



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 9 November 14th 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

It's been another busy week in school. This week was Anti-Bullying Week and the children have spent time in class talking about the importance of speaking up. The theme for 2025 is 'Power for Good' which aims to empower individuals to take positive actions against bullying. We are incredible proud of the children in St Patrick's and so spending time each year looking at this topic is always valuable. On Tuesday, Class 3 led us in a lovely Celebration of the Word for Remembrance Day. On Wednesday, all the children (and staff) had a great session with Julie from Juno Dance. We are looking forward to seeing some of the children performing at the Newcastle Eagle's game on Friday night. Finally, on Friday we had a non-uniform day to help raise awareness for diabetes on National Diabetes Day. Thank you to anyone who donated. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Rogers



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL





A huge thank you to all the children who purchased products for the Poppy appeal. The response was amazing and I'm sure we will have raised a large amount for a great cause. I will let you know the amount when we are notified by the Royal British Legion.

SCHOOL FAYRE

St Patrick's will be having their Christmas Fayre on the 15th December at 2pm. To make it a great success **we need your help**. Please could you check to see if you have any unused gifts or toiletries that could be used for a tombola or a raffle. Also, if anyone can or knows of anybody else who can donate prizes, vouchers, that could be used as prizes in the raffle we would be so grateful. Also, we will be having a non-uniform day next week on Friday to collect chocolate for the tombola. Please could you give generously so that our School Fayre can be a roaring success. Thank you.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you for all your support during the Parents Evening meetings this week. We always appreciate your support. Establishing a partnership with parents is crucial in enabling the children to reach their full potential. If you still have any questions or concerns, please let us know and the relevant member of staff will get back to you.

HOUSE POINTS				
Feast Days:	St. Bede	St. Cuthbert	St. Hilda	St. Aidan
25th May				
20th March				
17th November				
31st August				
Weekly total	368	360	314	388
Running total	2323	2344	2296	2443

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

- Gaja** Year R For always trying her best.
- George** Year 1 / 2 For excellent knowledge and answers in History.
- Maddison** Year 3 / 4 For excellent times table work.
- Jacob** Year 5 / 6 For an excellent standard of work in all subjects.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Evan, Vinnie, Max
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Blanka, Albert, Aurora, Oliver B, Poppy, Lily, Amelie
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	
Orange	Is strong and full of might (Be courageous)	Alice
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)	Anya

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	87.78%
1 / 2	94.62%
3 / 4	95%
5 / 6	92.86%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 93.2%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 95.2%	

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

Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
Thursday 6 th November	Coffee Morning – Time to chat	9.15am	Yes
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Celebration of the Word Year 3/4	9.15am	Yes
Tuesday 11 th November	Parents Evening	3.40pm – 6.00pm	Yes
Wednesday 12 th November	Parents Evening	3.40pm – 6.00pm	Yes
Friday 14 th November	World Diabetes Day		
Monday 24 th November	YMT Retreat – Year 4 24 th November – 26 th November		
Friday 28 th November	Year 5/6 Class Mass in Church	9.30am	Yes
Thursday 4 th December	Choir Concert for Parents/ Carers	4.00pm	Yes
Friday 5 th December	Year 3/4 Class Mass in Church	9.30am	Yes
Sunday 7 th December	Lighting of Langley Moor Christmas Tree – Choir to perform	4.00pm	Yes
Tuesday 9 th December	Choir to visit Care home	Afternoon	No
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner		No
Thursday 11 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance	9.30am	Yes
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1/ 2 Celebration of the Word in Church	11.00am	Yes
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance	5.00pm	Yes
Friday 12 th December	Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty	Morning	No
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Fayre	2.00pm	Yes
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Party Day	Afternoon	No
Wednesday 17 th December	Afternoon Tea and Carols for the Parish	2:00pm	No
Thursday 18 th December	Mass and Carols in Church	9.30am	Yes
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holiday		
Tuesday 6 th January (2026)	Return to school for Spring Term		



Dear Parents and Carers,

A faithful person is a gift to the world.

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Everybody wants a faithful

Wednesday 12th November 2025

friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"God is faithful and if we serve Him faithfully he will provide for our needs." St Richard of Chichester

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 16th November 2025



When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

Adapted from Luke 21: 5-19
The 33rd 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

If we choose to be faithful to Jesus, we still need God's help and the help of the Church (the community of the faithful) to stay faithful. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded.

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

Buy Milk

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday