



Monthly Newsletter October 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Where has this half term gone? It is hard to believe we have already reached the end of our first half term! It has been a fantastic start to the year, with so much packed into a short space of time.

The next half term promises to be just as busy and exciting. All pupils who applied for our pupil voice groups have now been assigned their roles, and I would like to congratulate them on their enthusiasm and dedication. Initial meetings have taken place, and each group has already created an action plan for the year ahead, with lots of exciting ideas and initiatives planned.

Please keep an eye on Seesaw and your emails, where you will find our summary evaluation of last year's School Improvement Plan, alongside our new school priorities for the year ahead, which have been approved by the Governing Body. We will also be sending out a parent survey linked to workshops and our School Improvement Plan. Your views, opinions and support are incredibly important to us, and we greatly appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with you as we continue to develop and improve our school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy a well-deserved rest with your families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

During our staff training day, the team will be taking part in Local Authority training directly linked to our school improvement priorities, with a particular focus on developing our environment and further promoting pupil independence.

Warm wishes, Nicola Locker, Headteacher



What a lovely Harvest Service!

We are so proud of you all! From Farmer Duck to our dancing vegetables, it was such a lovely celebration of Harvest and a wonderful reminder of what makes our St Chad's community so special. A huge thank you to our amazing staff for all their hard work, to our parents and wider community for joining us, and, of course, to our incredible children who made us all so proud! Thank you all for being part of it!



Click here for the St Chad's School Calendar

Month	Event
November	
Mon 2nd	Staff Training Day- No children
Tues 3rd	Children back to School
Thurs 5th	Christian Values Workshop pm
Fri 6 th	Class 2 Tractor Run
Mon 9th	Diwali Workshop- whole school pm
Weds 18 th	Reading Café and Reading workshop
Fri 20 th	Children in Need Day
Fri 27 th	Christmas Wreath Making
Mon 30 th	Forest School- Come and Explore Day- Class 1
December	
Tues 1 st	Christmas Tree Walk
Mon 7 th	Coverdale Puppets
Weds 9th	Littlest Yak- Class 1 and Class 2 Panto- Details to follow
Thurs 10 th	Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Disco- After School
Sun 13 th	Christmas Carol Service- Church
Tues 15 th	FP Christmas Plays
Weds 16 th	Tues 2pm Weds 6pm
Thurs 17 th	Christmas Fayre
Fri 18 th	Break up for Christmas
Training days for 26/27	Click here for 2026/2027 term dates 2 nd Mon- Nov 4 th Mon- Jan 19 th Mon- July 20 th Tues- July



We will be completing our Christmas Cards after half term!

Our Reading Award System

- How It Works!

After the success of our reading awards last year – we are continuing but with different rewards. We love celebrating reading at our school! Here's how you and your child can take part in our fun Reading Award System.

