



18th September 2026

Newsletter

Congratulations to our winners this week!

Achievement and Ethos Awards

Georgia, Jacob, Ottilie, Xander, Dylan, Myles, Benjamin, Robin, Mabel, Jake, Tavi, Sophie and Rosie

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new half term. We continue to consider how the newsletter could look this year. We hear a range of feedback from parents who like the pictures, like the calendar but then tell us, 'they don't read it as it's too long.' Please feel free to let us know if you have any feedback.

We have already shared the whole school calendar for this year, and a copy is on the website. To keep the newsletter shorter, we will now only include the key dates for this term. We will be highlighting key events for following week. Next week, Year 6 head to Robin Wood on Monday for the 2-night residential. There are no parent events or meetings after school next week. Family worship on Friday 25th September will be led by Marnie and Rudy who will tell us about their training for and walking the Three Peaks to raise money for two cancer charities.

Clubs continue next week. This week we noticed especially on Thursday that some children had not signed up but went along, some had signed up to two clubs or had signed up but did not turn up. Please can you check what you have signed your child up for, and if they no-longer want the place let us know. There are spaces still for the KS2 Bracelet making club after school on Thursday. If you do still want to sign-up, please contact the office by Monday at 3pm.

Just a reminder to refrain from using the pirate ship (I know it's hard) and the large play equipment before and after school for health and safety reasons. We hear there are sharks in the water before 9am and after 3pm!! Thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you again next week.



LSSA Cross Country Leage 2026 - 2027

We will be entering the LSSA Cross Country Leage this year which involves our Key Stage 2 children taking part in cross country races on four Saturdays between October and February. The dates have not been confirmed for this year, but we have signed up.

It is a great morning – sometimes cold and sometimes wet – but always a pleasure to see our children show resilience, kindness and teamwork and our parents too. There is always a staff member from school but never enough arms to register children, hand out pins, collect them and take them to the start line. It really is a community effort, and we are always grateful to parents who help us out on the morning with lists, collections or just bringing supplies!

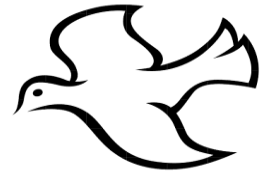
Lucy, our coach from the Leeds United Foundation who is in school on Mondays from Monday 28th September will lead a Key Stage 2 running club from 3.15 -4pm. This will initially run until Monday 7th December, and will be weather dependent. As spaces will be limited, initially spaces will be given to those children who intend to take part in the Cross Country League. We do know weekends are busy for families and that you and your child/children may not be able to attend all the events. Please sign up using the link below

[Cross-Country Running Club 2026/2027 – Fill in form](#)

sunflower



sunflower



St Chad's Space of Sanctuary

Many of you will have noticed our fantastic new raised beds in the playground!

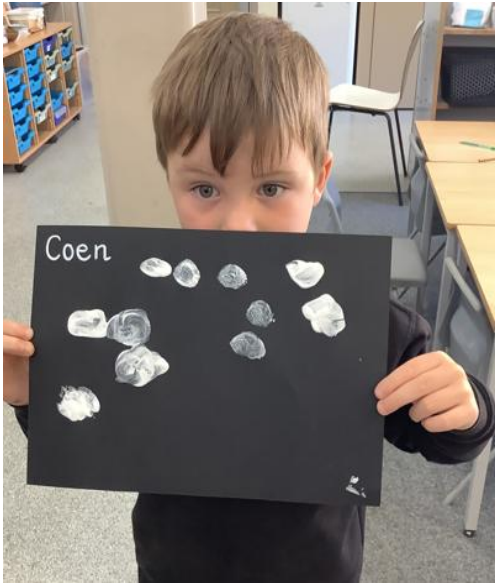
Year 4 will be taking on the project of planting and managing our new Space of Sanctuary, an area of the playground which children who prefer a quieter break can go to.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of plants and bulbs to put in. A big shout out to Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Hudson who have already offered us some herbs!

