



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,

This week in Assembly...

On Monday the whole school gathered together in prayer. We listened to Sunday's Gospel reading, which was a reading from St Luke, and reflected on our Lenten promises, focusing on how we can grow closer to God during the season of Lent. The children were peaceful and respectful, making it a beautiful way to begin our week.

The Gospel was the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert and we discussed the importance of taking quiet moments for prayer and reflection in our own lives.



Thankyou Mrs Lees for leading our Assembly on Monday.

Reconciliation:

Today Class 2L celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation

It was lovely to come together as a school, parish and family to celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

Many thanks to our Parish Priests for joining us and to our amazing children who made us all very proud.



Questionnaire:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our parent questionnaire. Your feedback is valuable to us and helps the school understand what matters most to you. It also supports our ongoing efforts to improve the school for the benefit of your children.

We have compiled the results and will be discussing them at the next governor's meeting and sharing them with staff. This will help us continue to make our school a better place for both pupils and parents. Please see the results and some comments below.

Question 1: My child enjoys school

96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are delighted that your children enjoy coming to school. This is evident in their enthusiasm for learning every day.

Question 2: I am happy with the Catholic teaching, values & attitudes that the school teaches

96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We take great pride in our core values, mission, and ethos. We are proud of the significant progress our children make in their faith journey every day.

Question 3: The school is a supportive and joyful community

96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are proud of the warm, welcoming environment we have created here, where our school community supports one another and fosters a sense of joy in learning.

Question 4: Staff at this school are positive role models for my child

99% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are delighted that our staff are seen as positive role models and we remain committed to ensuring that we continue to lead by example in all that we do.

Question 5: The school works well with the local parishes

87% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We value the strong relationship we have with our local parishes and appreciate the role they play in supporting our school and the faith development of our children.

Question 6: I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it

94% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are grateful for your continued support as we work together to nurture the faith of our children.

Question 7: The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development

96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

It is a priority for us to help children develop strong values and a deep sense of faith.

Question 8: I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of the school

88% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We will continue to offer opportunities for you to be involved in this important aspect of our school life.

Question 9: The school makes sure that the children are well behaved

94% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We take great pride in fostering an environment where good behaviour is encouraged and celebrated. Our staff work hard to ensure that all children are guided in positive behaviour and supported in making good choices.

Question 10: My child feels safe & secure in school.

100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed

Safeguarding and e-safety are taught daily. Our Bully Busters and Playground Friends help children feel secure. We encourage children to always seek help if they need it.

Question 11: My child has been bullied, and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively
8% of parents agreed or strongly agreed. 92% of parents said their child had not been bullied.

We are pleased that the majority of parents reported that their children have not experienced bullying. For the 8% who agreed or strongly agreed, we take these concerns seriously and continue to work closely with children and families to ensure any issues are dealt with quickly and effectively.

Question 12: When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly
84% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We strive to address all concerns raised by parents promptly and effectively. We are committed to improving our communication and responsiveness to ensure that every concern is handled appropriately.

Question 13: The school has high expectations for my child
92% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We will continue to challenge all children to reach their full potential academically, spiritually, and personally.

Question 14: School involves parents/carers in their child's learning
96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are pleased to know that many of you feel involved in your child's learning. We will continue to maintain strong communication and offering various opportunities for parents to engage in their child's educational journey.

Question 15: My child does well at this school
98% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

Our staff work hard to ensure every child reaches their full potential and we continue to celebrate their successes.

Question 16: School provides a rich and interesting curriculum
96% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are proud of the diverse and engaging curriculum we offer. We remain focused on providing a well-rounded education that sparks curiosity and fosters a love of learning.

Question 17: The school website provides information about the curriculum
95% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

Our aim is to provide clear and accessible resources and information about what your child is learning, and we will continue to update the site regularly.

Question 18: My child has SEND and the school gives my child the support they need to succeed
100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are committed to providing a nurturing and supportive environment for all children, ensuring their individual needs are met.

Question 19: I would recommend this school to another parent
100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.

We are thrilled to hear that every parent would recommend our school. This is a wonderful affirmation of the work we do and the positive environment we strive to create for our students and their families.

Here are some of the positive comments that we received:

CCIS is a lovely school, the staff foster a positive attitude in the school and as a parent I have always felt listened to whenever raising any issues. The attitude towards learning is positive and the children arrive ready in juniors. I feel that the Catholic values are respected.

I am delighted with how quickly xx has settled into school. He genuinely looks forward to going into to school every day. Whilst he isn't always completely forthcoming with what he has done at school each day (like most reception children) when he does give glimpses of what he has done he always speaks about activities with great enthusiasm and happiness. He was particularly excited about the 'celebration of the word' which he did this week. His reading is coming along very well, as well as his religious literacy and mathematics. He also is enthusiastic about science and PE.

