



26th April 2024

# St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

It's good to see some sunshine at last and the children have enjoyed a warmer playtime today.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended last night's briefing meeting for the Year 6 residential trip. I am grateful to staff for giving up their holiday time to give children this wonderful opportunity.

Offers for Reception went out last week so please keep in your prayers the new children and families who will be joining St Chad's in September. We look forward to them joining our community.

God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

## Pray with us

Jesus said to his disciples,

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."



Adapted from John 15  
The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

# Summer Uniform

A reminder that your child now has the option of wearing the summer uniform.

Girls—Checked yellow summer dress (**not the playsuit version of the dress**), white or grey socks. The girls may choose to wear skin colour fitted shorts under the dress if they want.

Boys—Grey shorts, white short sleeve shirt, grey socks and tie.

Both girls and boys must wear shoes, **not trainers or boots**.

Please ensure everything is clearly labelled, as too much time is spent trying to reunite children with non labelled school uniform.



## Girls Football

Last Friday 10 girls from Years 5&6 went to Coloma for the Catholic Girls Football Tournament. The girls played really well, with great teamwork and perseverance. They finished 4th overall, which was a great result.





# Florence Nightingale Museum



On Monday and Tuesday Yr2 went to the Florence Nightingale museum as part of their topic. The children had a fantastic time learning about her life and accomplishments. Both classes were exceptionally well behaved, and as such the whole year group was awarded the Headteachers award in the assembly this afternoon.



## Online Safety

Please follow the link below to find online safety advice and information guides regarding keeping children safe when online, gaming, screen time, digital resilience and cyberbullying. A gentle reminder: to access social media platforms, including WhatsApp and You Tube, the minimum age is at least 13 years, and in most cases, 16 years. Please ensure the appropriate parental controls have been set on all devices children have access to - this may include your own phone.

[Internet Matters e-safety information and resources](#)



Would you like your son or daughter to gain EXPERIENCE of sitting the 11+ exam under full test conditions?

**During Spring and Summer, the PTFA at Wallington County Grammar School will be running a series of Familiarisation Tests to prepare current Year 5 students for what to expect on the day of an 11+ entrance exam**

Choice of  
**TWO** sets of test  
papers in  
English & Maths  
with morning  
or afternoon  
sessions

**11+**  
FAMILIARISATION  
TESTS

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK**

[www.wcgs-sutton.co.uk/Familiarisation-Tests](http://www.wcgs-sutton.co.uk/Familiarisation-Tests)

VENUE: Wallington County Grammar School, Croydon Road, Wallington SM6 7PH



Cafod/Green Club are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt, could all families please bring their batteries to school to recycle.

The Big Battery Hunt is a **nationwide battery recycling programme for schools funded by Duracell**. Its aim is to increase the number of batteries currently being recycled in the UK. Pupils are challenged to collect as many batteries as they can, encouraging their communities to do the same. We are only collecting AAA AA C AND D batteries .

**St Chad's is on the leader board. We are the 100th best school in the country - but we can do better than that!**

## Recycling Champions!

If you had a clear out of clothes, books or toys, we have a place for them!

There is a large, red recycling bank near the entrance to the school; by donating you help the environment and also help to generate some funding for the school. If you have any questions, the ladies in the office can help.



## Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: Mrs P Mitchener.

We also have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Davern, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Vassallo. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

Please look at the following links to help you protect your children whilst they are online. We know that this is an area that parents often find confusing and ask us for support with.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#children>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>







St Elizabeth	Chizzi, Smith, Francis
St Martha	Whole Class
St John Paul	Whole Class
St John Bosco	Sophie, Angel
St Catherine	Elijah, Scarlett-Rose
St Martin	Jonathon, Gabriella
St James	Asantia, Soriah
St Andrew	Kayla, Angel
St Therese	Skylar-Rose, Amelia
St Brigid	Sarah, Paul

Gospel Value

Forgiveness



St Elizabeth	Ebun, Kymani, Fabiola
St Martha	Paul, Emmanuel
St John Paul	Monae, Sofia, Alexis
St John Bosco	Manny, Kyle, Luna
St Catherine	Tara, Tahlia, Noah B
St Martin	Jesse, Ksawery, Cressida
St James	Ikem, Marlon, Chanelle
St Andrew	Abdul, Liam, Milan
St Therese	Jermaine, Dorcas, Haasini
St Brigid	Sarah, Israel, Daniel, Alexandra

15/04/2024 - 19/04/2024

## Attendance

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	95.7	0.5
St Peter Rec	97.3	0.6
St Anne Rec	92.7	0.5
St Elizabeth Y1	95.3	1.7
St Martha Y2	99.3	0.9
St John Paul Y2	96.4	0.9
St John Bosco	95	1.3
St Martin	90.3	0.4
St Catherine	98.7	1.2
St Andrew Y5	100	1.3
St James Y5	100	0
St Therese Y6	95.7	1.6
St Brigid Y6	100	0.5
Totals	96.5	0.9

Regular attendance at school is vital so that children can progress in their learning and friendships.

If your child is unwell, please leave a message on the answer phone or email the office by **8am**. The office staff check registers and must follow up on any unexplained absences by 9.15am, so your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for outside school time. Holidays in school time cannot be authorised.

***St Martha, St Andrew, St James and St Brigid are our best attenders this week- well done!***

## Next week at St Chad's

Monday 29 April	Adoration Years 3-5
Tuesday 30 April	
Wednesday 1 May	
Thursday 2 May	8:45am Year 6 Leavers' Party meeting for parents
Friday 3 May	