



Dunholme St Chad's Church of England Primary School November 2024



November at St Chad's

Now we have returned from a well-earned break over half term, we are entering into another busy term at St Chad's.

On top of the usual curriculum-based learning and many enrichment activities, the children in Reception and KS1 will be starting to work on their Christmas productions. This always creates a little festive magic in the air at St Chad's.

Pupil Voice at St Chad's

At our school, we believe in empowering our pupils to get involved and to have a say. We have many opportunities in school for children who want to be role models and show responsibility: School Councillors, Collective Worship Representatives, Play Leaders, Librarians and House Captains. The school councillors were chosen by way of an election. Each candidate had to write a speech and present it to their peers to gain votes. Like last year, the standard was exceptionally high and it was encouraging to see the passion, eloquence and humour included in these speeches.

All of our pupil leaders are now wearing their badges proudly so they can be identified in school. We are so impressed with the numbers of children who wanted to be a part of our Pupil Voice leader initiative. Many of them have already come up with exciting ideas about how to improve the school. I am sure that some of them are destined to be entrepreneurs, judging by their ambitious plans, although some have had to be reminded to be realistic with their projects!



Our Year 5 playground leaders recently participated in Leadership training, led by Ricky from Premier education. He was extremely impressed with their enthusiasm, ability to design such creative games and assertiveness and clarity when explaining the rules of the new games to other children. We look forward to seeing more of their creativity during lunchtimes.

During the final week of last term, we held our Harvest Festival. It had to be held in school this year, due to the renovations in the church. Our Collective Worship Councillors processed through the hall and presented some of the harvest gifts to Revd Paul, who blessed them. Revd Paul was very impressed by the children's singing, especially their hearty version of Harvest Samba.





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We never like to rest on our laurels and are always looking at ways to improve our children's life experiences. This year we are focusing on developing their independent skills and their levels of confidence. Mrs Ackroyd and Mr Parkin have attended Voice 21 training so that we can develop our children's oracy skills. We have added in opportunities in the school calendar for our children to participate in class assemblies, to which parents are invited. We hope that over the next three years, all of our pupils will grow in confidence as they perform in larger gatherings.

Year 3 - Stone Age Day

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic day at the end of their 'Origins' theme when they consolidated their learning about how Stone Age people lived. They created cave paintings using charcoal and berries, built wattle and daub walls and cooked fruit over the firepit.

Upcoming Events

5 Nov – Year 5 International Bomber Command Centre Visit
5 Nov – Open Morning for Prospective Reception 2025 Parents
12-15 Nov – Year 6 Residential to Norfolk
20 Nov – Year 3 Hindu Experience Day
3 Dec – Pantomime from LADA Productions in school: Dick Whittington

New Starters - St Chad's Open Mornings

We have already held two Open Mornings for parents of children who are due to start in September 2025 but don't worry if you missed them as we will be holding another one on Tuesday 5th November 2024 from 9:30 – 10:30. Contact the school office on 01673 860597 to book your place. Please contact the school if you are unable to attend on this date as, if there is sufficient demand, we may look to hold a further Open Morning in the New Year.

For our latest news, you might like to check out our website <https://www.dunholme.lincs.sch.uk>

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