It's lovely

Absolutely lovely teachers, understanding head, holistic/well rounded education, wraparound is outstanding, outdoor areas regularly used

An absolutely fantastic school, with fantastic staff and pupils!

A warm and caring community. I feel very welcome and I know that my children love school.

Staff are friendly and knowledgeable about my child. Concerns are always addressed when I have emailed.

Lovely school! Really supportive and welcoming atmosphere. It feels like a second family
I can not praise the staff enough for all they do, not only for our children but for our families too.

We are extremely happy with the positive feedback we've received and the constructive comments shared. Below are some of the key points you raised, along with our responses.

Your Comments:

1. **Exposure to Screens:**
 - o "It would be wonderful if exposure to screens could be reduced."
2. **Inclusion of Second Carers:**
 - o "It would be nice to include second carers in the communications, please."
3. **Overwhelming Amount of Messages:**
 - o "School could perhaps look at the number of messages being sent to parents about various activities. It can feel overwhelming, especially if doubling up with Junior School."
4. **Too Many Systems:**
 - o "There are too many systems (School Grid, Magic Booking, Parent Pay, etc.)."
5. **Delayed Payments and Reconciliation:**
 - o "Payments take time to be reconciled, so I receive messages about late payments and overdue fees."
6. **Homework Expectations:**
 - o "Sometimes we are unsure about the expectations for homework, and it's not communicated properly."
7. **Parent Engagement Opportunities:**

- "Although it's fantastic to invite parents to PE, maths workshops, thumbs up days, etc., what about all the children whose parents can't attend due to work commitments?"
8. **School Dinners for Nursery:**
- "What about offering school dinners for Nursery children

Our Response:

1. **Reducing Screen Time:**
 - As a staff, we will make a conscious effort to reduce interactive whiteboard screen time, especially during wet playtimes or lunchtimes. Please be reassured that we never allow children to watch anything inappropriate.
2. **Inclusion of All Carers:**
 - Emails are sent to priority 1 and priority 2 parents/carers, text messages will now go parents/carers who have the app. **Please check your emails, you will have received a reminder email today from School Gateway about how to download the app.**
 - We will ensure that most of the necessary information is included in our weekly newsletter, please ensure you read it every Friday for updates.
3. **Reducing Message Overload:**
 - We understand that receiving multiple messages can feel overwhelming. Moving forward, we will aim to streamline our communications, making sure we consolidate important details into the weekly newsletter.
4. **Consolidating Systems:**
 - While Magic Booking and Parent Pay are efficient for booking wraparound care, school trips, and payments, we acknowledge the confusion caused by multiple systems. Unfortunately there is not one system that will cater for all school payments.
 - We are not yet using School Grid for lunch bookings but this will be in place after the Easter holidays (further details to follow)
 - Please note that payments made via government or work vouchers take longer to reconcile and there is unfortunately no way to speed up that process.
5. **Clarifying Homework Expectations:**
 - Year group leaders will be sending out clear information about spellings and homework expectations early next week. You will also have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with your child's class teacher during Parent's Evening.
6. **Parent Engagement:**
 - We will continue offering parents opportunities to visit and engage in various school events but we will ensure some of these events are scheduled towards the end of the day to better accommodate working parents.
7. **Nursery School Dinners:**
 - We are excited to offer Nursery children the opportunity to purchase a hot school dinner after the Easter holidays

We value your feedback and will continue to listen and adapt to better meet the needs of our community. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, your child's class teacher, or myself directly.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.



Soar with Spirit: SHAPES Family Challenge!

We are excited to announce the launch of this year's SHAPES family challenge, "Soar with Spirit", and we would love for you and your family to get involved.

As part of our efforts to encourage families to stay active, we're inviting you to take part in this fun and easy challenge over the next few months. It's simple – record any physical activity you do as a family, whether it's going for a walk, dancing in the kitchen, or playing a game in the garden. The more you move, the more you complete!

How It Works:

- You will receive a poster with 30 icons to complete.
- For every physical activity you do, mark off one icon. Whether it's a 10-minute walk or a quick family dance-off, every movement counts.
- Every family that participates is guaranteed an award, and you'll also be entered into a draw for a special prize.

How to Get Involved:

1. **Sign up** by scanning the QR code on the poster below or from the door/window of your child's classroom.
2. Start tracking your family's activities.
3. Once you've completed your challenge, submit your poster and receive your award.

We want as many families as possible to join in and show their **school spirit** through physical activity. Remember, this is all about having fun together as a family, so don't worry about how big or small the activity is – every bit helps.

If you need any further details or have any questions, please feel free to contact **Emma McClusky** at emma.mcclusky@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk.

Let's get moving and **Soar with Spirit**.

