

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

As we come to the end of a busy term, we are blessed with a beautiful and sunny reminder of the joy that Holy Week brings. It's a time for us all to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the journey ahead.

This term has been filled with wonderful experiences — from Science Week to a visit from the Animal Man, and talks with our community police officers, who helped teach the children about staying safe. Our Year 6 pupils made the Sacrament of Confirmation, a significant step in their faith journey. And there were many more!

We've also seen the generosity of our school community in supporting our fundraising efforts for Father Hudson's Homes, and I would like to sincerely thank all our parents for their continued support. We managed to raise an amazing £422.48 and there is still some more to add to that pot.

As always, we remain in school during Holy Week — something we see as important to us and our faith, as it gives us the opportunity to walk in the steps of Jesus together as a school community. We have a full week of events planned, so please see below for more details.

This is our final newsletter of the term. I would like to wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." — John 11:25

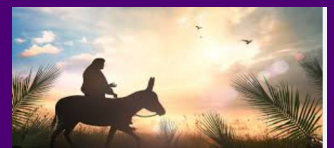
This Sunday is Palm Sunday

School closes for Easter on Thursday 17th April + 3:10pm/3:15pm. We return on Monday 28th April. It is one week. We have two weeks in May.

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday Procession - Monday 14th April

We invite all parents to join us at 9:15am as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.



- **KS2** will lead the procession, waving palms and shouting "Hosanna" as they walk through the streets around school: out of the gates, down Brearley Street, onto Summer Lane, onto New John Street West, and back to school.
- **KS1 and Reception** will line up in the playground, leaving a gap for Jesus to walk through, waiting for the arrival of Jesus when KS2 returns.
- **Weather permitting**, we will process around the field, following Jesus as Pilgrims of Hope.

Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross

- Parents are invited to join us at 2:30pm for a special walk through the **Stations of the Cross**.
- The children will present a short drama at each station, followed by a freeze frame and



Year 5 Swimming

After the Easter break, Year 5 will be taking part in an intensive two-week swimming programme, with lessons every day. Swimming is a key part of the National Curriculum and a statutory requirement, so all children are expected to take part.

This programme is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to build confidence in the water, develop their skills, and make excellent progress in a short space of time.

To ensure they are fully prepared, boys will need to wear trunks or swimming shorts, and girls should wear a one-piece swimming costume along with a swimming hat.

Daily swimming lessons help children improve quickly, and we look forward to seeing their progress!

17.04.25 Break up for Easter at the usual times of 3:10pm/3:15pm **One Week**

28.04.25 Return to school after Easter holiday.

28.04.25 Year 5 Swimming everyday for two weeks.

11.05.25 Year 3 Holy Communion 9:30am at St Chad's Cathedral.

12.05.25 SATs Week for Year 6

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

09.06.25 Return to school

23.06.25 Year 6 visit to the Safari Park

02.07.25 Year 6 transition day to their new schools. Their new school will send information to parents about the day.

17.07.25 Year 6 Leaver's Mass.

18.07.25 Break up at 1:30pm for the summer holidays

02.09.25 Children return to school



April: 'For New Technologies'

In the month of April, the Holy Father asks us to pray for “**the use of new technologies**.” Pope Francis encourages us to “use technology to unite, not to divide. To help the poor. To improve the lives of the sick and persons with different abilities. To use technology to care for our common home. To connect as brothers and sisters.”

We pray these technologies will not replace human relationships, but rather respect the dignity of the person and help us face the crises of our times.



Attentive and Discerning



Attentive to their experience and to their vocation;
and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

What does this mean?

We will help our pupils to grow by promoting the practice of attentive reflection and discerning decision making: in teaching, in the examen, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff,

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

House points



St Josephine Bakhita were our winners this week with 237 points!

Attend Today. Achieve Tomorrow
Every School Day Counts!

Well done to Y4 with the highest attendance this week with a fabulous 99% Keep it up!



Stars of the Term



Our Stars of the Spring Term have truly reflected Christ's teachings in all they do.

CONGRATULATIONS

- YR Ali—for listening carefully and trying his best
YR Bitannia—for trying her best and listening carefully
Y1 Daniel— for being an enthusiastic learner in all lessons
Y1 Teveah—for always having beautiful manners and a great attitude to her work.
Y2 Ikechukwu - for giving 100 % to his work and improving his behaviour
Y2 Gelila—for being a role model to the whole class on how to behave.
Y3 Alazar -for being an excellent role model and setting a good example to others
Y3 Natalia—for always showing respect, kindness and a caring nature to others.
Y4 Chimaobim - for continued hard work & presentation in all lessons.
Y4 Adiatu - for continues hard work and excellent behaviour.
Y5 Ademide—for quietly getting on with her work , being polite but most importantly being kind
Y5 Tolu—for putting in an excellent effort this term
Y6 Rayan—for settling into Y6 so well and having an excellent attitude to learning
Y6 Betty— for always trying her best and being an excellent role model for everyone
AR Sem— for learning new words, being more confident and good listening
AR Christiana— for learning new words, being more confident and good listening

Holy Week at the Cathedral

Wednesday of Holy Week 16th April 11.30am Mass of Holy Chrism

The Chrism Mass is open to everybody again this year and will be available to join on Live Stream.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Opportunities for Confession will be on Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week from 11am until 12 noon before the 12.15 Mass. Please note there will be NO confessions on Wednesday 16th April or throughout the Easter Triduum.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper 17th April (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the Lady Chapel until 11pm for silent Prayer and Contemplation - watching with Christ on the Night before his Crucifixion 11pm Night Prayer of the Church (Compline)

3.00pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

The narrative of the Lord's Passion according to St. John concludes with the Solemn Intercessions followed by the Showing & Adoration of the Holy Cross. Holy Communion is distributed. As we leave the Cathedral in silence we genuflect to the Cross.

8.00pm The Easter Vigil

The greatest and most noble of all Solemnities

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord 20th April

Easter Sunday

9.30am

11.30am

