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Dear Parents, Carers & Parishioners,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. It was lovely to see some sun and a little bit of warmth. The children have returned to school with their usual positivity and are already producing high standards of work. It has been great to welcome Mrs Simpson back officially. She has **been greatly missed**. Let's hope for a great half term and fingers crossed for some lovely weather. Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Paul Rogers



After School Clubs

Clubs started this week but there is still time to get involved. Our clubs run from 3.25pm to 4.25pm and are a great opportunity for children to participate in additional activities outside of the normal school day. This half term the clubs are:

Monday: Multi- Sports; Tuesday: Stop-motion Animation; Wednesday: Football; Thursday: Choir

Your thoughts: Is there anything your child would love to try? We are always happy to listen to suggestions about after school clubs to try and provide as many experiences as possible to the children. Any suggestions would be warmly received and can be made through the school office.

Mrs Newman

Mrs Newman has decided that now is the time to start a new stage in her journey and is retiring. She will be leaving us at the end of next week. Whilst we are thrilled for her, it is tinged with sadness as she will be hugely missed by staff, children, parents and the community. Mrs Newman **has been a huge part of St Patrick's for many years and a great support for many throughout her time here**. We would like to thank Mrs Newman for her dedication, hard-work and friendship and wish her well as she enjoys a new adventure and different pace of life.

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CAFOD Big Walk

On Wednesday of Holy Week, the children took part in the CAFOD Big Walk. The event was a great success, especially through the support of parents and the community. Through your generous donations we were able to give £245 to help CAFOD and our global neighbours. Thank you for your efforts.



SATs Breakfasts

SATs are approaching fast. They will take place during the Monday to Thursday of the week beginning the 11th May. Each morning during SATs, Year 6 pupils are welcome to come to their classroom from 8.15am for breakfast. Throughout the week we will have a variety of things on offer each day to keep the children calm and happy. Any questions, please get in touch.



Summer Fair

Over the coming weeks, arrangements will be starting for our Summer Fair. If you, or anyone you know is able to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Throughout the term, we will also hold non-uniform days to collect various things for the fair. The money raised through the School Fair is a huge part of raising funds to purchase extra resources and run trips and events. We are always amazed at your generosity. We will keep you updated with future events linked to the Summer Fair.



Church Events

During the Summer term, we have arranged for the children to attend mass each month. This will include a special **First Holy Communion celebration mass in June and our Leavers' Mass in July**. Attending mass is an important part of the spiritual development of our children and also an important part of our relationship with the Parish. Please try and keep the dates available and come and join in the celebrations.

Sun Cream, Sun Hats and Water Bottles



In anticipation of warmer weather, we hope, can we ask that when appropriate you apply sun cream to your child each morning. It might also be useful to send your child into school with a hat that they can wear during time outside. Also, please could you ensure that the children come in with a water bottle so they have water available throughout the day.

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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	98.77%
1 / 2	95.03%
3 / 4	95%
5 / 6	100%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 96.96%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 94.54%	

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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HOUSE POINTS				
Feast Days:	St. Bede	St. Cuthbert	St. Hilda	St. Aidan
25th May				
20th March				
17th November				
31st August				
Weekly total	465	418	506	442
Running total	9498	9758	9669	9729

You will see your child's house points add up throughout the week via Class Dojo. Totals will begin next week. Keep looking to see how well the children are doing!

Stars of the week

Max	Year R	For great independent writing.
Abraham	Year 1 / 2	For an excellent attitude towards his learning this week.
Ella C	Year 3 / 4	For a fantastic attitude towards learning in every lesson.
Benediktas	Year 5 / 6	For brilliant descriptive writing.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Aria
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Natalia, Vinnie
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	
Orange	Is strong and full of might (Be courageous)	Ava
Purple	Is for his hour of sorrow (Be compassionate and say sorry)	
Pink	Is for a new tomorrow (Be just and fair)	Georgia
Blue	Is for the sky he made so we can aim high (Never give up or take the easy option)	Abraham, 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.

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Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us into the joys of eternal life.

Part of a shepherd's job is to look after the sheep and help them to stay safe. When we let Jesus lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheep, he helps us to make the right choices and fills our lives with goodness and holiness. All we need to do is to follow him.

