



St Chad's Newsletter



13th February 2025

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

This term has been a busy and exciting one, filled with enthusiasm and great achievements from our children. They have produced fantastic work, embraced new challenges, and taken part in a range of activities. We are incredibly proud of their success, including winning the maths quiz and finishing as runners-up in the cross-country competition. We have also been focusing on well-being, taking moments to pause and appreciate the value of happy breathing.

Additionally, this term has been one of hope and new beginnings, marked by the exciting launch of the Jubilee. As we look ahead to the new term, let us remember that hope gives us the courage to dream, to grow, and to embrace new possibilities.

The children break up for spring half-term TODAY. School will be closed for one week. We will re-open on Monday 24th February 2025

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Uniform Reminder

A quick reminder that we are still in winter uniform until we return after Easter. Polo shirts should not be worn at this time of year, and leggings are not part of the school uniform. Girls should be wearing tights or socks as part of their winter attire. Additionally, jewellery—including rings, bracelets, and other accessories—is not permitted as part of the school uniform.

School Mass

Our first school Mass of the new term is on **Thursday 6th March at 9am** which will be led by Year 4.

20.03.25 Year 6 Whole School Mass

03.04.25 Year 3 Whole School Mass



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

Food Bank

There will be no food bank tomorrow, Friday 14th February, due to the school being closed. It will begin again on Friday 28th February at 1:15pm-2:00pm

Virtue Certificates

- YR Gelila—Compassionate and Loving—**For helping others to make good choices.
- Y1 Matthew —Compassionate and Loving—** For always being kind and helpful
- Y2 Hesda—Attentive and Discerning—**For making an extra effort to focus on her learning.
- Y3 Yasbira—Compassionate and Loving—** For always being a helpful member of Y3.
- Y4 Eva—Learned and Wise—**For listening carefully and joining class discussions.
- Y5 Tselot- Faith Filled and Hopeful—** For her enthusiasm for prayer.
- Y6 Paul—Faith Filled and Hopeful—** For always participating fully in Mass.

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.
 01.03.25 Year 6 Confirmations with Bishop David at 4:30pm at the Cathedral
 11.03.25 School photographer. They are in from 9am.
 12.03.25 Parents' Evening - 3:30pm—7:00pm
 17.04.25 Holy Thursday - we break up for Easter for **one weeks 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.**

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.

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/>

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

February: 'For vocations to priesthood, religious life'

we pray with Pope Francis that the Church will always welcome the hopes and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission through the Priesthood and Religious life.



House points



St Josephine Bakita were our winners this week with 224 points!



Well done to Y6 with the highest attendance this week
 with a fabulous 100 %!
 Keep it up!



Stars of the Week

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

CONGRATULATIONS

AR Elijah YR Kaden Y1 Selam Y2 Cody-Lee Y3 Yasmin
 Y4 Ikenna Y5 Daniel Y6 Alex



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.

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My Happy Mind



We are excited to introduce **myHappymind**, a new program that helps children develop positive mental health and well-being. It is based on science and designed to give children the tools to build confidence, resilience, and good habits for life.

What is myHappymind?

The program is split into five key areas:

1. **Meet Your Brain** - Teaching children how their brain works and how to take care of their mental health.
 2. **Celebrate** - Helping children recognize their strengths and build confidence.
 3. **Appreciate** - Encouraging gratitude and a positive mindset.
 4. **Relate** - Teaching children about relationships, kindness, and empathy.
- Engage** - Helping children set goals and stay motivated.

Happy Breathing

As part of the program, children will also be learning **Happy Breathing**—simple breathing exercises to help them relax, focus, and manage their emotions. These are easy techniques that can also be used at home!

Parent App

To support learning at home, parents can access the myHappymind Parent App, which provides videos, activities, and information on what children are learning in school. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappymind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.
Your authentication code is **XXXXX**

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappymind, please contact your class teacher.
We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact myHappymind will have on our children's well-being.

Thank you for your support in helping them develop lifelong skills for happiness and success!