

3rd July 2026



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another lovely week in school. It was great to see children enjoying the time with their new teachers on Wednesday and Thursday. Year 2 (soon to be Year 3) were particularly excited moving into a completely different part of school ☺, with a new cloakroom and toilets to explore. They really did look 'right' in their new classroom which is so much bigger.

A special shout out also to Year 5 whose transition looked slightly different this year; they were so mature and absolutely showed that they are ready for Year 6 next year. On the topic of new beginnings, it was an utter delight to welcome our new reception class into school on Thursday morning. They settled amazingly, leaving their adults in the main office and walking in with Miss Griffiths. A huge thank you to Mrs Ansell who then supported school in hosting a coffee morning for our new school families in the bungalow. It was incredibly well-attended, and I certainly had lovely morning chatting!

We have some exciting news to share this week. We are incredibly proud to announce that, following a rigorous accreditation process, our school has been awarded **Voice 21 Oracy Centre of Excellence** status. This national recognition celebrates schools that have embedded outstanding oracy practice across all aspects of school life. A huge well done and thank you Miss Agley who led on this initiative.

Next Friday 10th July will be our final family worship of the academic year to which parents are welcome, and Thursday 16th July is our leavers service at St. Chad's Church. All are welcome and please do let us know if you able to help walk to Church with us; we will aim to leave about 1pm. Yet more happening as the end of term is always busy. Tuesday 14th July are FOSC discos which for Reception and KS1 will be in the school day and for KS2 just after the end of the school day. Further details will follow.

We hope to see many of you today at our sports afternoon, and a huge thank you again to Miss Matthews and Year 6 for organising.

Kind Regards

Guia Marsland



Voice 21

This year, we have continued our exciting journey with **Voice 21**, the UK's leading organisation for oracy education. Working alongside Voice 21 has enabled us to further develop a whole-school approach to oracy, ensuring that every child has regular opportunities to develop the confidence, vocabulary and communication skills they need to succeed both in school and beyond.

Oracy is much more than speaking and listening. It teaches children how to express their ideas clearly, listen actively to others, ask thoughtful questions, justify their opinions and work collaboratively. Across the school, pupils have been taking part in high-quality discussions, debates, presentations and collaborative learning, helping them to become confident communicators and thoughtful learners.

We are incredibly proud to announce that, following a rigorous accreditation process, our school has been awarded **Voice 21 Oracy Centre of Excellence** status. This prestigious national recognition celebrates schools that have embedded outstanding oracy practice across all aspects of school life and are committed to continually developing pupils' speaking and listening skills.

We are now one of **90 Voice 21 Oracy Centres of Excellence across the UK**, placing us among a select group of schools recognised for excellence in oracy education. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils and the support of our wider school community. We look forward to continuing to build a culture where every child's voice is heard, valued and celebrated.

Leeds Industrial Museum Trip

Build The Change

On Friday 26th June, Year 1 went to Armley Mills to take part in the LEGO project, Build The Change. The children studied the environment around them outside, looking at how the world protects our plants and wildlife then designed and made their own sustainable worlds from LEGO. They had a wonderful day, and the Education Co-Ordinator said, "The children were the most engaged and best-behaved class we've had." What a credit you are to St Chad's!



Year 4 residential at Nell Bank

Last week, year 4, accompanied by Mr Taylor, Mrs, Marsland, Mrs Futers and Ms Davies, went on their residential to Nell Bank, Ilkley on what turned out to be some of the hottest days of June ever.



Crossing the swamp

Tuesday saw us completing a shortened fell walk up to White Wells on Ilkley Moor so that we returned to site before the hottest part of the day. When we did get back, we were greeted by a cold spray under a hosepipe followed by water play where they all got absolutely soaked.



Even with the heat, the children were able to enjoy all the planned activities which included team games and den building on the Monday.



Den building



Picnicking in the shade at White Wells, Ilkley Moor

Water play at Nell Bank to cool off after a very hot, sweaty walk



On Wednesday a habitat trail was completed followed by pond dipping where we found common newts, great crested newts and dragon fly nymphs.

We all returned to school for lunch after having an amazing time, hopefully this time created amazing memories.

Free School Meals – Important Changes from September 2026

From September 2026, the government is expanding Free School Meals so that **all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible**. This means many more families will now qualify.

