



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

Another week has come and gone and half term is almost upon us. The children have had another busy week. On Wednesday, Class 4 led a lovely Celebration of the Word about The Beatitudes. Thank you to parents and carers who joined us. Last Friday, the school celebrated the first mass of school year. I would like to thank everyone who attended but would also like to say a huge well done to all our children who were outstanding in their behaviour and reverence. It was a wonderful first mass for myself.

Next week, is the final week before the half term break. Looking forward to a great week with Halloween activities finishing the half term on Friday.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Rogers

HALLOWEEN

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.

Class 1 and 2 – Disco (3.30 - 4.30pm), Class 3 and 4 - (4.30 - 5.30PM)

Sweets and refreshment will be available to the children to buy.

Looking forward to seeing the children in their **SCARY** costumes!



SCHOOL CHOIR (Reminder)

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
- 24th October – Halloween event and disco
- 24th October – Half term

READING BOOKS

In school, we have moved the library into what was the Chapel. When we looked to transfer the books across, we found that many were quite old. Encouraging children to read is very important to us. If anyone has any reading books that their children no longer use but would enhance our library we would be thrilled to receive them. All donations will be warmly received. Thank you.

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FOOTBALL

Nine of our fantastic Year 5 and 6 pupils represented St. Patrick's in a football tournament this week, competing against teams from across our small school's cluster. Over the course of four matches, the team demonstrated outstanding determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They secured two impressive victories, scoring a total of eight goals and finishing in a well-deserved third place overall. We are incredibly proud of their performance and the way they represented our school. **Well done, Team St. Patrick's!**



NEW SCHOOL LEADERS

The children in Year 6 were invited to apply to become school leaders. It is a role that will carry a lot of responsibility during the year. The presentations were amazing and three children have been chosen to lead St Patrick's throughout 2025-2026.

Our congratulations go to Mackenzie, Benediktas and Finn. Well done to all three and we know you will do the school proud.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

It's lovely to hear about the variety of things that children are getting up to outside of school. Please feel free to let us know and send in photos and we will try and share them on our newsletter, just like Amelie and her visit to Hamsterley Forest recently.



PANTOMIME





St Patrick's will be attending the pantomime of 'Sleeping Beauty' (Oh YES we will!) on the 12th December. Details to follow.



SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that applications for Secondary School need to be completed online by October 31st.

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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	244	265	286	303
Running total	1364	1270	1376	1350

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

	Ezra	Year R	For brilliant progress in phonics.
	Peaches	Year 1 / 2	For fantastic effort in phonics.
	Georgia	Year 3 / 4	For producing some outstanding poetry
	Chidera	Year 5 / 6	For excellent handwriting in all subjects.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Amelie, Isabella, Evie
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Thomas, Maddison, Ella C, Emily McK
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)	Jake
Blue	Is for the sky he made so we can aim high (Never give up or take the easy option)	Finley

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	100%
1 / 2	91.36%
3 / 4	98.27%
5 / 6	99.42%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 96.93%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 96.28%	

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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Wednesday
15th October

Good News for Families
TOGETHER TIME 😊😊😊

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus wanted to teach his disciples that they should always pray and never give up. So he told them a story. Jesus said, "There was a judge in a certain town who had neither fear of God nor respect for any other person. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time the judge refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for any other person, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will continue coming and worry me to death.'" Then Jesus said, "If even the unjust judge eventually helped this woman who didn't give up, then how much more will God, who is good, help those who pray to him every day."



From the Gospel of Sunday 19th October Cf. Luke 18:1-8. (The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **PRAYER**.

