



# St Chad's Newsletter

12th September 2024

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

This week:

- We had a wonderful Mass with Fr Brian on Thursday. He was very impressed with the children's behaviour and was blown away by their singing. If you have not heard the children sing at Mass, please come along and hear them for yourselves. Our next Whole School Mass is on Thursday 26th September at 9am. All our families are welcome to join us.
- Parents had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher on Tuesday evening and find out about what the year ahead holds for them. If you do have any further questions for the teacher, please come and see them at the end of the day or message them on Class Dojo.
- Reception children have been stopping for lunch this week. Mrs Hopkins is very pleased at how well they are settling well into school. They will be in school full-time next week.

Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Designated Senior Leaders**

DESIGNATED SENIOR LEADERS Ms Ryan is the Designated Senior Lead for child protection and Mrs Parker, Mr Lewis and Mrs Wheatley. 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.

School Masses		+
Celebrated by Fr Brian		
26.09.24	Mass at 9am	
10.10.24	Mass at 9am	
24.10.24	Mass at 9am	
Half-Term		
14.11.24	Mass at 9am	
28.11.24	Mass at 9am	
12.12.24	Mass at 9am	

Attend Today. Achieve Tomorrow

Every School Day Counts!

**Well done to Y6**  
with the highest attendance  
with 99%

**Swimming Dates**  
Year 6

Monday 16th September –Friday 27th September 2024

All boys will need a pair of swimming shorts and girls will need a swimming costume. Children must bring a towel and wear a swimming cap if they have long hair.

**Absence/Illness**

Could I please remind you to phone into school before 8:15am if your child is going to be absent. Thank you.

**Virtue Certificates**

**YR Vihaan—Attentive and Discerning—**For listening really carefully and trying his best.

**Y1 Joseph -Faith filled and Hopeful-** For being a great faith model in Mass

**Y2 Betty—Curious and Active—**For always being ready to learn.

**Y3 Reuben—Learned and Wise-** For having a fantastic attitude to learning.

**Y4 Jaxon—Curious and Active—**For singing beautifully in Mass.

**Y5 Canaan - Compassionate and Loving-** Nominated by his class.

**Y6 Calvin-Intentional and Prophetic-** For being a kind friend and an excellent role model.



## NEW WOW SCHOOL



Dear parent/carer,

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

### What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

### What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off at least ten minutes away and walk the rest (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs.

If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email [walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk)

### What is a WOW badge?

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils' walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week.

WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to *Walk with Imagination*, with a selection of badges ranging from a Bird's Eye View to Road Surfing up for grabs.

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit:

[livingstreets.org.uk/recycling](https://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)

In the UK, last year, around 2,300 schools and over 600,000 pupils enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact

..... or find more information and useful videos at:  
[livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch](https://livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch)

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

## Occupational Therapy SEND Team Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

### PARENT OFFER

**Sensory Circuits at Home:**  
**24<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 13.00 - 14.00**

This online webinar explains the benefits of using a sensory circuit and how to implement at home to support with regulation.  
Book via Eventbrite



### COMING NEXT TERM

**FREE** Family Webinars

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter, and our social media for dates

### Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Parents, professionals and educational staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on a child's need.

Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00.  
**0121 683 2325**

Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code



### Occupational Therapy Advice Packs

A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website



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