What this means for your child

A **free, nutritious meal every day at school**

Support with the **cost of living**

Helps children stay **focused and ready to learn**

What you need to do

We are asking all parents to provide us with their details so that we can check your eligibility.

Link to Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/gDftVV1kTZ>

Why applying matters

Registering helps:

Ensure your child receives their entitlement

Help the school access **additional funding and support where eligible**

Make sure records are accurate for future support

Need help?

If you are unsure whether you qualify or need help applying, please contact the school office.

Piano Lessons

at St. Chad's Academy



Register your child for our Piano Lessons
www.linklearning.education/register

When?

Weekly during the school day during term time.

Where?

St. Chad's Academy.

Our piano lessons encourage children to express their creativity and learn new skills through experimenting and having fun.

The club is led by Link Learning musicians with a wealth of teaching experience and recent DBS certificates.

Price

- Individual - £9 per lesson (15 minute duration)
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How to register

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What we offer

- Digital resources to support learning at home
- Termly progress reports
- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual

Who are we?

We're Link Learning. 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.

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You are invited to our
Summer Concert

On Wednesday 15th July at 3.30pm in the school hall

Come and hear the school choir, woodwind pupils from y4 and y5 and some of the guitar pupils from KS2 showcase their learning from this year.

☀️ **BRAND NEW FOR 2026/27 – TRAINING DAY CLUB!** ☀️

We're excited to launch our **Training Day Childcare** provision for the 2026/27 school year! 📣 **Bookings open on 4th September!**

📅 **Training Day Dates**

✅ Friday 23rd October 2026

✅ Friday 29th January 2027

🕒 **Time:** 8:00am- 4:30pm

💷 **Cost:** £30 per child, per day

🍴 **What's Included?**

🍳 Breakfast with a choice of cereals, bagels, toast, crumpets, fresh fruit and yoghurts.

🍏 A light, healthy afternoon snack.

🎨 🌐 🎲 Our Training Day Childcare offers a fun and varied programme, giving children the freedom to explore a wide range of activities throughout the day. From creative crafts and games to active play and group activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

SCHOOL MEALS

Orders must be placed on the Arbor Parent Portal 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.



St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2025 - 2026_version 24

NOTE: Changes since previously issued shown in red.



SUMMER TERM

June 2026

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| Monday 1 st June | 8.45am School Opens |
| Monday 1 st June | Multiplication Times Tables Check opens |
| Monday 1 st June | School Council visit to CCUA |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | Year 5 Trip to Leeds Grand Mosque |
| Friday 5 th June | Whole School Fundraising for Candlelighters <u>Candlelighters Supporting Children with Cancer & Families</u> |
| Monday 8 th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check opens |
| w/c 8 th June | Year 1 - Year 6 Assessment Week 1 |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Reception Trip to Hesketh Farm |
| 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 |
| 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 Beckett) |
| Wednesday 24 th June | Year 4 Nell Bank Residential |
| Thursday 25 th June | Nursery Sports Day (afternoon) |
| Friday 26 th June | Year 1 Trip to Armley Mills (provisional) |
| Friday 26 th June | Ralph Thoresby Transition Day (year 6 pupils if attending in September) |

July 2026

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| 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) |



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July 2026 (continued)

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| Thursday 2 nd July | Nursery Sports Day (afternoon - reserve date) |
| Friday 3 rd July | Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon) |
| Monday 6 th July | Year 3 Clarinet Concert 2.15pm |
| 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 |
| Monday 13 th July | Year 1 Seaside Theme Day |
| Friday 10 th July | Reception to Year 6 Sports Day (afternoon - reserve date) |
| Tuesday 14 th July | Nursery End of Year Celebration (am) |
| Tuesday 14 th July | FOOSC Reception to Year 6 School Disco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS/KS1 2 - 3pm • KS2 3.15 - 4.15pm |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Reception End of Year Celebration (pm) |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Praying Parents Meeting 9-10am |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Summer Music Celebration Event 3.30pm - Mrs Futers to share details |
| Thursday 16 th July | 1.45pm Leavers Service @St. Chad's Church |
| Friday 17 th July | 1.15pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly |
| Friday 17 th July | School closes |
| Monday 20 th & Tues 21 st July | Training Days (school closed to pupils) |