his football, speech and language classes and all the other activities they provide throughout the year for many of his friends. If you could donate a few pounds he would be very grateful and make his challenge of swimming cycling and running so much more exciting. Many thanks 🌞 😊 🏆

You can donate to Noah's JustGiving page by clicking here

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacqueline-moffatt-coulson-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional -- donation received -- nth donation](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacqueline-moffatt-coulson-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_donation)

Thank you for your support!





Candlelighters

Supporting the families of children with cancer

Candlelighters fundraiser

Friday 5th June

Candlelighters is a charity that supports families of children with cancer. This cause is very close to our hearts here at St Chad's, and we are pleased to announce a special fundraising event on **Friday 5th June**.

We will begin the day with a coffee bar—what better way to start a Friday morning than with a coffee and a pastry!

Children are invited to wear pink to school, and we kindly ask for a donation of £1 if you are able to contribute.

After school, there will be a variety of stalls including:

- A bake sale
- Reception plant stall
- Charity bracelet stand
- A chance to purchase the children's artwork

We hope you will join us in supporting this wonderful charity and helping us raise as much as possible.



Candlelighters
Supporting the families of children with cancer

Please take time to read this message from one of our St Chad's families:

As a family we knew who Candlelighters were but we didn't quite understand the level of support they provided until sadly we needed it.

One month before our son's 2nd birthday he came home from nursery with a lump on his forehead. He had not banged it, he was not unwell, it was just there all of a sudden.

After a CT scan, it showed a large mass and 2 smaller ones on the other side of his skull.

A biopsy confirmed a diagnosis of Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis a rare blood cancer.

All of a sudden we were thrown into a world we had no idea how to navigate. Our son had a portacath fitted then started chemotherapy and steroid treatment for 6 months.

Candlelighters were there from the day he was diagnosed with a welcome pack/treats with information about what they do.

Candlelighters have provided the following:

- Someone to sit with our son while we have meetings with Doctors
- Played with him in this hospital and always had his favourite games and snacks and kept his spirits up
- A grant to support petrol and parking costs
- A family trip to Centre Parcs with £150 spending money for activities
- Food in the hospital for parents "Champs pantry"
- Someone to talk to
- Free psychotherapy sessions
- Free massages and well being appointments even if not in hospital
- Free tickets to events like Leeds Rhino's, circus shows, Disney on Ice etc
- Free tickets to days out such as Diggerland
- Family fun days including going in a small aeroplane ride and fast cars



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- A Christmas party each year with gifts and a Santa visit
- A living room style place to go near the hospital with free drinks, snacks and Someone to talk to
- A house next to the hospital to stay in if you live far away
- Sibling support groups
- Sibling residential
- Sibling trips to Light water Valley, The Web York Maze
- Free guitar lessons
- Snacks and free drinks on the ward to avoid cafe costs
- Mum support groups with events such as Wreath making and afternoon tea
- Dad support groups with events such as golf etc
- Sibling support groups

Candlelighters do so much!

Sadly in June 2024, 8 months after finishing treatment, our son relapsed. We were having a ringing of the bell celebration on the Saturday where Candlelighters had arranged a get together but he came home on the Friday with a lump on his forehead again.

But Candlelighters were there.

They provided a relapse grant and a shoulder to cry on.

But it wasn't just hard on us, it has been really hard on his older brother who would go to sleep with his brother on the bottom bunk and wake up to it empty due to a rush into hospital in the middle of the night.

He gets Sibling support through regular groups, trips and residentials where he can ask questions he might not ask us and be around other siblings.



Candlelighters

Supporting the families of children with cancer

Our son's MRI in April was all clear so he continues on maintenance treatment (oral chemotherapy) and fortnightly blood tests for 2 years. He will hopefully finish in March 2027.

A big thank you to St Chad's for always being caring, supportive and treating our son like they would their own. And a big thank you to you all for your contributions to this fantastic charity.

I hope you are all ready to #PINKITUP!

A promotional poster for the 'Street Festival of Stadium Para Athletics'. The top section has a red background with the text 'STREET Festival of STADIUM Para Athletics' in white and blue, and 'An introduction to Para Track & Field events' below it. The main image shows a smiling female athlete in a black singlet with 'GREAT BRITAIN' and 'edf' logos, and a bib that says 'DOWN PARIS 2024'. To the right of the athlete is the text 'SIGN UP HERE' and a QR code. On the left, there are icons for a calendar, a clock, a location pin, and an envelope, each followed by text: 'SUNDAY 17th MAY', '2pm - 5pm', 'LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY', and 'lweightman@englandathletics.org'.



