

22nd May 2026



Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Elliot, All Reception, Luna, Otilie, Joshua, Ben, Nikki, Saskia, All Year 4, Alfie, Joseph, Sophie, Louis and Viv

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last newsletter of this half term, surely not! Last Friday saw the FOSC Spring Fling. It was just lovely to see so many of our families enjoying the chance to socialise and chat after busy weeks at work. Mrs Salisbury has asked me to say thank you to all those families she spoke to and for making her feel so welcome. She will be in school again in the summer term before we return in September.

This week has been another busy one in school. Year 4 had a brilliant time at the Art Gallery in Leeds; it is great that we can make the most of these opportunities close by with the help of AbbeyMAT and the minibuses.

It was wonderful on Wednesday to see our children showcase how truly fabulous they are throughout the day and when speaking to our visitor. We see this regularly, but it is great when others can see this too.

Our swimming pool will be gone when we all return after half term. A huge thank you to Beth, Kyle and Jack from ACES. They have only been here 5 weeks, but it feels like they have truly been part of our team for years. A particular thanks also to Miss Munnely who has really supported with the logistics involved, including the after-school clubs. I suspect she may not want to see another pair of goggles or single socks for a while 😊. Beth hopes to return on our first week back to share certificates with our children who have completed the programme. Thank you to you too for being patient with us when routines have changed or swimming clothes have been needed daily!

As you know we also say goodbye to Miss Jukes today, and I know you will all join me saying thank you and wishing her the best of luck with her new venture.

I hope you all have a fabulous half term. Whilst the weather has been 'soggier' than we expected, it looks like we may all benefit next week. Enjoy time with your families, time to recharge and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 1st June.

Many thanks

Guia Marsland

Year 6 try out tri (athlon)

On Monday 18th May, year 6 headed over to John Smeaton Leisure Centre to tackle the three disciplines of a triathlon – swim, bike and run. Yes, they really did do the cycle and run soaking wet! Organised by the Brownlee Foundation, many schools participated in this incredible event, all in a bid to encourage children to be active and enjoy sport.

With some stroke of luck, the rain held off to make way for sunshine just as our Year 6 St Chad's pupils mounted their bikes (after quite a length transition run from the swimming pool, may I add). Following the course for 800m, the children then handed their bikes back and took on a 300m run to cross the finish line where, again, how lucky we were, Jonny Brownlee was!!! Some of our pupils even had their medals placed around their necks by the infamous Yorkshire native athlete.

It was an absolutely sensational day and just the perfect way to begin the final weeks of our Year 6s time at St Chads.

Thank you to ALL the organisers that made this event as special as it was!



Hoodies are here.....!!

