



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 4 **October 10th 2025**

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,
Thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Evening on Monday. It was lovely to have your support and I hope you found the information useful. A formal Parents Evening is scheduled for the week beginning the 10th November and teachers will contact all parents nearer the time. However, if you need to speak to school about anything before then, please get in touch and we will arrange an appointment or a telephone call.

I can't believe we are already deep into October and that there are only two more weeks until Half Term. Please read the messages below that relate to some of the events taking place both before and after half term.

Hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Rogers



HALLOWEEN

Halloween is almost upon us again. Our Halloween disco is organised for Friday 24th October. Children can come to school in their outfits but any make-up, etc can only be put on after school ready for the disco. Looking forward to seeing the children in their **SCARY** costumes!

SCHOOL CHOIR

Please note a date for your diary. The Choir have been invited to attend the Christmas lighting of Langley Moor's Tree. This will take place at 4pm on Sunday 7th December.

DIARY OF EVENTS





Key events this week:

- October – Black History Month
- 15th October – Year 5/6 Celebration of the Word (3pm) – all welcome

SCHOOL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Over the past few weeks, we have held a number of Celebration of the Word and Open Evenings. Firstly, I would like to thank all who have attended. I am aware that sometimes the timing of events of the communication is challenging. I would welcome any views or suggestions as to how we could try and make it better so that more parents, families and carers can enjoy the wonderful celebrations the child lead in school. Thank you.

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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	191	223	193	242
Running total	1120	1105	1090	1047

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

- Ella** **Year R** For great work in maths making repeating patterns.
- Edwin** **Year 1 / 2** For trying really hard to sound and blend words in phonics.
- Cyril** **Year 3 / 4** For providing amazing answers this week.
- Magnus** **Year 5 / 6** For gaining in confidence in maths and sharing fantastic answers.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	George (Y1), Benediktus (Y6), Anne (Y3)
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	
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)	Dylan (Y6), Oscar G (Y6)
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.

Use well the gifts that God has given you

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.**

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	95.56%
1 / 2	99.44%
3 / 4	97.14%
5 / 6	98.42%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 97.95%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 96.19%	

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.



Use well the gifts that God has given you

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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OPENING OF LORD BOYNE TRAIL

Friday 17th October 2025, 4pm



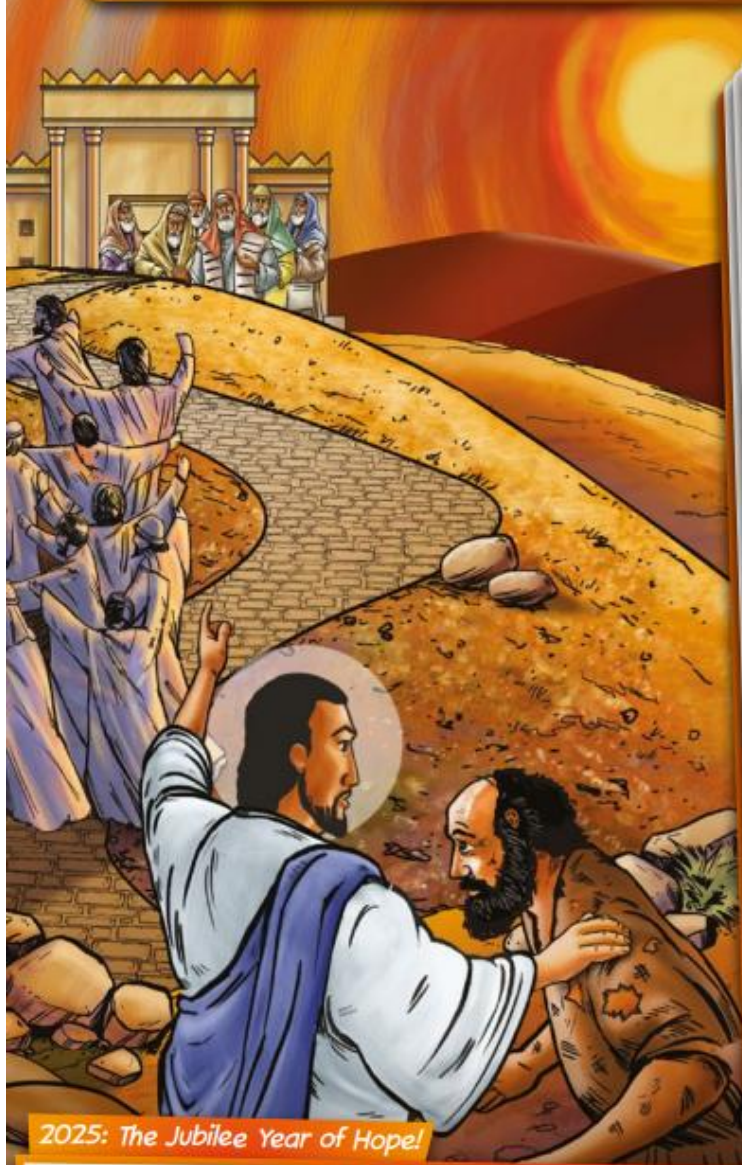
You are warmly invited to the opening of the LORD BOYNE TRAIL - the Lord Boyne mine & the Roman road, on the cycle track opposite Woodridge (Langley Moor, DH7 8PB). Terry Deary (of 'Orrible 'istories') will be performing the opening. Following this, you are also invited to tea at Salvation Army, 100 High Street N. Langley Moor (DH7 8JH).

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**A Word from
the Saints**

*"In all things recognise the care and wisdom
of God, and give God thanks." St Teresa of Avila*



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 12th October 2025**



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." When he saw them he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Now, as they were going away, they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." And he said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

Adapted from Luke 17:11-19

The 28th 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.**

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

Having Hope
in our **Families**

Thankfulness strengthens our relationship with God and with each other. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that making the right response to God's kindness, with praise and thankfulness, brings great joy into our lives.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising; this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital marketing and currently a deputy headteacher and Ofsted inspector, Dr Kevlin's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experiences of children, staff and parents – and what educators can do to ensure that the online world remains a useful and controlled resource for their educational state.



SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

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#WakeUpWednesday