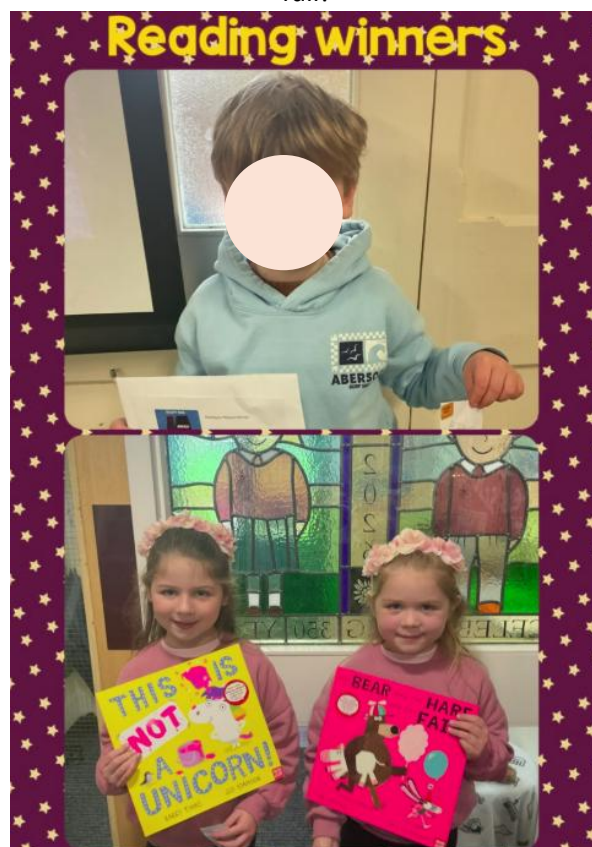
- 1 Read Together at Home**
 - Every time your child reads at home – whether it's a bedtime story, a chapter from a book, or even a comic – it counts!
- 2 Record Your Reading**
 - After each reading session, please write it in your child's Reading Record.
 - Include the date, the book title, and a short comment (e.g., "We enjoyed the funny ending!").
- 3 Earn Star Stickers**
 - Each time you read and record it, your child will receive one star sticker in their Reading Record.
 - Stickers will be given out in school by the class teacher/ support staff.
- 4 Collect and Celebrate!**
 - For every 10 star stickers, your child will receive a golden Reading ticket with their name on – they will then put it in the reading reward box next to the library.
 - At the end of the half term we will draw a name from the box to win a prize.
 - Prizes will include book vouchers, or passes for air trip/ cinema etc.
 - The more you read, the more tickets you will get and the more chances you have to win!

Top Tips for Parents

- Make reading a fun, relaxed time – no pressure!
- Let your child choose books they enjoy.
- Talk about the story together – ask questions, share your thoughts, and make predictions.

★ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S READING JOURNEY! ★

Wow! Our Reading Reward Box is getting VERY full!



ST CHAD'S HANMER INVITE YOU TO...

THE 15TH AUTUMN FAYRE

12TH NOVEMBER 2026
12PM - 7PM

WITH A GIFT TO
THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS
RJAH ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL GOBOWEN
AND THE RAINBOW CENTRE PENLEY



Church and Community Links

S	Service
t	Thankfulness
C	Compassion
h	Hope
a	Aspiration
d	Dignity

Our Christian value
this term is...



After half term, we will be holding a Christian Values workshop based on our focus value of Service, which the children have been exploring throughout this half term. We are very proud that our Christian Values Focus Group will be leading the session, sharing their learning and helping to deliver activities for the other children. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to demonstrate their leadership skills and deepen our understanding of how we can serve others within our school, community and beyond.



Showing our school value of service in action, Dosbarth 4 distributed food parcels to members of the local community. (Above) Dosbarth 1 were excited to take part in the annual Tractor Run! (Below)





SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026-2027



PRIORITY 1: MATHS

What we're doing:

- Build daily number fluency and calculation practice
- Use consistent lesson routines across classes
- Develop reasoning and problem-solving activities

What we hope to achieve:

- Secure number skills and greater confidence
- Pupils explain and justify their mathematical thinking



PRIORITY 2: READING

What we're doing:

- Teach VIPERS reading skills consistently
- Use assessment to target support and next steps
- Grow reading for pleasure with Reading Cafés, Mystery Readers and Reading Ambassadors

What we hope to achieve:

- Stronger reading fluency and comprehension
- Children who enjoy, discuss and recommend books



PRIORITY 3: WELSH

What we're doing:

- Teach progressive vocabulary and sentence patterns
- Use Welsh in routines and across topic learning
- Build staff confidence and opportunities for pupil talk

What we hope to achieve:

- Pupils speak Welsh more confidently and independently
- Welsh is heard naturally throughout the school day



PRIORITY 4: INDEPENDENT, ENQUIRY-BASED LEARNING

What we're doing:

- Make skills progression clear across all areas of learning
- Give pupils more choice, questions and problem-solving opportunities
- Help children reflect on and upload their learning to Seesaw

What we hope to achieve:

- Confident, independent learners who take ownership
- Pupils explain the skills they use and how they improve



Working together to help every child thrive.
Always looking to the future

School Improvement Plan 2026-27

We are pleased to share our School Development Plan priorities for 2026-2027, which sets out our key priorities for the coming year and our continued commitment to providing the very best learning experiences for all children at St Chad's.

