

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter - Issue 35- 20th June 2025

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Dear Parents, Carers & Parishioners,

We have had a wonderful Sports Week in school this week. The children have tried out some new sports during breaktimes and had some additional PE lessons too. Having these themed weeks in school really allows us to give even more wonderful experiences in addition to our curriculum. Next week is Careers week and Art week will follow soon, where we hope to inspire and express out creativity.

Have a great weekend,

Sam Keys

Sports Day—New Date

Apologies once again for having to cancel Sports Day this week. Responses to the survey have indicated that next Friday 27th June in the morning is the most popular date. Sports Day will therefore take place from 9:30am next Friday. Children should come to school in their PE kits on that day—we will rearrange the previously scheduled non-uniform day.



1. Please select your preferred choice for a new proposed Sports Day date

Friday 27th June - MORNING	27
Monday 30th June - AFTERNOON	11
Monday 7th July - MORNING	10
Tuesday 8th July - AFTERNOON	13



Careers Week

Next week is our careers week. Throughout the week we will have a variety of different people coming to talk to us about their jobs. In classes, children will exploring what they could do when they grow up—which of course, is anything!



Headteacher Award

Monday —

Tuesday —

Wednesday— Jake

Thursday—

Friday—



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Attendance

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.**

Holidays in term time

It is Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust policy that we as a school must refer to the local authority when a child takes holiday during term time. You can see Durham's procedures here: [Holidays in term time - Durham County Council](#)

"Where leave of absence has not been granted, but the pupil does not attend, the headteacher will refer the case to the local authority in line with the National Framework. This may lead to the local authority issuing a fixed penalty notice." - BWCET Attendance Policy


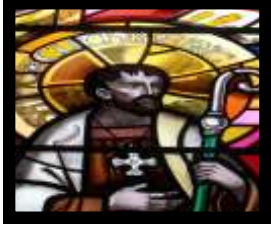


Year	Attendance this week:
R	98.77%
1 / 2	99.35%
3 / 4	93.21%
5 / 6	100%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 97.59%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 95.48%	

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				
	St. Bede	St. Cuthbert	St. Hilda	St. Aidan
Feast Days: 25th May 20th March 17th November 31st August				
Weekly total	263	290	214	298
Running total	13,554	13,528	12,894	14,165

Stars of the week

Georgie **Year R** For always trying her best.

Aurora **Year 1 / 2** For a positive attitude towards all learning.

Aria **Year 3 / 4** For being very resilient this week.

Benediktas **Year 5 /6** For use of excellent subject specific language in verbal answers in History & Geography

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Edwin
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	
Orange	Is strong and full of might (Be courageous)	Chidera
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 (Class 1)	What is the coast?
Class 2	When was St Mary's lighthouse built?
Class 3	Can you say the full 8 times table?
Class 4	Explain what is meant by farm to fork.
General	What are the three parts of the Trinity?

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



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 22nd June 2025



Jesus had been with the crowds all day. It was late afternoon when his disciples came to him and said, "Send the people away, so that they can go to the nearest villages and farms to find food and shelter for the night, because this is a lonely place." Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat." But they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish. Are we to go and buy food for all these people?" For there were about five thousand there. So Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "Get the people to sit down in groups of about fifty." Then Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and, looking up to heaven, he blessed them, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to hand out to the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted and the leftovers filled twelve baskets.

*Adapted from Luke 9:11-17
Corpus Christi, Year C*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

For this week's prayer, why not ask your child if they can remember the grace they say at school before their meals?

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids/2025/>

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Summer



Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
23rd—27th June 2025	Careers Week	Various	—
Friday 27.6.25	Sports Day	AM	Yes
w/c Monday 30.6.25	Art Week	All Week	No
Wednesday 2.7.25	Year 6 Leavers Trip	8:30am – 4:30pm	No
Thursday 3.7.25	School Mass in Church	9:30am	Yes
Thursday 3.7.25	Summer Choir Concert	4pm	Yes
Friday 4.7.25	St. Leonard's and Durham Johnston Year 6 Intake Day	All Day	-
Friday 4.7.25	Reception Class Trip	All Day	No
Monday 7.7.25	Art Gallery Display	3:30pm	Yes
Wednesday 9.7.25	Reception 'Graduation' Celebration	2:45pm	Yes
Thursday 10.7.25	Transition Day in School	All Day	No
Friday 27.6.25	Non-Uniform Day (Bottles)	All day	--
Friday 11.7.25	School Talent Show	1:30pm	Yes
Monday 14.7.25	Annual Reports sent out to parents	3:25pm	--
Tuesday 15.7.25	Summer Fair	1:30pm	Yes
Wednesday 16.7.25	End of Year Mass	9:30am	Yes
Thursday 17.7.25	Year 6 'Leavers' Celebration'	9:10am	Yes
Thursday 17.7.25	END of TERM	3:25pm	-

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