

THE FRIENDS OF ST. CHAD'S



Newsletter

Falling leaves, friendly faces, and fabulous fun at St. Chad's!

Welcome Back!

The new school year is in full swing, and what a joyful start it's been! We've loved seeing the children return with big smiles, ready to learn, play, and make new memories.

A very special **welcome to our new starters and their families** – we're so excited to have you join the St. Chad's community! We hope you're settling in and already feeling the warmth and friendship that makes our school so special.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

A Wonderful Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was truly something to celebrate! The children sang beautifully, spoke so confidently, and reminded us all about the importance of kindness and thankfulness.

A huge **thank you** to **Trudy Fox** from the friends who's Dad **Chris Toghill** made our school an **outstanding** Harvest loaf, it tasted as amazing as it looked! We can't thank you enough Chris.

Also, a very big **thank you** to everyone who brought in donations – your generosity will go a long way in helping local families in need. Once again our St. Chad's family showed just how caring and compassionate we can be.





WHAT THE FRIENDS HAVE BEEN UP TO

It's been a busy and exciting start to the term for the Friends! Since September, we've been hard at work behind the scenes, planning a fantastic line-up of events for the months ahead.

From pumpkins to tinsel, there's something for everyone – and we can't wait to share it all with you!



OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Our AGM took place on 22nd September, and we're delighted to share the new committee members for the coming year!

Rianne Nichols (Ri) has stepped up from vice Chair to ***Chairperson***.

Laura Adamson & Naomi Rich are now our ***Vice Chairpersons***.

Rosemarie Isaac continues her fantastic work as our ***Secretary*** and is also joined by **Trudy Fox**.

Ellen Schimmel has taken the role of ***Treasurer***.

Eleanor Mockridge is our ***PR Representative***.

We are also thrilled to have our **Amazing** trustee's and volunteers **Louise Wilcox, Joanne Barrs, Natasha Ford, Jess Ford, Hana Fowler, and Kelly Williams**, who have been, and continue to be, a huge asset to the Friends!



UPCOMING EVENTS....



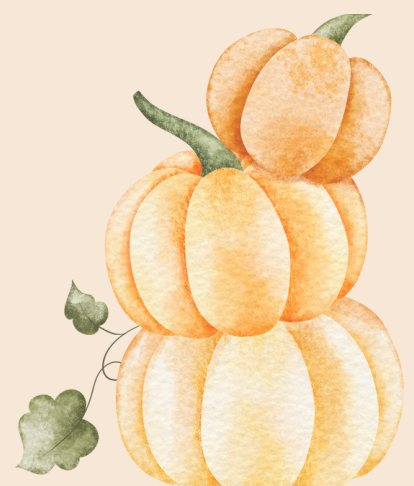
Harvest Pumpkin Carving (or painting) Competition.

Get those creative juices flowing! Over half term, we're inviting all children to take part in our **Harvest Pumpkin Carving Competition**

Here's how to take part:

- Pumpkins can be **carved or painted** – the more imaginative the better!
- Please remember: **NO HALLOWEEN THEMES**, as we are a Church of England school.
- Entry donations are to be paid to the school office during the **week of 3rd November** in a sealed envelope with your child's name written on it.
- Entries should be emailed to:
friendsofstchadspatchway@gmail.com by
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER.

We can't wait to see your creative, colourful, and cheerful pumpkin masterpieces!





A message from the Chair



Chairperson's Report September 2024– July 2025

It was a fantastic year for **Friends of St. Chad's** and I'm so proud of everything we've achieved together. Our amazing community of parents, carers, staff, and volunteers have once again given their time, energy, and enthusiasm to support our school.

Our fundraising brought in a brilliant **£9,271.97** income. After covering **£2,611.98** in event costs, we made a fantastic **profit of £6,659.99** from our activities!

We were able to give **£2,474.50** back to the school, supporting projects such as **tarmacking the play ground** the **Year 6 camp coach**, and **Year 6 leavers' books**. Our **charity costs** were **£399.03**, helping us run everything smoothly.

Looking ahead, we're continuing our big fundraising mission to create a wonderful **Forestry School** for the children. We're still working towards our **£40,000 target**, and every event and donation brings us closer. Together, we can make it happen!

Finally, I want to say a **heartfelt thank you** to all our **committee members and volunteers**. Your dedication, ideas, and endless enthusiasm are what make the friends so special. I'm incredibly grateful for everything you do – it truly wouldn't happen without you.

Warmest thanks,
Ri

Christmas is coming to St Chad's!

It might only be October, but our elves have been busy! The friends have been working hard to bring together some amazing festive events.



Save The Dates.....

Friday 21st November, 3:30 – 6pm

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Raffle drawn at 5pm

Wednesday 26th November:

Christmas Disco

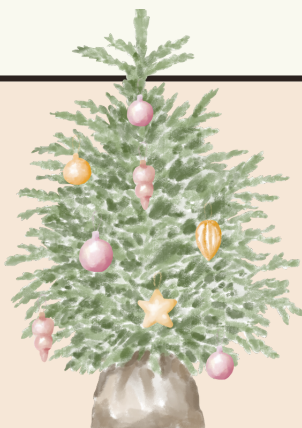
KS1: 3:30 – 4:45pm

KS2: 4:30 – 5:45pm

Tickets will go on sale w/c 10th November on

<https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofstchadspatchway/>

And guess what? Father Christmas will be stopping by to join in the fun!





EasyFundraising



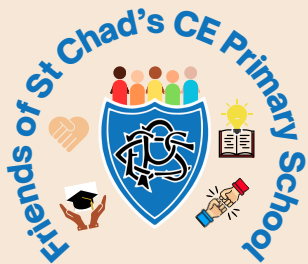
The festive season is just around the corner — and it's the perfect time to **support our school while you shop!**

Did you know you can raise **free donations for our school** every time you shop online? Just download the **easyfundraising app** and do your Christmas shopping through it — from gifts to groceries, every purchase counts!

There's **no extra cost to you**, but every time you shop, **easyfundraising donates to our school**, helping us fund more exciting activities and resources for the school.

Let's make this festive season even more meaningful — by giving back to our school community while we shop!





FRIENDS OF ST CHADS NEED YOU!

Whether you're a mum, dad, grandmother, grandad, step-mum, step-dad, aunt, uncle, family friend or a carer, your support can make a real difference.

Join our community, lend a hand at events, share your skills, or simply show up and support.

Every bit of help counts - and together we can make school life even better for our children.

Get in touch at:

friendsofstchadspatchway@gmail.com

 **Friends of St Chad's CE Patchway**

 **@friendsofstchadspatchway**