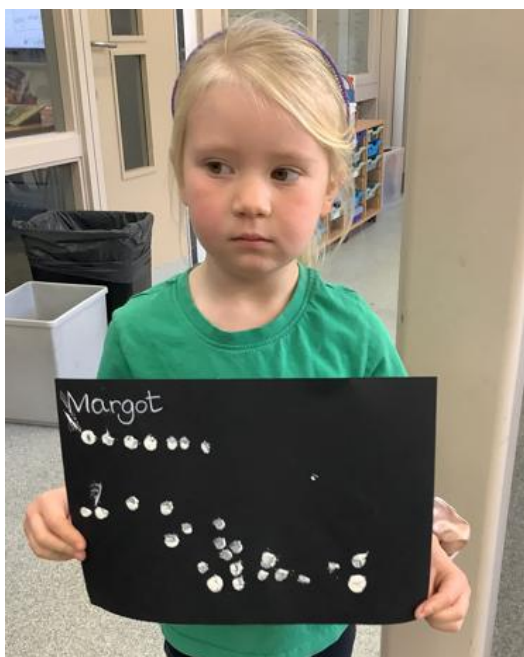
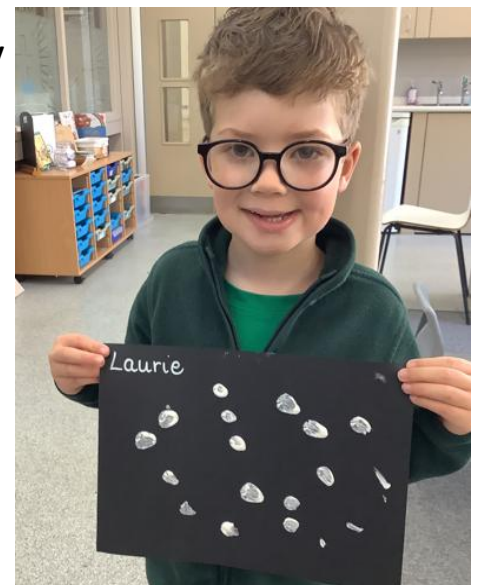
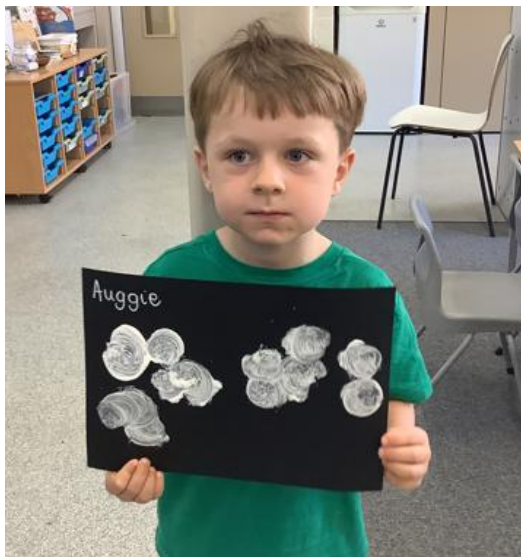
Year 4 are going to begin their garden project w.c 12/10/26 . If you would like to make a donation, we'd be ever so grateful if you could bring them to Mrs Rhodes and Year 4 the week before (w.c 5/10/26) so we can practise our landscaping skills!



St Chad's CofE Primary School **Newsletter**

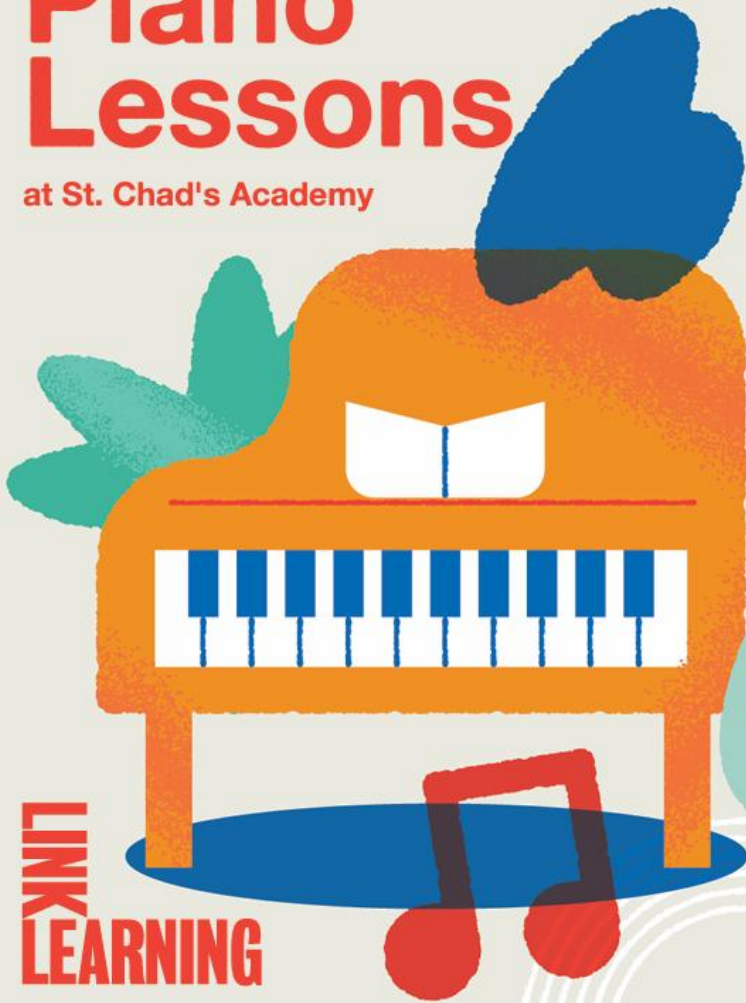


This week in Year 1, the children have been learning about Braille as part of the Science unit, 'All about the body'. We have been learning about eyes and how they work. We learnt about challenges some people who are visually impaired might have. We looked at Braille and painted our names using the Braille alphabet.



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

Want to know more?

Call us on 07305507504

Or email
admin@linklearning.education

How to register

Register online at
linklearning.education/register

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.