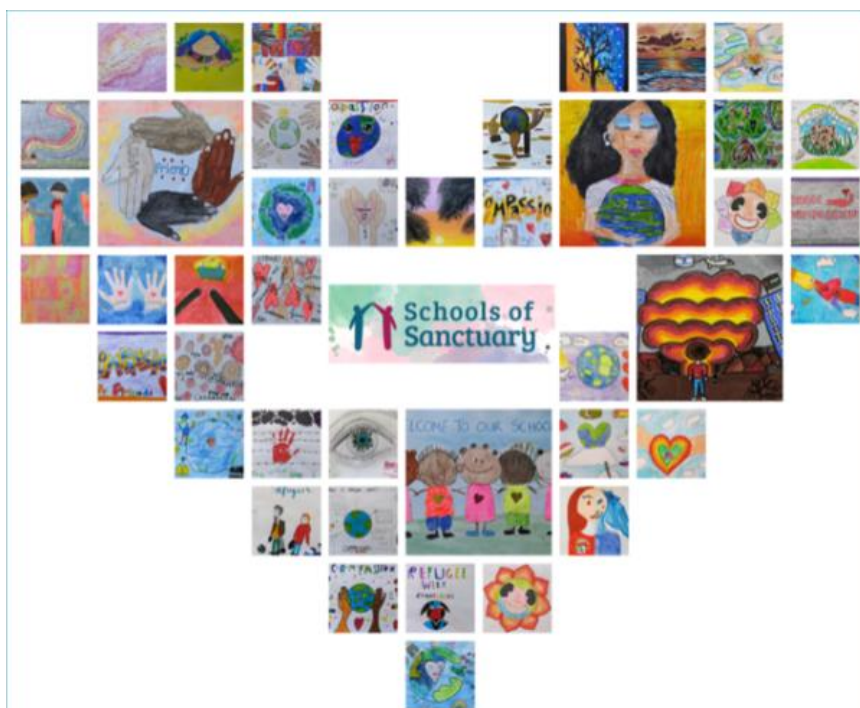


Refugee Week 2026



**Refugee
Week**

Across school, we have been learning about Refugee Week, with this year's theme being courage. Classes have created their own pieces of work to depict courage as part of a Leeds-wide competition. Winners will be announced on the Tuesday 2nd June!



Refugee Week 2026: Schools' Art Exhibition

Leeds Schools of Sanctuary will be hosting an art exhibition in libraries across Leeds with "Courage" as the theme.



Supporting Speech, Language and Communication

Speech, language and communication skills underpin learning, friendships and emotional wellbeing. Some children may find it harder to understand language, express ideas or follow conversations.

Alongside our whole school oracy focus, staff are trained to use clear language, visual supports, modelling and repetition to support communication. For some children, targeted speech and language interventions such as Word Aware and approaches such as Intensive Interaction are also used.

We have had specific training in understanding and supporting areas such as Developmental Language Disorder and Autism. This training and use of approaches help children feel confident to communicate and participate fully in school life.

We have some helpful guides on the elements of speech and language, as well as the typical stages of speech and language development from 0-17 years available on the SEND page of our school website: [Support for Specific SEND Needs](#)

Try this at home:

Give your child time to process and respond in conversations. Reducing questions and modelling language can support understanding.

St Chad's C of E School

SUMMER FAIR

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

TOMBOLA

Unwanted gifts, stationary, games



PRE-LOVED STALL

Toys, books, clothing, accessories



BOTTLE-BOLA

Fizzy or fruity, soft or boozy



TEDDY-BOLA

Cuddly toys



FOSC DONATION BOX

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE NEW FOSC DONATION BOX NEAR THE NOTICEBOARD AND PLAYGROUND GATE.

ANY ALCOHOL PLEASE LEAVE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU!



PLEASE DONATE BY 12TH JUNE



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Tuesday 14th July

★ KS1
2-3pm

KS2 ★
3.15-4.15pm

**Hope to see
you all there! ♥**



On Sunday June 14th, the Leeds 10k will take over the city as over 6000 runners will take part in a vibrant run. Taking place on the same day, is our Mini and Junior Leeds Runs.

The Mini Run is a 1.5km route around the University of Leeds and is open to everyone aged between 3-8. They must run with a parent or guardian. The event starts at 9.45am.

The Junior Run is a 2.5km route around the University of Leeds and is open to everyone aged between 9-14. They don't have to run with a parent guardian. The event also starts at 9.45am.

For the first time in 2026, the Junior Run is chip timed and all participants of both runs receive a medal/trophy and a goody bag!

The race is great fun and a brilliant show of community spirit.

Open to all ages and abilities, it could be the start of a hobby or a day out with friends and families.

If you would like to join the fun please register via this link: [Leeds Mini and Junior - 14th Jun 2026 | Run For All | Run For All](#)

Well Done Noah !

Noah took part in the all-abilities triathlon at Becketts Park campus on Sunday. He has raised an incredible **£605** which will be donated to sunshine and smiles. Noah had a wonderful day of swimming cycling and running. Many thanks for your donations so far!! 🌞 😊 🏆



You can still 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_transaction_received_-_nth_donation





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



Candlelighters
Supporting the families of children with cancer

- 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 background features a smiling female athlete in a black singlet with 'GREAT BRITAIN' and 'edf' logos, and a bib that says 'DOWN PARIS 2024'. The text on the poster includes the event title, a QR code for sign-up, and event details.

STREET Festival of STADIUM Para Athletics
An introduction to Para Track & Field events

SIGN UP HERE

SUNDAY 17th MAY

2pm - 5pm

LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

lweightman@englandathletics.org



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



Piano Lessons at St. Chad's Academy

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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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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St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2025 - 2026_version 21

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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)