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Dear Parents, Carers & Parishioners,

The Spring Term comes to an end today and we break up for 2 weeks. It seems like just a few weeks ago we were returning after Christmas to dark and frosty mornings. Whilst the weather hasn't changed too much, there have been many changes in school and we want to take this opportunity to again thank our wonderful children and thank you for your support. The children have risen to the many challenges put in front of them over the last term and we are incredibly proud of them. From new curriculums to a fresh behaviour policy, the children have taken it in their stride. Parents, Carers and Parishioners have grasped the many opportunities to come into school and we are continually impressed by your engagement—as you will see in the Summer Term diary dates—we will continue to open the doors. We hope that you and your families have a Happy Easter and manage to enjoy some precious family time. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April to begin the Summer Term.

Best wishes,

David and Sam



After School Club & Arbor Balance Reminder

Our new club offer starts after the Easter Holidays—please sign up as soon as possible so we know how many children to plan for. Monday night is football club, Tuesday is film club, Wednesday is art club and Thursday is choir. All clubs run until 4:30pm and cost £2. Log on to your Arbor account to sign up. Also, there are some outstanding balances remaining on Arbor, please review your account.



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Any new dates added to the calendar will be shown in blue.

Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
Monday 15 th April	Return for the Summer Term	All Day	-
Thursday 18 th April	Parent/Carer Online Safety Session	9am and recording available	Yes
Friday 19 th April	FOSPA Meeting	3:30pm	Yes
Wednesday 24 th April	Parent/Carer – Time to Talk coffee morning/afternoon	9:00am and 2:30pm	Yes
Thursday 2 nd May	Class 2 at Mass in Church	9:30am	Yes
w/b Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week	All week	No
Saturday 1 st June	First Holy Communion Day	-	Yes
Friday 7 th June	Non-Uniform Day (Toys & DVDs)	All day	--
w/b Monday 10 th June	Phonics Screening Check delivery	All day	No
Thursday 13 th June	Class Photo Day	Morning	No
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day/Someone Special Breakfast	8:30am - 9:00am	Yes
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 6 @ Youth Village Festival	All Day	No
Friday 28 th June	Non-Uniform Day (Bottles)	All day	--
Tuesday 2 nd July	Provisional Date for Year 6 Leavers Trip - TBC	8:30am – 4:30pm	No
Thursday 4 th July	'New to Year 1' - Transition Meetings	3:30pm - 4:20pm	Yes
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day	AM	Yes
Tuesday 9 th July	Year R 'Graduation' Celebration of the Word	2:45pm	Yes
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 St. Leonard's transition day	All day	No
Thursday 11 th July	Transition Day in School	All Day	No
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 St. Leonard's transition day	All day	No
Friday 12 th July	Non-Uniform Day (Chocolates)	All day	--
Monday 15 th July	Annual Reports sent out to parents	3:25pm	--
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass (in church)	9:15am	Yes
Thursday 18 th July	Summer Fayre	1:15pm	Yes
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 'Leavers' Celebration of the Word	9:10am	Yes
Friday 19 th July	END of TERM	3:25pm	-

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thanks
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support

attendance MATTERS

Procedure for appointments during school hours

If you have to take your child out of school for any reason, including a medical, dental, school visit appointment, please could you inform the school office prior to the appointment along with any supporting evidence of the appointment. This is so that we can authorise the absence where we can and your child is not marked as unauthorised in our register.

Please see below guidance from the government regarding school attendance. <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Children should aim to arrive in school by 8.55 am at the latest. **Persistent lateness causes disruption to your child's education.**

Year	Attendance this week:
R	80.36%
1 / 2	85.06%
3 / 4	92.86%
5 / 6	95.83%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 90.2%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 94.66%	

Late arrivals

Class registers are taken at 8:55am prompt as we don't want to miss any learning opportunities. **All children should be in class and sat down by 8:55am.**

We want all of our children to be sat down at their desks for 8:40am whenever possible.





Standards at St. Patrick's

Our expectations on attendance must remain strong and, as the parent community know, we take this part of our job very seriously indeed. We will be contacting parents/carers of those children who are persistently absent, this means any child with an attendance percentage of 90% or less. Please understand that this is a supportive measure and that we are working hard to leave no stone unturned to help your child achieve the very best possible outcomes.



