



St Chad's Newsletter

4th April 2025



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

This week:

- There was a change to our Mass rota this week as Miss Perkins has been unwell. Thank you to Year 5 for stepping in at the last minute!
- The children have begun exploring the theme of gratitude in their Happy Minds sessions, learning to appreciate the positives in their lives and recognise the kindness of others. Through discussions and activities, they are developing an understanding of how gratitude can boost well-being and foster a positive mindset.

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

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!

Holy Week

Holy Week is the most significant time in the Catholic calendar, marking the journey of Jesus from Palm Sunday to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. As a school, being together during this sacred time allows us to reflect, pray, and engage in meaningful acts of faith and service.

Throughout the week, we take time to pause and remember the key events leading to Easter, helping our children deepen their understanding of the values of love, sacrifice, and hope. Through collective worship, reflections, and acts of charity, we unite as a community to live out our faith in a meaningful way.

That's why we are in school during this week - to journey through Holy Week together, ensuring our children experience its significance, grow spiritually, support one another, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Parents will be invited to join us for prayer and reflection at various times during the week, sharing in this special and sacred time with our school community.

Virtue Certificates

YR Roman—Faith Filled and Hopeful—For singing beautifully in Mass.

Y1 Gideon -Attentive and Discerning- For noticing when someone needs help.

Y2 Gelila—Grateful and Generous—For always being so positive and sharing with others.

Y3 Teme—Compassionate and Loving- For being a kind and caring friend.

Y4 Emnet—Eloquent and Truthful—For her gratitude to others.

Y5 Chloe- Learned and Wise- For working hard to learn her times tables

Y6 Sara -Grateful and Generous- For being generous with her time to help and support others.

AR Q'huare- Compassionate and Loving- For trying to make others feel better when they have hurt themselves.

- 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 at the usual time.
- 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



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 259 points!



Well done to Y6 with the highest attendance this week with 96 %, closely followed by Y1 with 95%

Keep it up!



Stars of the Week

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

CONGRATULATIONS

AR Marco YR Whole Class Y1 Daniel Y2 Kamal Y3 Abemelek
Y4 Rio Y5 Romano Y6 Kesta



Bring it on Brum! Holiday Clubs are Back for Easter 2025!

Get ready for another fantastic year of Department for Education-funded holiday clubs! Thanks

the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as Bring it on Brum!.

If your child is aged between 4-16 years and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they can join the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs throughout the spring, summer, and winter holidays (excluding half-terms). Full eligibility criteria can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

What's in Store?

With a diverse range of activities like sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme based on its location and type – there's so much to explore

Not Eligible ? No worries! Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

· **Easter Holiday Clubs:** Dates: Monday 14th - Friday 25th April 2025 (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays).

· Bookings Open: From Monday 24th March at www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

· Your Bring it on Brum! (FSM) code is:

You can also follow the handy How to Book Guide:

<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/content/uploads/2023/03/How-to-Book-.pdf>

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