



Key Dates This Term

Reception 2021-22 Virtual Open Event
From Monday 12 October

Anti-Bullying Week
Week Beginning 16 November

Road Safety Week
Week Beginning 16 November

Advent
Week Beginning 30 November

Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 December

Staff INSET Day
Monday 4 January

Closing date for Reception Admissions Applications
Friday 15 January 2021

Term Dates

Close – Friday 18 December

Open – Tuesday 5 January 2021

Close - Friday 12 February

Open-Monday 22 February



1 st Reception	100%
1 st Year 1	100%
3 rd Year 4	99.2%
4 th Year 3	98.8%
5 th Year 6	98.4%
6 th Year 5	95.4%
7 th Year 2	93.6%

Safety During the Lockdown Period

Thank you to all who supported our request for parents and carers to wear a mask when dropping off and picking children up, it is very much appreciated. For those who may have missed the message last week, we would like to ask you to wear a mask when entering the school drive to drop off or pick up children. We would appreciate your cooperation with our request.

Please can we ask that only one person queues up to drop off or collect your child/children and that we strictly follow the 2m rule when queuing.

A reminder that if you need to speak to a member of staff you should contact them by telephone or email through the office. Please avoid engaging staff in conversation on the gate to ensure that social distancing can be maintained.

Children in Need

The children have enjoyed coming to school today without having to wear their uniform! Thank you for your kind donations to Children in Need. All charities are struggling for obvious reasons so the charity are grateful for your help. The donation of £1 will remain open on My Child At School throughout next week (see the Products menu).

Brighthouse Rotary Santa Run & Shoe Box Appeal

Local charities too are struggling. Because of the restrictions, the annual Santa Run organised by Brighthouse Rotary Club will also be unable to take place. Please see the information at the end of the newsletter about a Christmas poster competition for children that is running instead. Please support this if you are able. <https://www.brighthouseantafloat.co.uk/>

St Chad's also traditionally support the Rotary Club shoe box appeal each year and we are pleased to say we are able to continue this year. Please watch for more information next week, but in the meantime start collecting things for the boxes such as toys, toiletries and food items, for ages 0 — 14 years if you wish to donate.

Anti Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. The theme this year is 'United Against Bullying'.

We would like to invite pupils to wear odd socks on Friday next week.

Children will be having an assembly and looking at the anti-bullying messages through out the week. The message from the Anti-Bullying Alliance is:

“Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying.

More information from the Anti-Bullying Alliance can be found by [clicking here](#).

Road Safety Week

Monday 16 November is also the start of road safety week. Again, children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe on and near roads through an assembly and in class. Parents can find information on this great website designed for children and families.

<https://www.brake.org.uk/zebras>

Home Learning

When a child needs to isolate because of a close contact or a positive case or when a bubble needs to close, work for your child to complete at home is made available on Teams. Your child has a username and password for Teams in their planner. The work can be found in the 'Files' section at the top of the screen and then in the 'Class Material' folder. There is a weekly overview which details what work is set each day and all of the lesson resources your child will need. If you experience any difficulties, please ring the office or use the class email address.

Stars of the Week



Reception:

James S
Olivia W

Year 1:

Stanley T
Oscar S

Year 2:

Layla D
Ella M

Year 3:

Max W
Faye T

Year 4:

Daniel C
Imogen S

Year 5:

Daisy E
Charlie S

Year 6:

Archie L
Beatrix W

Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week for their great achievement!



Follow us on Twitter for daily updates about your child's experience at St Chad's
@chadderbox

What we have been learning...

This week in **Reception** we have been learning all about space, we have read lots of different space stories, made models and even made our own moon! We have also done some absolutely fantastic writing!

This week **Year 1** have been learning about shadows and that an object needs to be opaque for it to form a shadow. They have really enjoyed making their own shadow puppet and forming shadows.

This week in **Year 2**, we have been exploring non-fiction texts and looking at the different features. In maths, we have been using base 10 to support our addition and subtraction. As part of our topic 'Hot and Cold Places' we have been identifying the different oceans and labelling them on a map of the world.

Year 3 have been exploring The Bronze Age and relics near us. We have also been learning how prepositions and conjunctions can improve our writing!

This week in **Year 4**, we have become the main character 'Hiccup' from our class novel, 'How To Train Your Dragon', and written a diary entry about our experience in the dragon nursery! The children will be publishing their work ready for year 5 to read next week.

In English **Year 5** have been writing newspaper reports about the mysterious disappearance of Professor Hanawati. In Maths, we have moved on to Multiplication and Division and have been identifying multiples, factors and prime numbers, we have done this in lots of different ways including using cubes to create arrays. This week Year 5 were also challenged to create their own game that they can play during break and lunch time, they were limited to only using the items that come in our usual break time box. They had lots of fantastic ideas!

Year 6 have really enjoyed exploring electricity and circuits this week. We made our own circuits and studied each component and how it worked. We also created some outstanding descriptive pieces of writing, when describing Chaac - the Mayan God of rain. In history we looked at the Mayan civilisation and placed key events on a timeline. The research that children had done for homework really helped them to understand the Ancient Maya.

Coronavirus, Testing and Isolating Advice

Notifying School of Positive Coronavirus Cases.

Please notify school as soon as possible should your child test positive for Coronavirus. If this is during the school week, this can be done by telephone. The school office is open from 8.00am or a message can be left. Or an email can be sent to: admin@stchads.trinitymat.org

If the positive test is over a weekend or holiday period, please notify school using the email address: admin@stchads.trinitymat.org

This will allow us to take swift action in informing Public Health and making decisions about whether a class bubble needs to close.

With the arrival of winter and an increase in the number of cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is more important than ever that we all take steps to reduce the spread of infection in the community to save lives and protect the NHS.

Please ensure that you are following the Gov.UK advice for when to get a test and when to isolate. The advice can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Reception Virtual Open Event

Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome prospective parents of Reception Class 2021-22 in to school this year due to Coronavirus restrictions. However, we do want to showcase St Chad's Primary Academy and show you the excellent provision on offer at the Academy. This year there will be a virtual open event. From Monday 12 October, there will be various pieces of information on the website for parents to view and read, including a look inside the building. There is the opportunity to complete a survey to ask our staff any questions that you may have before making an application for admission. Our Early Years Leader is Mrs E Smith and our Reception Class Teacher is Miss B Goulden. Please see the website for further information and to ask any questions.

<https://stchads.trinitymat.org/key-info/virtual-open-event/>

You can apply for a place from 19 November and the **closing date** for applications is 15 January 2021. More information can be found at; <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/admission-process>

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHOUSE

www.brighouserotary.org.uk

tel: 07747627877

Competition time! (age 12 and under)

Log on to www.brighousesantafloat.co.uk for full details

Design a Christmas poster

Upload a photo of your poster to:
www.brighousesantafloat.co.uk
by December 11th

For a chance to win one of three
fantastic festive prizes!

*The Project Local Santa Float
cannot go ahead this year due to
pandemic restrictions. Please
save your pennies and donate
online if possible at
www.brighousesantafloat.co.uk
all proceeds go to local charities.
We look forward to seeing you
next year!*