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HOUSE POINTS

Feast Days:	St. Bede	St. Cuthbert	St. Hilda	St. Aidan
25th May				
20th March				
17th November				
31st August				
Weekly total	96	124	124	2755
Running total	3008	2681	2757	2652

Stars of the week

- Finley** **Year R** For fantastic independent writing.
- Abigail** **Year 1 / 2** For lovely writing in English.
- Lucas** **Year 3 / 4** For great determination in maths.
- Freya** **Year 5 / 6** For fantastic reading with expression.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Jake
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Amelie
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	
Orange	Is strong and full of might (Be courageous)	
Purple	Is for his hour of sorrow (Be compassionate and say sorry)	
Pink	Is for a new tomorrow (Be just and fair)	
Blue	Is for the sky he made so we can aim high (Never give up or take the easy option)	

**The rainbow is a sign of God's promise,
 He will guide us through any storm.
 When you feel battered by life's storms,
 Just remember God's rainbow is coming -
 It's only a prayer away.**

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Ask your child



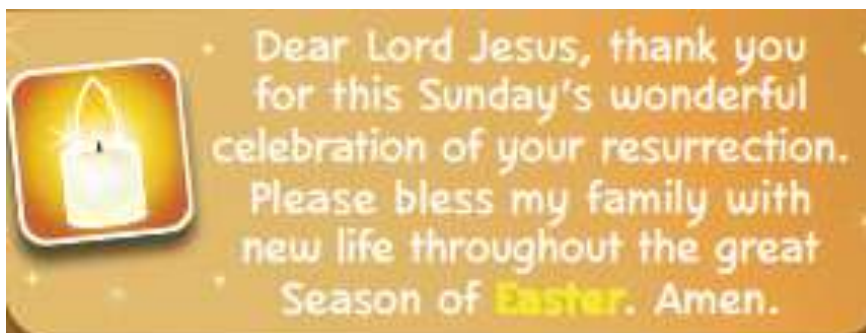
We're sure you all ask your children what they have learned at school every day. We're also sure that the depth of answers that you receive will also vary, with some children saying, 'nothing'. To help aid your discussions, each week in the newsletter we will include a starter question that will help your child to talk about what they have been learning that week in school. Try it tonight

Reception	What is a habitat?
Year 1 / 2	How does a tadpole become a frog?
Year 3 / 4	What do we use to get a sheep's wool?
Year 5 / 6	What is metamorphosis?
General	How many stations of the cross are there?

Article 14: The right of freedom of thought, belief and religion

The Gospel in Church - Sunday 31st March

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.



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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sullivan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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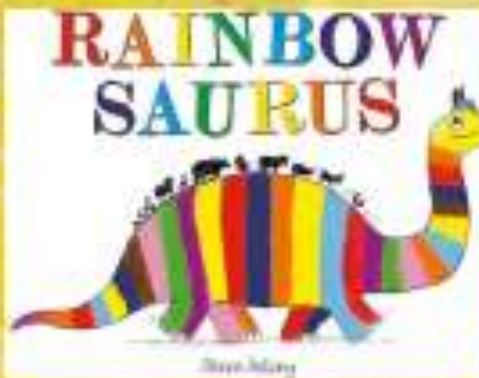
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Recommended Reads

This week taken from 'No Shelf Control' a monthly book newsletter available here: <https://misterbodd.wordpress.com/no-shelf-control/>



Rainbowsaurus

Steve Antony

Hodder Children's Books 4+

A new favourite for younger children who love 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'. A family set off in search of the Rainbowsaurus. Featuring a repetitive chorus and onomatopoeia for younger readers to join in with.

How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?

Brooke Barker

Faber & Faber 8+

A fun, highly illustrated non-fiction book which features all of the facts about animals that you didn't know that you needed to know! Also, it looks at the scientists who put in the work and investigations to find out these bizarre facts.



Rise of the Zombie Pigs

Emily-Jane Clark

Scholastic 8+

The 2nd book in the 'Beasts of Knobbly Bottom' series. Somehow the first book passed me by, but this is a fantastically funny book that's impossible not to love. When food starts going missing and bite marks start appearing, Maggie gets the blame... So with the help of Fred, they decide to investigate, but have they bitten off more than they can chew?

Please

Simon Philip & Nathan Reed

Bloomsbury 4+

A riotous tale about the importance of 'please'. When Bill forgets to use the magic word, things take a surreal turn... A fun way to introduce and discuss manners with younger children that will have everybody giggling and trying to guess what will happen to poor Bill next.



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8.30am-12.30pm = £10 per child

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Primary aged children



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