Newsletter 1

Cheadle Catholic Infant School

5th September 2025



Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other. We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

WELCOME.....

A warm welcome to you all at the start of the new school year. It is just wonderful to see our Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children back in school again. They are all following the rules beautifully and we are very proud of them.

A special welcome to the pupils, parents and staff who are new to our school this September. We hope that they will all be very happy members of our school family.

Reception Classes:

Thankyou Reception parents for all of your support in helping to settle the children in so well.

The children have been enjoying getting to know each other and sampling our lovely school meals. We look forward to welcoming our Nursery children into school next week.







Curriculum:

Our website has a wealth of information about our exciting Curriculum.

For this half term's overviews please click here:

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum-2/year-group-overviews/

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum-2/subjects/

For an overview of what your child/ children will be learning in Religious Education this half term please click here:

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Autumn-1-2025-v2.pdf

INFORMATION:

BlueSky:

Stay Connected!

Don't miss out on all the exciting things happening in school—follow us on **Bluesky**!

Our teachers post daily updates, photos, and highlights so you can stay in the loop with everything your child is getting up to.

Download the Bluesky app and follow us: @cheadlercinfscl.bsky.social



Cheadle Catholic Infan... @cheadl... · 1m Our Reception children have had a fantastic first few days in school! We are so impressed with how well they've settled in. We could not have done it without the amazing support of our parents and carers. Here's to a great year ahead! #FirstWeekOfSchool #ReceptionClass



We have had a lovely time making new friends and settling into our class (a)



Please note: We don't put children's faces or names on BlueSky.

PE Days:

Reception: Wednesday (Starting on Wednesday 10th September)

Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday (Starting Wednesday 10th September)

Year 2: Tuesday & Friday (Starting Tuesday 9th September)

On these days your child may come to school in their PE kit, joggers/ leggings and trainers (Velcro please.)

Forest School/ Allotment

Forest School will begin on Friday 12 th September for Year 1 & Year 2 children

As we start a new academic year we are looking for donations of old pots/pans/plastic utensils/plastic plates/cups/metal cutlery.

We also need tyres/milk crates/planks of wood (old decking).

If you can help with any of these items please drop off at the infant school or side gate at infants. Please email grace.marshall@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk to organise.

Are you green fingered? We are in need of some volunteers who can help keep on top of our allotment. Any parents/carers/grandparents who are able to offer some time either weekly or monthly please get in touch! We are hoping to get a little group of volunteers together! Email grace.marshall@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk

School Library:

The School Library will soon be reopening for the new school year. At the end of the last term, more than fifty books were not returned meaning that the selection of books we can offer the children has become more limited. If you have a school library book at home, please do return it for someone else to enjoy. We also appreciate that sometimes accidents happen or books get lost. No child will ever be stopped from using the library if this happens, but we do ask you to consider buying a book from our Amazon wishlist or making a donation of as little as 50p via ParentPay to help keep our library running and full of the books your children love.



Harvest Assembly:

On **Monday 6th October** we will be having our Harvest Assembly in school.

As part of this thanksgiving we will be inviting the children to bring an item of grocery



This year our offerings will be sent to Chelwood Food bank in Cheadle.Hulme. Donations will be welcomed into school from **Monday 22**nd **September.**



Sponsored Walk

On **Wednesday October 1st** we will be hosting a sponsored walk around our 'mile a day' path to raise money to fund new outdoor resources. You will soon receive a sponsor form.

Phonics/ Reading Workshop:

On **Tuesday 30th September at 2.15pm** we will be leading a workshop for parents on how to support children with phonics and reading at home.

There will be an opportunity to view resources/ activities linked to phonics, reading and writing which are used in school daily by the children.



PSA news

Welcome to all our new families and those families returning this year!

Our PSA works hard throughout the year to run events and raise money for all pupils. As a parent/carer of a child within our schools you are now part of the PSA so congratulations because without you it just wouldn't be possible!

OUR CLUB

THE 50:50 Club is Cheadle Catholic PSA's Half termly prize draw, which gives parents a chance to win cash prizes while raising much-needed funds for the PSA.

Parents, family, teachers and support staff donate £1 a week and proceeds are split 50:50 between the fundraising and prizes pots.

There is no limit to the number of people who can take part. The more who play, the bigger the prize fund and the more money raised to support our children's education.

If you want to take part and support the PSA, you can sign up now. It's simple and can all be done online.