SUNDAY 17th MAY



2pm - 5pm



LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY



lweightman@englandathletics.org



Upcoming Virtual Information Sessions on Microsoft Teams:

Topic - Transitions

Information and practical advice on transitions for children & young people with SEND.

Date: 14th May 2026

Time: 11:30-1pm



Topic - Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Information about pupils feeling unable to attend their school or setting due to their individual needs.

Date: 3rd June 2026

Time: 11:30-1pm

To book a place onto one of these virtual sessions, please email:
sendiassevents@leeds.gov.uk

Please state in your email which session you want to attend.



0113 378 5020



www.leedssendiass.co.uk



sendiasocialmedia@leeds.gov.uk





Job Opportunities at Bishop Young Academy

If of interest, please follow the links below

Teacher of Geography at Bishop Young Church of England Academy

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/144809/EDV-2026-BYCEA-42106>

Cover Supervisor at Bishop Young Church of England Academy

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/144809/EDV-2026-BYCEA-40956>

Piano Lessons

at St. Chad's Academy



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Link Learning are offering piano lessons at St. Chad's Academy. Lessons are taken weekly during the school day during term time. We'll be in touch with you once we receive your registration to answer any questions you may have.

All our tutors are enthusiastic musicians able to teach up to a high level and have recent DBS certificates.

For any queries please get in touch via telephone at 07305507504 or email at admin@linklearning.education.

What we offer

- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual
- Digital resource pack
- Termly progress reports

Tuition price

- Individual - £9 per lesson (15 minute duration)
- Individual - £18 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £12 per lesson (30 minute duration)

Please register at www.linklearning.education/register

LinkLearning is a team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

In our music lessons we focus on the individual learning styles and interests of our pupils.

To learn more visit linklearning.education

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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:

- SPECIFIC
- STANDARD
- STRATEGIES



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](#)

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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SUMMER TERM

April 2026

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
Monday 27th April	Year 4 Trip to Elland Road (pm)
Monday 27 th April	Year 6 Parents Meeting (SATS)
Wednesday 29th April	Year 4 Walking to riverbank at Kirkstall Abbey (linked to Wind in the Willows book being studied)

May 2026

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 5th May	FOSC Meeting (time TBC or see FOSC reps)
Friday 9th May	Year 4 Trip to Armley Mills (link to topic about The Victorians) <i>Provisional</i>
Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Monday 11th May	2.30pm Meeting about Phonics Screening for Year 1 parents
Tuesday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Wednesday 13 th May	KS2 SATS Test
Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATS Tests
Thursday 14th May	Year 4 Visit to Headingley Library <i>(Provisional)</i>
Friday 15 th May	FOSC Spring Fling
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 Pyjama Day (or similar!)
Monday 18th May	Year 6 Triathlon Event @ John Smeaton
Thursday 21 st May	Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 21st May	Whole Class Photos
Thursday 21st May	Reception visiting Alexandra Court Care home for joint reading event led by Debutots
Thursday 21st May	School Census Day ~ see special menu
Thursday 21st May	3.30 -6.30pm Parents Evening - <i>Nursery 1 only</i>
Friday 22 nd May	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holidays



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June 2026

Monday 1 st June	8.45am School Opens
Monday 1 st June	Multiplication Times Tables Check opens
Monday 1st June	School Council visit to CCUA
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 5 Trip to Leeds Grand Mosque
Friday 5th June	Whole School Fundraising for Candlelighters Candlelighters Supporting Children with Cancer & Families
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check opens
w/c 8 th June	Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1
Wednesday 10th June	Reception Trip to Hesketh Farm (provisional)
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 20 th June	FOSC Summer Fair (<i>note correction</i>)
Monday 22 nd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Tuesday 23 rd 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)
Friday 26th June	Year 1 Trip to Armley Mills (provisional)
Friday 26th June	Ralph Thoresby Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)

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	am Whole School transition morning
Thursday 2 nd July	Abbey Grange Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September)
Thursday 2 nd July	Nursery Sports Day (afternoon ~ reserve date)
Friday 3 rd July	Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon)

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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 (am) - <i>Note time change now in the morning.</i>
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 & Tues 21 st July	Training Days (school closed to pupils)