



St Chad's Newsletter



10th January 2025

"At St. Chad's, we grow in the light of Christ, to share his love and reflect the gospel values."

We're delighted to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break, and it's been a fantastic start to the term. The children have returned eager to learn, full of energy (despite the frosty mornings), and ready to make the most of their lessons. As we begin this special Jubilee Year and the Year of Hope, we look forward to embracing opportunities to grow together in faith, kindness, and learning. Let's hope for slightly warmer weather soon! Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a great term ahead.

We are closed on Friday the 14th February to all children for staff training.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



First Aid Training for Parents

How to Deal with a First Aid Emergency - delivered by our school nurse 13th January at 2:25pm in the school hall.



House points



St Josephine Bakhita were our winners this week with 164 points!

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for January



January : For pilgrims of hope

In January, with pray with Pope Francis for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, will always be respected.

May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future.

We are committed to fostering a safe and respectful environment for everyone. We have a zero-tolerance policy for any form of abuse, whether verbal, physical, or emotional. Every member of our community has the right to feel respected and secure, and we will take all necessary steps to uphold these values. Please see our Code of Conduct Policy for further details.

https://www.st-chads.bham.sch.uk/docs/St_Chads_Code_of_Conduct_for_Visitors_to_School_Policy_23.pdf



Well done to Y6 with the highest attendance this week

with a 93 %

Keep it up!

Virtue Certificates

YR Saba—Attentive and Discerning—For starting to be a good listener.

Y1 Matthew -Eloquent and Truthful- For always speaking with care and thoughtfulness.

Y2 Grace—Learned and Wise —For working really hard with her partner in lessons.

Y3 Alanah-Jay—Learned and Wise- For always using what she has learnt to help others.

Y4 Zephani—Intentional and Prophetic—For checking on a friend in the playground.

Y5 Canaan- Learned and Wise- For being a brilliant additional maths teacher.

Y6 Oliver -Intentional and Prophetic- For always setting an excellent example to others

AR Elena_ Learned and Wise.- For fantastic pencil grip and control.

13.01.25 How to deal with a first aid emergency—delivered by our school nurse at 2:25pm.

All parents welcome.

24.01.25 Launch of the Jubilee

27.01.25 Year 4 Swimming everyday for two weeks.

13.02.25 Children break up for the spring term

14.02.25 **INSET— CLOSED to children for teacher training.**

24.02.25 Return to school after half-term.

11.03.25 School photographer. They are in from 9am.

12.03.25 Parent Evening - 3:30pm.

17.04.25 Holy Thursday - we break up for Easter for **one week Holiday**

28.04.25 Return to school after Easter holiday.

28.04.25 Year 5 Swimming everyday for two weeks.

23.05.25 Break up for summer half-term for **two weeks.**

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Grateful & Generous



We are **grateful** for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day.

We are **thankful** for what we have and for the people around us.
Generous: We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others.

What does this mean?

We will help our pupils to grow by encouraging them to know and be grateful for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be generous in the service of others.

Complaints

If you have a complaint or a concern regarding the school, then please refer to our Complaints Policy. The procedures are outlined in the document. You will find it here <https://www.st-chads.bham.sch.uk/Policies-Documents/>

Designated Senior Safeguarding Leaders

DESIGNATED SENIOR LEADERS Ms Ryan is the Designated Senior Lead for child protection and Mrs Parker, Mr Lewis, Mrs Wheatley and Mrs Ashford. As a school, we take child protection and safeguarding procedures very seriously. The safety and wellbeing of all our children is paramount. If you have a concern about a child, please see one of the aforementioned members of staff.



Our stars of the week have been truly living out the Gospel Values

CONGRATULATIONS

AR Matty YR Eric Y1 Barcot Y2 Msgana Y3 Elias

Y4 Nebi Y5 Ademide Y6 Amelia



Emergency First Aid. What to do and how to help



Come along to St Chad's.

All welcome.

Monday 13th January 2025

**2.30pm- 3.15pm
in the School Hall**

MAHIMA – School Nurse

Come along to our parent workshop on Emergency First Aid

**I can provide some helpful tips and recommendations for
you.**

**We will cover common events and problems and I will help
you to understand when to seek help and what can be safely
dealt with at home.**

**Find the answers to your first aid questions at this
workshop.**



Online Safety Newsletter

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Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

What should I be concerned about?

Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childrens.com/blog/algorithm/>

What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further Information

<https://www.gov.uk/topics/social-media/>

Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 due to moderate violence, meaning it is not suitable for children under the age of 12.



What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Fortnite Battle Royale, which is free to play (although it contains in-app purchases). In Battle Royale, up to one hundred players compete against each other until one winner remains.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting and inappropriate language:** Fortnite includes voice and text chat, which may mean your child encounters strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report/block any players that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **In app purchases:** Players can purchase V-Bucks so make sure you explain purchases and do not store your card details.

Parental Controls

Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:

- disable voice chat
- filter language
- manage which experiences your child can access based on their age
- set a PIN to add friends
- set a PIN for purchases
- set time limits
- set appropriate privacy settings.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Reporting/Blocking Features

As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further Information

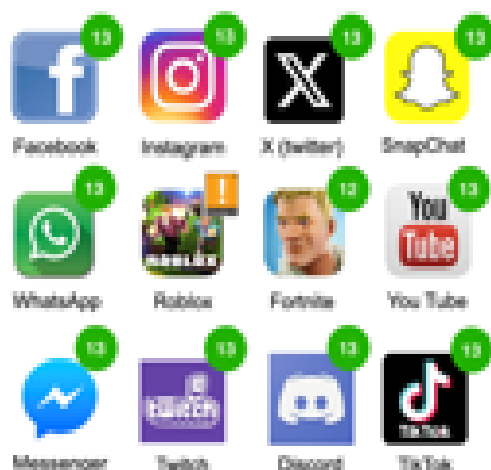
You can find out more here:

- <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is accepted here.
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Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing on line. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptions, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/careers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

OFCOM have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The **WAGFL** have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://wagfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>