Today, Jesus can lead us and our children through the Church, through prayer and through the lives of people who show us how to live in a way that pleases God. He is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us.

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

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A **Word** from the Saints

"It is for each of us to learn the path by which Jesus requires us to follow him, and to follow in that path." St Katharine Drexel

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 26th April 2026



Jesus said, "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock. When the shepherd has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger, but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers." The disciples failed to understand what Jesus meant. So Jesus spoke to them again: "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. But I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

*Adapted from John 10:1-10
The 4th Sunday of Easter, 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

When we really know Jesus and how much he loves us, it's natural to want to follow him. By following Jesus, we too can help others to know and love God - to experience the fullness of life, to live in God's love - here and now!

Summer Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Parents
Monday 4.5.26	Bank Holiday Monday	All Day	
Friday 8.5.26	VE Day	All Day	No
w/c Monday 11.5.26	KS2 SATs Week	All Week	
Friday 15.5.26	Non-uniform Day (Toys and Books)	All Day	No
Thursday 21.5.26	World Day for Cultural Diversity	All Day	No
Friday 22.5.26	Whole School Mass	9.30am	Yes
Friday 22.5.26	Break up for half-term holiday	3.25pm	
Monday 1.6.26	Return to school for Summer Term 2	8.55am	
w/c Monday 1.6.26	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check		
Friday 5.6.26	Non-uniform Day (Chocolates)	All Day	No
Saturday 6.6.26	First Holy Communion (Church)	5.30pm	Yes
w/c Monday 8.6.26	Phonics Screening Check delivery	All Week	No
Thursday 11.6.26	New Intake Meeting (Reception)	4.30pm	Yes
Wednesday 17.6.26	Y6 Cluster Event (St Thomas More)	10am – 2.30pm	No
Friday 19.6.26	Non-uniform Day (Bottles)	All Day	No
Friday 19.6.26	Whole School Mass (First Holy Communion celebration)	9.30am	Yes
Friday 19.6.26	Someone Special Assembly	3.00pm	Yes
w/c 22.6.26	Health Week: Sports clothes	All Week	
Wednesday 24.6.26	Sports Day	AM	Yes
Thursday 25.6.26	Year 6 YMT Festival	All Day	No
Friday 26.6.26	INSET DAY – School closed	All Day	
Wednesday 1.7.26	Year 6 Ford Castle Residential	Wed – Fri	
Monday 6.7.26	Durham Johnson Year 6 Intake	11.30am – 2.45pm	
Tuesday 7.7.26	Reception 'Graduation' Celebration	2.45pm	Yes
Thursday 9.7.26	Transition Day in School	All Day	No
Friday 10.7.26	St Leonards Year 5 and 6 Taster session	All Day	
Monday 13.7.26	Annual Reports sent out to parents	3.25pm	
Tuesday 14.7.26	Summer Fair	1.30pm	Yes
Thursday 16.7.26	Eny of Year mass	9.30am	Yes
Friday 17.7.26	Year 6 'Leavers' Celebration'	9.10am	Yes
Friday 17.7.26	End of Term	3.25pm	

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Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

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Tuesday	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
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Saturday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Sunday	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

AUTUMN TERM: 74 days

SPRING TERM: 58 days

SUMMER TERM: 59 days

TOTAL: 190 days (5 days for in-service training of teachers). Additional training to be taken as twilight sessions.

The school will be open to pupils for 190 days

TRAINING DAYS: Monday 1st September 2025, Monday 5th January 2026, Monday 20th July 2026, Tuesday 21st July 2026, Final Training Day TBC

School Holidays
Training Days
Bank Holidays
Year 6 SATs

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Saturday	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

AUTUMN TERM: 73 days

SPRING TERM: 53 days

SUMMER TERM: 64 days

TOTAL: 190 days (5 days for in-service training of teachers). Additional training to be taken as twilight sessions.

The school will be open to pupils for 190 days

TRAINING DAYS: Tuesday 2nd September 2026, Monday 4th January 2027, Monday 19th July 2027, Tuesday 20th July 2027, Wednesday 21st July 2027

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Bank Holidays
Year 6 SATs

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