Simply set up a monthly standing order for £4.33*, using 5050 and your surname as a reference, to go to:

Account number: <u>00978912</u> Sort code: 30-98-12

Email <u>grace.marshall@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk</u> with your name, phone number and your child's class details so we can ensure any winnings get back to you.

*(£1 per week x 52 weeks / 12 months = £4.33 per month)

Uniform Swap:

Our first Uniform swap will be on September 19th, after school on the Infant playground. If you have any good condition uniform that no longer fits your child please drop off donations to the infant school from 17th September. This is for both infant and junior uniform including PE kit, forest school kit, winter uniform, coats and wellies.

Our hope is to use some PSA funding to purchase a shed that can be used as a permanent uniform swap facility and encourage recycling and sustainability!

We have some exciting events planned over the Autumn term and look forward to sharing them soon! We are looking forward to another successful year of events and wish you all a wonderful start to this academic year! PSA Team

Stop Idling, Start Helping! 🚐 🗐

This year, our school is committed to reducing engine **idling** outside our gates to help improve air quality for our students and staff.

What is Idling?

Idling is when a car's engine is left running while the vehicle is parked. This releases harmful exhaust fumes into the air, including **nitrogen dioxide** and **carbon monoxide**, which are linked to **asthma** and other lung diseases. In fact, air pollution is linked to 40,000 deaths a year in the UK, according to the Royal College of Physicians.

What can you do?

Simply turning off your engine while waiting, especially at school pick-up and drop-off, makes a big difference. Not only does it help us all breathe easier, but it can also help you avoid a fine, as idling is an offense.

To support our new initiative, if you are idling outside the school, you will be asked to turn off your engine or move your car. Thank you for helping us create a healthier environment for everyone!

Tesco Golden Grants: Vote for a Local School to Win £5,000!

This Saturday, **September 6th**, Tesco is giving a lucky customer the chance to award a **£5,000 grant** to a local school.

From **12 p.m.** to **1 p.m.**, shoppers at the **Tesco Express on Mersey Square** can take part in a special "golden lucky dip." One customer will find a golden voting token and get to choose which of three schools receives the big prize:

- Bredbury Green Primary School
- Cheadle Catholic Infant School
- Prospect Vale Primary School

"We are delighted to be hosting Golden Grants," said Courtney, the store manager. "Tesco's Stronger Starts programme has a fantastic track record of helping local schools, charities, and community groups, and we look forward to giving customers the chance to continue that great work on Saturday."

If you are in the area, stop by for a chance to help Cheadle Catholic Infant School start the year with a bang!

REMINDERS:

Earrings: For safety reasons, pupils are **not** permitted to wear earrings in school. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot remove the studs, they must cover them completely with tape, front and back, for the first six weeks.

Please note that taping is not a suitable protection for all activities. Therefore, students with taped earrings will not be able to participate in contact sports or games like dodgeball.

It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure your child's ears are taped securely. School staff will not tape or remove earrings. After the six-week healing period, all earrings must be removed before coming to school.

While some students may use clear retainers, they are **not** permitted in school due to the risk of injury.

To read our full Uniform Policy please click the link below:

www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Uniform-Policy-2024.pdf

Wrap Around Care:

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am and our After School Club shuts at 6pm.

Booking and Payment - https://cheadleinfant.magicbooking.co.uk

Bookings and payments are made entirely through 'Magic Booking' system. Payments can be made using Child Care Vouchers/ Tax Free Vouchers and or debit/ credit card. We do not have the facility to take cash payments. Please click the link below to read our Wrap Around care handbook which will provide you with more information.

www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Wrap-Around-care-Handbook-202526.pdf

If you need any more information about bookings etc, please email Mrs Hunt wraparoundcare@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk

PLEASE NOTE: AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL CLOSE AT 4.30pm on FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER.

School Meals:

SCHOOL GRID:

School Grid is an online ordering system which helps children choose the meals they want. You will be able to view the menus at home with your child and order their choice, ensuring your child gets the meals they like each day. It also lets you, as a parent, to monitor what meal choices your child is making.

Please ensure your child selects their lunch prior to coming to school each day - you can select several days, or weeks in advance if you prefer.

If you child has allergies it is very important that you add this onto the system once you have received the details.

Accident Reporting:

MEDICAL TRACKER

If your child has an accident in school you will be notified via email from the Medical Tracker reporting system. If your child has a serious bump to the head or needs more medical assistance we will telephone you.

