

ST. PATRICK'S



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St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers & Parishioners,

On Thursday we had the pleasure of welcoming Mary Foy, MP for Durham, to school. She was incredibly impressed with our school and the wonderful pupils and enjoyed answering some interesting questions posed by the children. Next week, Year 6 will be carrying out their SATs. It is a very important week for the children and I know they will come in each day with a fantastic attitude and do their best which is all we can ask. We wish them all the best.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Paul Rogers

Statement to Live By

Next week, our Statement to Live By is '**I try to forgive people when they hurt me**'.

Please spend a little time talking to the children about how they can 'live out' the statement in their own lives to support a positive and caring ethos in school, at home and in the community.

SATs Breakfasts

SATs will take place during Monday to Thursday next week. 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. Good luck to all the children involved.



Parish News

First Holy Communion cards are available in the school entrance to purchase. The Year 4 children are currently preparing and will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on the 6th June at 5.30pm.

Congratulations to a number of our former pupils who received Confirmation at St Joseph's, Gilesgate on Tuesday 5th May. Congratulations to Jenson, Maribel, Tyler and Freya.



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ST PATRICK'S LANGLEY MOOR NON-UNIFORM DAY

15TH MAY

COLLECTIONS FOR BOOKS AND TOYS



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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	88.89%
1 / 2	100%
3 / 4	95%
5 / 6	100%
Weekly Overall Attendance: 95.45%	
Yearly Attendance to date: 94.63%	

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	393	457	384	360
Running total	10236	10581	10378	10423

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

Evie	Year R	For a detailed retell of the Pentecost story.
Thomas	Year 1 / 2	For excellent listening skills and answering questions.
Georgia	Year 3 / 4	For great work with decimals.
Dylan	Year 5 / 6	For amazing effort in maths.
Magnus		For having a great attitude in class and working incredibly hard.

Rainbow Rewards

Red	Is for the blood he gave (Be Kind)	Ezra
Green	Is for the world he made (Be a steward)	Summer, Lily
Yellow	Is for the light so bright (Be humble)	Bridget
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)	Oscar N, Oliver B-B
Blue	Is for the sky he made so we can aim high (Never give up or take the easy option)	Eza Roselin, Edwin, Amelie, Olivia

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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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	
Tuesday 23.6.26	Sports Day	AM	Yes
Wednesday 24.6.26	Hall Hill Form Trip – Reception/ Year 3/4		
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	



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper.

This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is God's loving gift to every believer, helping us understand Jesus' words and reminding us that God is always close to us.

Wednesday 6th May 2026

The Holy Spirit is our helper, who guides us to live more like Jesus - to grow in faith and to be filled with the peace and goodness that come from God.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's Word, which is **HELPER**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"Let the Holy Spirit be your helper and guide; He will not fail to lead you to peace." Pope St. John Paul II

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 10th May 2026



Jesus said to the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a Helper to be with you forever. He will give you the Spirit of Truth. The world neither sees nor knows the Spirit, but you know the Spirit, because the Spirit is with you, and lives in you. I will not leave you orphaned: I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me but you will still see me. Then you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who receive my commandments and keep them are those who love me. Those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am."

Adapted from John 14:15-21
The 6th 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

The Holy Spirit is our helper - alive and active today - nudging us to do good and guiding us along the way. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives will help us to grow in love, joy, wisdom, peace, self-control, patience, faithfulness and kindness. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, especially at times when things are difficult.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT



The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS



YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT



YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

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The National College



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Holiday and Term Dates: 2025—2026

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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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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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AUTUMN TERM: 73 days	SPRING TERM: 53 days	SUMMER TERM: 64 days	School Holidays
TOTAL: 190 days (5 days for in-service training of teachers). Additional training to be taken as twilight sessions.			Training Days
TRAINING DAYS: Tuesday 2 nd September 2026, Monday 4 th January 2027, Monday 19 th July 2027, Tuesday 20 th July 2027, Wednesday 21 st July 2027			Bank Holidays
			Year 6 SATs

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