Find out more
linklearning.education



If your child would like to start guitar or drum lessons and you have not yet signed them up, please email office@stchadsprimary.net asap.

Lessons provided by ArtForms weekly during the school day and are £191 for the full year.

Next Thursday, our guitar teacher is offering a free taster session too! Let the office know if you are interested. Spaces will be limited. Please email office@stchadsprimary.net by Monday 3pm.



*In the light of God, we care, we share, we
laugh, we learn...*

Praying Parents

Prayer Walk

2.15pm, Friday 25th September

Meet by the school office



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 find that families rarely look there and so the lost property builds up. We will on a 2 weekly basis empty the lost property and send it to charity if not collected.

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 CofE Primary School **Newsletter**



St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2026 - 2027_v5



AUTUMN TERM

September 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	Training Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	8.45am school opens to Year 1 to Year 6 and 9am to Nursery
Wednesday 2 nd September	Phased Start for Reception 2026 Begins ~ see separate communications directly to our new families
Wednesday 2 nd September	Phased start for new Reception pupils
Thursday 3 rd September	Year 2 Meet The Teacher 3.15pm in the classroom
Friday 4 th September	No Family Worship
Monday 7 th September	8.45am all Reception children start full time
Monday 7 th September	Year 6 Meet The Teacher 3.15pm in the classroom
Monday 7 th September	Year 1 Drop In @3.15pm ~ see letter July 2026 about Meet The Teacher
Monday 7 th September	FOSC Coffee Morning - All Welcome (Drop Off and Chat)
Tuesday 8 th September	FOSC Meeting Number 1 - All Welcome
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 4 Meet The Teacher 3.15pm in the classroom
Thursday 10 th September	Reception Meet The Teacher 3.15pm in the classroom
Monday 14 th September	Bake Sale Year 6
Monday 14 th September	Year 5 Meet The Teacher 3.15pm in the classroom
Tuesday 15 th September	Year 3 Meet The Teacher 3.15pm in the classroom
Monday 21 st September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip
Tuesday 22 nd September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip
Wednesday 23 rd September	Year 6 Robin Wood Trip
Friday 25 th September	Family Worship (Marnie and Rudy Underwood will share details of fundraising in support of Salivary Gland Cancer UK and The Christie Charity's Ella Project, their training and the Three Peaks Walk)
Wednesday 30 th September	9.15am - 10.45am Reception and Nursery Open Event Number 1

October 2026

Friday 2 nd October	FOSC Wine Night
Tuesday 6 th October	9am Coffee, Chat and Have a Go! Experience how we teach handwriting
Wednesday 7 th October	1.45pm Harvest Service @St . Chad's Church

St Chad's CofE Primary School **Newsletter**



St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2026 - 2027_v5



AUTUMN TERM (CONTINUED)

October 2026

Friday 9 th October	No Family Worship <i>Coffee Morning (in support of Salivary Gland Cancer UK and The Christie Charity's Ella Project)</i>
Thursday 15 th October	FOSC Coffee Catch Up & Read It Say It Share It
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 6 Trip Royal Armouries (am)
Wednesday 21 st October	OOHA Event for children attending Fancy Dress Glow Disco (see correspondence from OOHA)
Thursday 22 nd October	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Thursday 22 nd October	9.15 – 10.45am Reception and Nursery Open Event Number 2
Friday 23 rd October	Training Day
Friday 23 rd October	OOHA Training Day Club (apply for spaces)

November 2026

Monday 2 nd November	8.45am school opens for reception to year 6 and 9am for nursery
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents Consultation from 3.30pm (Session One) including SEND Review Meeting Number 1 where appropriate
Thursday 5 th November	Parent Consultation from 3.30pm (Session Two) including SEND Review Meeting Number 1 where appropriate
Tuesday 10 th November	FOSC Meeting Number 2 ~ All Welcome
Wednesday 11 th November	1.30 – 2.45pm Nursery and Reception Open Event Number 3
Monday 16 th November	Bake Sale Year Group TBC
Friday 13 th November	FOSC Family Bingo Night TBC
Friday 27 th November	Children In Need (To Be Confirmed)

December 2026

Wednesday 2 nd December	9.30am Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 6 Trip RERF (am)
Tuesday 8 th December	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance One)
Thursday 10 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10 th December	9.15am EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance Two)
Friday 11 th December	FOSC Winter Warmer after school

St Chad's CofE Primary School **Newsletter**



St. Chad's Parent Calendar 2026 – 2027_v5



AUTUMN TERM (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 2026

Monday 14 th December	OOHA Games Tournament (for OOHA children ~ see separate OOHA communication)
Tuesday 15 th December	2.15pm KS2 Carol Concert (Performance One)
Wednesday 16 th December	1.45pm Christmas Service at St. Chad's Church
	Christmas Dinner Day TBC
Thursday 17 th December	9.15am KS2 Carol Concert (Performance Two)
Friday 18 th December	No Family Worship
Friday 18 th December	FOSC Santas Grotto
Friday 18 th December	Merry Christmas Everyone! School closes at 3.15pm for Reception to Year 6 and at 3pm to Nursery