



# St Chad's Newsletter

6th March 2025

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



This week:

- Bishop Tim celebrated a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass, marking the beginning of Lent. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and members of the Cathedral Team to join us in this special celebration as we embarked on our Lenten journey of reflection, prayer, and renewal.
- Year 4 began their Peacemaker's programme. It is a program that helps children learn how to solve problems and disagreements in a constructive way aiming to create a more positive and respectful school environment.
- On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day with the theme of 'Read Your Way' - children were encouraged to think about when, where, how and what they like to read.
- The Year 6 Asthma Ambassadors visited the Children's Hospital

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent

## Parents' Evening

On Wednesday 12th March, parents are invited to come and speak with their child's class teacher. There will also be an opportunity to have a look at their books. All children will have brought home a letter with details on how to book your appointment.

Sadly, Mrs Wheatley will be unable to be with us due to a family bereavement. For the families of children in the St Ambrose Room, Mrs Reynolds will have appointments where parents can speak to her.

Mrs Wheatley will be available on her return for any parents who wish to make an appointment to see her.

## Year 6 Confirmation

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who were confirmed on Saturday! It was a joyous and peaceful celebration. This special sacrament strengthens them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to grow in their faith and live as committed followers of Christ. As they continue their journey of faith, we pray that they embrace the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives and use these gifts in their daily lives.

A heartfelt thank you to the choir members who came to support them—their beautiful singing filled the Cathedral and made the occasion even more special.



## Art Club

Well done to the children in Art Club for creating beautiful bags to sell during Lent! Their sales exceeded expectations, and due to popular demand, they had to make more for an extra day of sales. A fantastic effort by all involved!

## School Photographs

On Tuesday 11th March, in the morning, the School Photographer will be in school to take individual and family group photos.

## Virtue Certificates

**YR Deilanas—Curious and Active**—For always being ready to listen and learn.

**Y1 Moheed—Learned and Wise**—For working hard in all lessons.

**Y2 Cody-Lee—Attentive and Discerning**—For such amazing behaviour throughout the whole week.

**Y3 Yasmin—Faith filled and Hopeful**—For singing beautifully during Mass.

**Y4 Carlos—Attentive and Discerning**—For making good choices.

**Y5 Maria—Eloquent and Truthful**—For her class talk about why reading is so important.

**Y6 Amelia—Compassionate and Loving**—For always showing great kindness to others.

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.

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

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



### 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/>

We continue to pray for the recovery of Pope Francis who is reported today to be stable . The Vatican advises that Pope Francis feels uplifted and supported by all the prayers.



**Loving and merciful God, we come before you , lifting up your servant , Pope Francis, in his time of need. Surround him with your loving presence granting him strength and recovery. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of the people of God.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### House points



St Monica were our winners this week with 171 points!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow  
Every School Day Counts!

Well done to Y1 with the highest attendance this week with a fabulous 100 %!  
Keep it up!

### SCIENCE WEEK

On **FRIDAY 14TH MARCH** ,to mark the end of science week, the children are invited to come dressed as a scientific word .

See the pictures for some inspiration.



## 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,

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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](https://www.st-chads.bham.sch.uk/docs/St%20Chads%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20for%20Visitors%20to%20School%20Policy%2023.pdf)

### School Mass

20.03.25 Year 6 Whole School Mass



03.04.25 Year 3 Whole School Mass

### 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.

If you need any support with uniform, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to help.



### Stars of the Week

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



### CONGRATULATIONS

AR Sem YR Kimberley Y1 Ella-Mai Y2 Rufta Y3 Naiel  
Y4 Kane Y5 Emmanuel Y6 Bethlehem



### The Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

February: 'For Families in Crisis'

In March, we pray with the Holy Father that, through forgiveness, broken families may find healing for their wounds, and rediscover each other's gifts, despite their differences. He acknowledges that no family is perfect, but that when we forgive our family members, we can rediscover peace.