

7th February 2025

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

This week:

- Year 4 completed their two weeks of daily 45minute swimming lessons today. They have all made such good progress and their confidence has soared. Mrs Carthy-Lewis was very proud of their resilience and excellent behaviour. Well done Year 4!
- Some children from Ks2 took part in a Cross Country event at St Paul's this afternoon.
- We continue our happy breathing which helps us relax our brains and our bodies.
- We celebrated the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita, who is one of our House Saints. The children from the House led us in prayer this morning and then this afternoon the children celebrated her feast day with different activities in the afternoon.

**The children break up for spring half-term on Thursday 13th February. School will be closed for one week.**

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

## Breakfast Club - A Warm Welcome for All, But Please Remember...

We love welcoming children to our Breakfast Club—it's a great opportunity for them to share a meal, chat, and socialise before the school day begins. However, we have noticed that some children are attending even though they have already had breakfast at home.

Please remember that Breakfast Club is specifically for children who need to eat. If your child has already had breakfast, they do not need to attend. If we notice that a child is coming but not eating, we will be in touch.

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_Chads_Code_of_Conduct_for_Visitors_to_School_Policy_23.pdf)

## Year 6 Confirmation

The children will be receiving their final sacrament of initiation on Saturday 1st March at 4:30pm. Bishop David will be celebrating the Mass at the Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to join us and support Year 6 on this very special occasion for them. Please keep them in your prayers.



## Virtue Certificates

- YR Emuna—Faith filled and Hopeful—**For listening carefully in RE and giving thoughtful answers.
- Y1 Moheed —Compassionate and Loving—** For beng kind and friendly at playtime
- Y2 Destiny—Compassionate and Loving—**For always helping her peers.
- Y3 Reuben—Eloquent and Truthful—** For always having beautiful manners.
- Y4 Arsema—Grateful and Generous—**For displaying excellent manners on the coach journey to swimming every day.
- Y5 Mary— Compassionate and Loving—** For always showing kindness and support to another child
- Y6 Oliver —Attentive and Discerning—** For being an excellent role model for Y3.
- AR Sem\_ Learned and Wise.—**Independently completing all task activities

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.  
 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 John Henry Newman were our winners this week with 315 points!



Well done to Y3 with the highest attendance this week with a fabulous 99 %! Keep it up!



### Stars of the Week

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**

AR Sem YR Christabel Y1 Meskeb Y2 Kinnear Y3 Nathan  
 Y4 Santana Rose Y5 Tolu Y6 Elijah



## 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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