Click on the image below for the summary of last year's School Improvement Plan



School Priorities – Parent Summary

'Always looking to the future'



I can ask questions, explore new ideas, and learn by myself.

I can use my number skills and explain how I work things out in maths.

I can develop my reading skills and be part of a school where everyone loves to read.

I can learn and use new Welsh words and phrases in my work and everyday conversations.

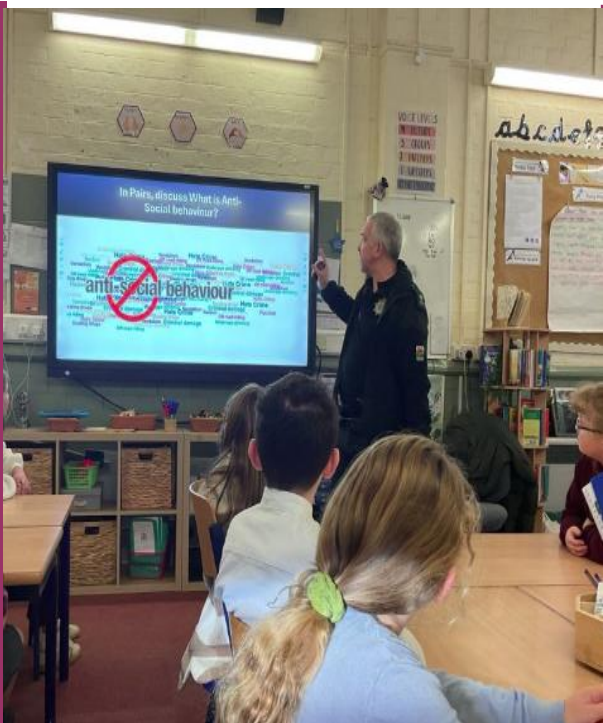


St Chad's Facebook



Attendance

School Year average- 96.8%
Wrexham average 92%



Dosbarth 4 recently welcomed PC Mark, who delivered an informative session on anti-social behaviour. The children learned about making positive choices, showing respect for others, and helping to keep their community safe. Thank you, PC Mark, for an engaging and valuable visit

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at St Chad's. Please contact school immediately if you have any safeguarding concerns.



DSL- Nicola Locker

Friends of Hanmer

Look at these amazing sacks that our wonderful Friends of Hanmer have been busy making, ready for the Autumn Fayre! A huge thank you to everyone who has been working so hard! We are so lucky to have such a supportive school community! Please see the poster for the details to pre-order. A huge thank you to Friends of Hanmer for generously funding the coaches for our school trips this half term to Agri-cation and Park Hall. Your support makes such a difference and helps us provide these enriched experiences for our children.

Friends of Hanmer School

We are delighted to offer these drawstring bags for preorder ahead of the Hanmer Autumn Fair, on 12th November.

These bags are handmade, fully lined and measure 60 x 35cm.
Optional personalisation with an initial. ♥
We have very limited fabric, so first come first served basis.

£15 per bag

Please contact Cassie Lloyd - 07495 297709.

Friends of Hanmer School

Upcoming Events
Save the dates!

Autumn Fayre
12th November 2026
Please visit our stall on the day!

Wreath Making
Friday 27th November 2026
Get creative and make a beautiful festive wreath!

Christmas Fayre
Thursday 17th December 2026
At the fun including the £5 challenge!
GAMES, TREATS, RAFFLE AND MORE!

Christmas Jingle & Jive Disco
10th December 2026
Christmas classics, hotdogs, glitter bar and dancing!

Valentines Disco
Friday 12th February 2027
Music • Dancing • Fun with friends!

More events for 2027 to be confirmed... Watch this space!!

Raising funds, supporting our children and always looking to the future.

Together we make great things happen