Attendance:

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we take our responsibility to provide your child with a good education very seriously. In order to do this, we need your child in school every day and on time.

Good attendance and punctuality are an essential part of your child's success at Cheadle Catholic Infant School. Pupils who regularly miss school or arrive late will fall behind in lessons and may not achieve their full potential.

For more information please read our attendance leaflet on our website.

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/key-information/attendance-at-cheadle-catholic-infant-school/

Punctuality:

Every minute counts!

All pupils are expected to be at school by 8:50am ready for the start of the day at 8.55am. Classroom doors and school gates will be locked at 9.10am. Parents of pupils arriving after 9:10am must report to the office to provide a reason for their child's lateness. The pupil will be marked present but arriving late. The register will close at 9:30am – pupils arriving after this time will be marked as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Arriving late by just a few minutes each day can have a big impact on achievement. It also causes disruption for your child, the teacher and the other children in the class.

Term Time Leave:

The Legal Position

Schools are now only allowed to authorise leave of absence from school if they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The effect of this change means that it is now **very unlikely** that holidays will be authorised. Schools may also require evidence to be provided before agreeing to authorise any exceptional leave of absence.

Education Penalty Notices

Parents should be aware that if holidays or other leave of absence are taken during term time without permission they can be issued with Education Penalty Notices by the Local Authority.

Catholic Schools Building Fund

As a Catholic school, we receive most of our funding from the state. However, the Diocese must cover 10% of all building, repair, and maintenance costs. For years, the donations we collect at Mass have not been enough to cover this expense.

In 2000, the Shrewsbury Diocese created a building fund to help meet this 10% cost. They ask parents who choose a Catholic education to contribute a voluntary donation of £15 per child, per year.

Even though this is a suggested donation, our school is required to pay a fee for every child to the Diocesan fund, regardless of whether parents contribute. Last year, we had to use our school's budget to cover the shortfall, which took away money needed for essential resources and energy costs.

We know that family budgets are tight, but we kindly ask you to consider making a donation if you can. Your contribution helps us maintain our school and frees up funds for other important needs.

You can make your donation through our online Parent Pay system. Thank you for your support.

Homework

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School, homework activities are provided to support and develop skills and concepts that have been introduced in school. However, we appreciate that our young children do get very tired after their long day at school and homework is, therefore, optional. There is no pressure on you to complete homework with your children.

We enjoy looking at any work or creative activities that have been completed at home and we celebrate any work brought into school.

If you have any questions about homework please contact myself or your class teacher.

School Bags

We ask that children do not bring big bags or rucksacks into school unless they are going to an after school club. School book bags should be used for reading books etc as they can fit into trays.

Birthdays

Please do not send sweets / cake etc into school for birthdays. If your child wants to bring something into school for their friends, perhaps a story to read or a book for the class library.



Snacks

We are a healthy school and we ask that children bring in a healthy snack for morning break. Sweets, chocolate or crisps are not allowed. **Nuts of any kind** are not allowed in school. Please read our Healthy Snack Policy for more information.

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/key-information/healthy-schools/

We also ask that if you are bringing in grapes or cherries that they are sliced into quarters and the stone is removed. This is to protect children from choking.

We do have a number of children in school with severe allergies and in order to keep them safe at all times certain classes have been asked not to bring in cheese or yoghurts for snack. These foods are fine in lunchboxes for lunchtime. If your child is in one of these classes you will have been notified.

Open Evenings

We will be hosting four Open Evenings this year for 2026 prospective parents. They will be held on:

- Tuesday 7th October 6-7pm
- Tuesday 18th November 5-6pm
- Tue 25th Nov 6-7pm
- Tue 9th Dec 5-6pm

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2026 please ask them to email admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk in order to book a place.

Admissions. If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 (born between September 1st 2021 and August 31st 2022) online applications are now open. The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2026**

Applications for nursery places for September 2025 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31**st **March 2026**

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

Medicines: Our first aiders are happy to administer medicine only when full written permission & details giving dosage, frequency, time and other relevant information is provided. (Forms available on the school website or at the school office). However only **one** dose of medicine will be given per day.

Changed Arrangements: Please let us know by telephone if there is to be any change to end of day arrangements for your child. The same applies to changed arrangements for the after school club/school bus.

Uniform: Many thanks for ensuring the children look so smart. Do remember to label all items, as I'm sure you will appreciate the difficulties we have in identifying individual uniforms! **Even if the weather is fine in the morning, please ensure that your child has a coat with them.** The weather can be so changeable at this time of year.