Blue Sky

We are now transitioning to Blue Sky for our school's social media updates. This will be our new platform for sharing news, celebrating achievements, and keeping you informed about everything happening at Cheadle Catholic Infant School. Be sure to follow us!

Our Twitter account has now been closed down.

@cheadlercinfscs.bsky.social

REMINDERS

PE Days this half term:

Reception: Wednesday & Thursday (PE shorts Thursday please)

Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2: Tuesday & Friday

School Uniform Reminder:

PE trainers should be **plain black velcro** (no brands please). These trainers can be worn every day if children wish to.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/SchoolUniform-Policy-2024-v5.pdf>

Easter Assemblies:

Year 1 will be leading us in our Easter assemblies this year and we are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers into school to see them. The assemblies will take place on the following days:



- Tuesday 8th April 9.15-9.45am – Class 1DW
- Wednesday 9th April 9.15-9.45am -Class 1BW
- Thursday 10th April 9.15-9.45am - Class 1O

Parents' Consultation Evenings:

Our second parents' consultation evening will take place on Tuesday 1st April or Thursday 3rd April in school from 4.15pm-6.15pm.

Please click on the link below to book your slot:

<https://cheadleinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We have allowed 5 minutes per child and ask for your co-operation in keeping to this. You will appreciate that this important event is exclusively for parents; **therefore no children including junior children should be onsite for either meeting.**

PSA News:



PSA Spring Uniform Swap

When: After school

On: 27th March 2025

Where: Infant Playground

Any donations can be dropped off from 17th March at Infants office.

We are also collecting any Holy Communion outfits, so all donations welcome!

Look forward to seeing you then!

Parish News:

St Vincent's News:

On 7pm on March 21st , there will be a children's Stations of the Cross delivered by the children of the 3 parishes Our lady's, St Ambrose and St Vincent's at St Vincent's, Handley Rd, Bramhall.

Please come and join us. If you would like your child to do a reading, please email, veronicammartin@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

St Ann's Children's Liturgy:

Children's liturgy will take place at St Ann's 11am Mass on the following dates:

- Sunday 16th March
- Sunday 23rd March
- Sunday 30th March
- Sunday 6th April
- Sunday 13th April

Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at Christchurch 11am Mass and every Sunday at St Chad's 9.30am Mass.

School Meals:

The week beginning Monday 17th March will be Week 1. Please click on the link for the menu.

www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Spring-2025.pdf

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

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

And finally:

Please continue to keep our Cheadle Catholic family in your prayers,

Mrs Glynn.

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Congratulations to our new Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Penelope & Alfie

R1: Isla H & Grace

R2: Isla & Lucas M

RN3: Theo & Arya

1O: India & Kit

1DW: Reeva & William F

1BW: Noah & Madeleine

2L: Dylan & River-Lucia

2W: Ivy & Isaac B

2N: Brody A & Amelia

Diary Dates

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| Monday 17th March | Time to Shine Assembly |
| Friday 21st March | Red Nose Day: Wear your own clothes to school (Class 2N to also bring uniform in a bag for First forgiveness). |
| Friday 21st March 2pm | Class 2N First Forgiveness |
| Friday 28th March 2pm | Class 2W First Forgiveness |
| Tuesday 1st April 4.15-6.30pm | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 3rd April 4.15-6.30pm | Parents Evening |
| Tuesday 8th April 9.30am | Class 1DW Easter Assembly |
| Wednesday 9th April 9.30am | Class 1BW Easter Assembly |
| Thursday 10th April 9.30am | Class 1O Easter Assembly |
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| Friday 11th April | School closes for Easter break |
| Monday 28th April | School opens for Summer Term |
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| Monday 5th May: MAY DAY | School closed |
| Thursday 8th May: 8.50-9.15am | Thumbs Up |
| Wednesday 21st May | RECEPTION Sport's Morning (Including RN3 Reception). |
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| Friday 23rd May | School closes for half term |
| Monday 9th June | School opens for Summer Term 2 |
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| Wednesday 11th June | YEAR 1 Sport's Morning 9.30am |
| Wednesday 18th June | YEAR 2 Sport's Morning 9.30am |
| Wednesday 25th June | NURSERY Sport's Morning (including RN3 Nursery). |
| Friday 27th June | SUMMER FAIR |
| Thursday 3rd July | New Reception Parents Meeting 7pm |
| Wednesday 9th July | New Nursery Parents Meeting 7pm |
| Friday 11th July 8.50-9.15am | Thumbs Up |
| Monday 14th July: 9.30am | Nursery Assembly |
| Tuesday 15th July: 9.30am | Class 2L Assembly |
| Wednesday 16th July: 9.30am | Class 2N Assembly |
| Thursday 17th July: 9.30am | Class 2W Assembly |
| Wednesday 23rd July | School closes for summer break |

