



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 21 6th March 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

I hope that you had a lovely half-term break. It was great to see the children all back and refreshed and straight back to the rigours and routines of school. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book day and as always the costumes that the children came in didn't disappoint. The children looked amazing! Well done to the children and thank you to all the adults who probably had a fraught morning trying to get them sorted. It was also great to see so many of you for breakfast and to watch the children present their costumes in the assembly. Next week is another busy week so please read what's planned and see if you can join us at some stage throughout the week. Have a lovely weekend.

Paul Rogers

Parent and Pupil Sessions

Next week in school we will be holding sessions where we invite parents to come and work with the pupils in class. They are always extremely well attended and it is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time in the classroom with the children. We have sessions from Monday to Thursday that start at 2pm and will finish at the end of the school day. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Monday – Reception Stay and Discover

Tuesday – Year 5/6 Learn with me

Wednesday – Year 3/4 Learn with me

Thursday – Year 1/2 Learn with me.



After School Clubs

St Patrick's recognises the importance of providing a range of after school clubs. Clubs are open to all our children.

This term the clubs are:

Monday – Multi Sports Club

Tuesday – Arts and Crafts

Wednesday – Sports

Thursday – Choir

Any queries can be made to the school office.



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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.**

Year	Attendance this week:
R	98.63%
1 / 2	91.25%
3 / 4	88.3%
5 / 6	100%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 93.91%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 94.14%	

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

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

HOUSE POINTS				
Feast Days:	St. Bede	St. Cuthbert	St. Hilda	St. Aidan
25th May				
20th March				
17th November				
31st August				
Weekly total	438	405	432	401
Running total	7842	8269	8081	8114

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

Eza Roselin **Year R** For listening carefully and following instructions.

Edwin **Year 1 / 2** For a great attitude towards learning.

Lily **Year 3 / 4** For great improvement with her handwriting.

Finn **Year 5 / 6** For showing excellent resilience in class.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Oliver B-B
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Lucas H, Emily G, Mihilu, Grace
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	
Orange	Is strong and full of might (Be courageous)	Mihilu
Purple	Is for his hour of sorrow (Be compassionate and say sorry)	Jake
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)	Poppy

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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Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other.

Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are - and that includes us too!

Wednesday 4th March 2026

God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for everyone to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink.

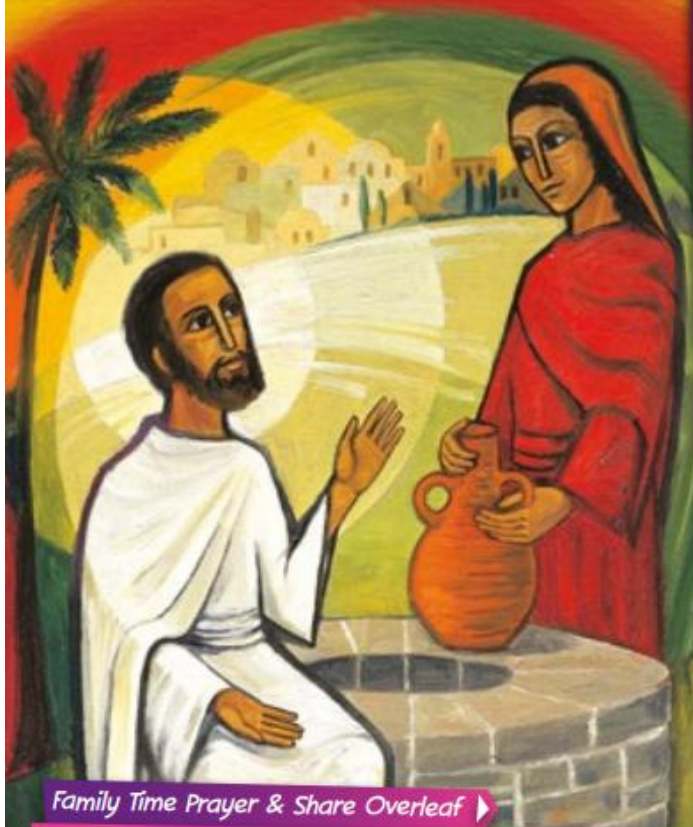
Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **GOD'S LOVE**.

Dom Henry Warsbrough



A Word from the Saints

"God's love is a spring of living water which flows constantly into the hearts of those who pray." St Louis de Montfort



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 8th March 2026



Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar and, tired by the journey, sat straight down at Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." She was taken by surprise because Jews and Samaritans rarely spoke to each other. She replied, "What? You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans don't have anything to do with each other?" Jesus replied: "If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: 'Give me a drink,' you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water." "You have no bucket, sir," she answered, "and the well is deep: how could you get this living water?" Jesus replied: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside them, welling up to eternal life." "Sir," said the woman, "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again."

Adapted from John 4:5-15.19-26.39-42
The 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

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

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf ▶

Good News for Everyone

The living water which Jesus talks about in this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the powerful way that God's love flows into people when they are baptised. As we hear of Jesus' love for people throughout the Gospel stories, we can be certain of God's love for each one of us today.

Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
Tuesday 6.1.26	Return to school for Spring Term	8.50am	
Wednesday 14.1.26	Year 6 Parent SATs Meeting	5.00pm	Yes
Thursday 29.1.26	Year 4 Parent Tables Check Meeting	3.30pm	Yes
w/b Monday 9.2.26	Children's Mental Health Week	All week	No
Tuesday 10.2.26	Safer Internet Day	All Day	No
Tuesday 10.2.26	Year 1 Parent Phonics Meeting	3.30pm	Yes
Friday 13.2.26	Year 3/ 4 Class Mass	9.30am	Yes
Friday 20.2.25	Break up for half-term holiday		
Monday 2.3.26	Return to school for Spring 2 nd Half Term		
Thursday 5.3.26	World Book Day: Book Character and 'Breakfast with a book' / Assembly	All Day	Yes 8.30am/ 9am
w/c Monday 9.3.26	Science Week	All Week	
Monday 9.3.26	Reception Stay and Discover (Parent and Pupil sessions)	2.00pm – 3.25pm	Yes
Tuesday 10.3.26	Class 4 Learn with me (Parent and Pupil sessions)	2.00pm – 3.25pm	Yes
Wednesday 11.3.26	Class 3 Learn with me (Parent and Pupil sessions)	2.00pm – 3.25pm	Yes
Thursday 12.3.26	Class 2 Learn with me (Parent and Pupil sessions)	2.00pm – 3.25pm	Yes
Friday 13.3.26	Someone Special Celebration	2.45pm	Yes
Tuesday 17.3.26	St Patrick's Day Celebrations: Non – uniform – wear something green	All Day	No
Tuesday 24.3.26	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Yes
Wednesday 25.3.26	Parents Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Yes
Monday 30.3.26	Stations of the Cross – Led by Year 3/4	3pm	Yes
Thursday 2.4.26	Easter Service	2pm	Yes
Thursday 2.4.26	Break up for Easter Holidays		
Monday 20.4.26	Return to school for Summer Term		

Future events will be added when confirmed.

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