



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 4 October 3rd 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

We have had another busy week in school. The children again have shown a great attitude to their learning. This week the children have tried really hard to use strategies and techniques to get better at something which was our Statement of the Week – I can say one thing I would like to get better at. It has been a pleasure walking around the classes seeing the children putting this into action.

Today, Class 2 will be leading us in our Harvest Festival Assembly and can I say thank you for all the donations. It is wonderful to see your generosity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Rogers



MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Thank you for your support in making our Macmillan Coffee Event a great success. We raised £110 which will really help. Well done to everyone who donated.

START OF YEAR MASS REMINDER

The children will be attending our first mass of the year on October 10th at 9.30am. Please try and join us as we pray for a happy and holy year in school.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Is your child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2025?

- Friday 31st October 2025 for secondary school places.
- Thursday 15th January 2026 for primary school places.

Apply now:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

DIARY OF EVENTS

Key events this week:

- Oct – Black History Month
- 6th Oct – Curriculum Evening (3.30pm)
- 8th Oct – Reception Celebration of the Word (3pm)
- 10th Oct – School Mass (9.30am)





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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	225	259	224	228
Running total	929	882	897	805

You will see your child's house points add up throughout the week via Class Dojo. This will only be used for house points this year and not school to home communication.

Stars of the week

- ★
Grace **Year R** For trying very hard to write her name.
- ★
Amelie **Year 1 / 2** For trying her best and persevering in maths.
- ★
Ella C **Year 3 / 4** For being kind and considerate to others.
- ★
Benediktus **Year 5 / 6** For great maths work

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Aria (Y5), Jackson (Y5)
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Bridget (Y5), Ella (Y5), Chidera (Y6)
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	
Orange	Is strong and full of might (Be courageous)	Olivia (Y2)
Purple	Is for his hour of sorrow (Be compassionate and say sorry)	
Pink	Is for a new tomorrow (Be just and fair)	Cyril (Y3)
Blue	Is for the sky he made so we can aim high (Never give up or take the easy option)	Eza (Reception)

**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.

Use well the gifts that God has given you

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.**

Late arrivals

We understand that mornings can be hectic and that, on occasion events beyond parents' control can cause delays on the journey to school. However, we have noticed that the number of children arriving at school after the gates have closed at 8:55am has increased in recent weeks.

Class registers are taken at 9:00am prompt as we don't want to miss any learning opportunities. **All children should be in class and sat down by 9:00am.**

Year	Attendance this week:
R	100%
1 / 2	98.77%
3 / 4	89.92%
5 / 6	98.83%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 94.77%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 95.87%	

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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Autumn Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	All welcome
Friday 26 th September	European Day of Languages	All Day	
Friday 26 th September	McMillan Coffee Event	2.30pm	Yes
October	Black History Month		
Wednesday 1 st October	Prospective Parents Open Evening	4.30pm – 5.30pm	Yes
Friday 3 rd October	Prospective Parents Open Evening	9.30am – 10.30am	Yes
Friday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival Year 1/2 Celebration of the Word	3.00pm	Yes
Monday 6 th October	Curriculum Evening	3.30 Headteacher Class 1 & 3 – 3.45pm Class 2 & 4 – 4.15pm	Yes
Wednesday 8 th October	Reception Celebration of the Word	3.00pm	Yes
Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day	All day	
Friday 10 th October	Start of Year School Mass	9.30am	Yes
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word	3.00pm	Yes
Friday 24 th October	Halloween Disco	Class 1 & 2 – 3.30pm -4.30pm Class 3 & 4 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm	
Friday 24 th October	School ends for half term		
Monday 3 rd November	School reopens after half term		
w/c Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying week		
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Year 3/4 Celebration of the Word	9.15am	Yes
Thursday 6 th November	Coffee Morning – Time to Talk	9.15am	Yes
w/c 10 th November	Parents Evenings	3.40pm – 6.00pm	Yes
Friday 14 th November	World Diabetes Day	All day	
Thursday 4 th December	Choir Concert	4pm	Yes
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All day	
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	12.00pm	
December	Pantomime – TBC		
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Party Day	All day	
Thursday 18 th December	Mass and Carols in Church	9.30am	Yes
Friday 19 th December	End of term	3.25pm	

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"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'"

Luke 17:5



2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

Having Hope
in our **Families**

Having faith is to believe and trust in God's love for us. Faith is one of life's greatest blessings - it is a gift to be shared. The Church exists to help people to grow in their faith. You can find out more at: cbcew.org.uk

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 5th October 2025



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately'? Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards'? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty.'"

Adapted from Luke 17: 5-10
The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 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.

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



LOOK FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITIES