



20th December 2024

"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 very busy autumn term, we reflect on all the wonderful moments we've shared as a school community. From celebrating 10 years of being a School of Sanctuary and the MacMillan Coffee Morning organised by our fantastic parents, to the visit from our local MP, Shabana Mahmood, and the memorable Year 6 Residential—it has been an exciting few months!

These last two weeks have been especially joyous, with nativities, our choir singing at the Policeman's Carol Service, and the KS2 Carol Concert in the magnificent setting of our Cathedral.

None of this would be possible without your continued support, the hard work and dedication of our incredible staff, and the enthusiasm of our children. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a very happy 2025.

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent

We reopen to all children on Tuesday 7th January 2025

Advent

As we enter the fourth week of Advent, we light the final candle, symbolising love. It reminds us of God's boundless love through Christ's coming. May our hearts be open to His presence as we prepare for the joy of Christmas.



Loving God,
We rejoice in the coming of Your Son, our Saviour.
Fill our hearts with gladness as we prepare to celebrate His birth.
Help us to bring Your light to others, sharing hope, love, and peace.
May our lives reflect the joy of Christ's presence as we await His glorious return.
Amen.

House points



St Monica were our winners this week with 207 points!



Well done to Year 4 and Year 6 with the highest attendance this week with a fabulous 96%!
Keep it up!

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

St Chad's Cathedral Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Mass of Christmas at 7.30pm.

Mass at midnight with the blessing of the Crib at Midnight.

Christmas Day

Mass times: 9.30 and 11.30am.

Boxing Day

Mass at 10:00am

- 07.01.25 School opens for the spring term.
- 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**.

Follow us - @ChadPrimary

www.st-chads.bham.sch.uk

<https://www.st-chads.bham.sch.uk/index.asp>

Contact us:
 Hospital Street
 Newtown
 Birmingham
 B19 3XD
 0121 464 6554
enquiry@st-chads.bham.sch.uk

Intentional and Prophetic



Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.

What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by being a school community which is intentional in its way of proceeding to build-up quality of life; and which is prophetic in the way it offers an alternative vision of education and the human person rooted in the gospel.

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 Attendance Winners for the Term

Well done to Year 6 who had an overall attendance of 96% for the whole of the autumn Term. In January, as a reward, they will have a film and popcorn afternoon to celebrate.



Commiserations to Year 5 who were just 1% behind! All to play for next term!

Our House point Winners for the autumn Term

St Monica are our winners for the term.



Well done everyone for your continued hard work and determination to do well in all you do!



Our Stars of the Autumn Term



- YR Makbel : for working hard and demonstrating good listening all the time.
- YR Emuna: For being a good role model to others
- Y1 Evana: and Bisrat: For always having beautiful manners and being ready to learn.
- Y2 Zlata and Kinnear: For putting 100% effort into all their work.
- Y3 Jaaziel: For always challenging himself
- Y3 Abygail: For always putting 100% effort into her English and Maths work.
- Y4 Soliyana: For having such a positive attitude to learning.
- Y4 Carlos: For continued hard work and kindness to others.
- Y5 Canaan: For being a brilliant role model
- Y5 Sophonius: For being prayerful, polite and always interested.
- Y6 Rahmaan and Tsion: For an improvement in all areas. They are developing into excellent role models for all.
- Ambrose Room: Q'huare: For amazing work throughout the term
- Ambrose Room: Abigail: For being an amazing member of our group.

Well done to everyone.

Jubilee Year 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years.

The theme is “**Pilgrims of Hope**”, and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

We are called to put God at the centre of our lives

The opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica by the Pope will take place at 7pm on Christmas Eve and marks the official beginning of the Holy Year