HEALTH and SAFETY

Jewellery: For safety reasons no rings, chains, bracelets or earrings are to be worn in school.

PARKING.

- Parking on the school site is reserved for pupils with Blue Disabled Badges only.
- We ask that you do not park on Kew Drive or any other roads near school where parking restrictions are in place.
- We ask that you show respect and consideration at all times to our local community.
- We ask that you do not block residents' driveways so that they have full accessibility at all times to their property.

Parents are reminded that parking is available at Bruntwood Park. Parents are reminded to park respectfully and show due consideration to our local residents. We ask that all road users drive slowly and with due attention on roads around and close to the school. The speed limit on Conway Rd is 20mph. The speed limit on the school grounds is 5mph.

Scooters/ Bikes: Please ensure your children <u>do not ride</u> on their scooter/ bikes/ heelies/ roller boots etc once on school playgrounds. Thank you.

We ask that parents ensure their children at the beginning and end of the school day do not play on or with school equipment which has been set up by class teachers for the children's outdoor learning. Thank you.

Dogs: Please be aware that the only dogs allowed on the school site are guide/ hearing dogs. Dogs should not be tied up at the school gates.

Off the school site- If you need to report an incident regarding a dog you must contact Stockport Council's dog warden service on 0161 474 4207.

Ragbag:

We are part of the 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

Through Rag Bag we are able to help recycle textiles and clothing that may have ended up going to landfill. It is estimated that approximately 1.75 million tonnes of clothing waste is produced in the UK every year.

Out of this vast tonnage around 1.2 million tonnes is sent unnecessarily to landfill.

If we can divert some of this tonnage away from landfill we will directly help the environment and help provide good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world.

We can accept the following items:

- Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- **Belts**

We cannot accept the following items:

- Workwear
- Uniforms (including School Uniforms)
- Wet/Soiled Clothes
- Curtains
- Towels
- **Duvets or Duvet Covers**
- Pillows or Pillow Cases
- **Blankets**
- **Table Cloths**
- Linens
- Cushions
- Carpets
- Suitcases
- **Books**
- Bric a Brac
- Clothes Hangers
- Electricals

The Rag Bag collection bin has been positioned between the Infant & Junior School near the front entrance and is open for collections.

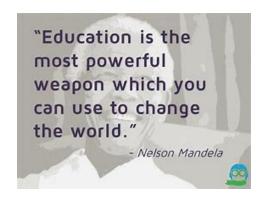
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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Pause for Reflection



Diary Dates...

Provisional Diary Dates

Friday 19 ^h September: 3.30pm	Used Uniform Sale
Week beginning 22nd September	Bring in a food item for the Harvest Festival
Wednesday 24 th September	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 30 th September 2.15pm	Phonics/ Reading Workshop for parents
Wednesday 1st October	Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 7 th October	Class 2L Celebration of the Word 3pm
Tuesday 7 th October	Open Evening for 2025-26 parents 6-7pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Class 2N Celebration of the Word 3pm
Friday 17 th October	Wear red to school: Show Racism the Red Card day
Tuesday 21st October 4.15-6.30pm	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
Thursday 23 rd October 4.15-6.30pm	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
Friday 24th October	School closes for half term
Monday 3 rd November	School re opens for Autumn half term 2
Tuesday 4 th November	Flu spray vaccinations
Wednesday 12 th November	Class 2W Celebration of the Word 3pm
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 2 Parent Workshop 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 18th November	Open Evening for 2025-26 parents 5-6pm
Wednesday 19 th November	Class 10 Celebration of the Word 3pm
Monday 24 th November	Class 1DW Celebration of the Word 3pm
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 1Maths Parent Workshop 9.15-
_	10.15am
Thursday 27 th November	Class 1BW Celebration of the Word 3pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	Thumbs Up 8.50-9.15am

Tuesday 9 th December	R1 Nativity 9.30
Tuesday 9 th December Wednesday 10th December	Open Evening for 2026 parents 5-6pm Nursery Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	Bedtime Stories 5-6pm (More details to follow)
Thursday 11 th December 9.30am	R2 Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 11 th December 9.30am	Bedtime Stories 5-6pm (More details to follow
Friday 12 th December	RN3 Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 2 Carol Concert at St Ann's Church (To be confirmed).
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 19th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January	School opens for Spring Term