



St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

6th October 2023

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Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - **Saturday:** 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's
Sunday: 11:00a.m. at St. Malachy's

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk

Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.Patrick'sRomanCatholicPrimarySchoolManchester)



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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**Our Statement to live by next week is:
'I CAN WORK, REST, PLAY AND PRAY EACH DAY.'**



LISTEN TO THE MESSENGERS: It's easy to get caught up in the daily busyness of life and forget what life's really all about. However, to assist us on our path through life, God sends messengers to help us remember what is most important. In this Sunday's Gospel, the servants represent God's messengers (the Prophets) and the tenants of the vineyard represent the leaders of Israel at that time. Jesus told this story because some of the leaders were not listening to God's messengers.

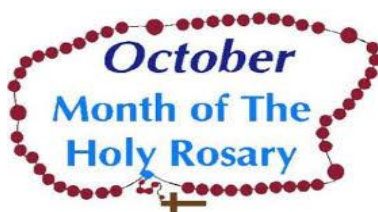
In many ways we are like 'tenants' in this world. The messengers that God sends today remind us that God has a great plan for our lives. We are created for everlasting life and, for now, we are here to share, enjoy and develop what God gives to us in this life.

"Let the message of Christ live in you." (St Paul)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week can be seen in the table below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. Therefore, Year 4 were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week... so well done to them! Special congratulations to Miss Aulton and the Year 5 class for achieving an amazing 100% attendance last week. They were rewarded with a non-uniform day on Thursday!! Year 5 were also the winning class for the ice cream party as a celebration for the highest attendance for the month of September, so a double celebration for them! Well done Year 5. Thank you parents and carers for supporting the school to encourage each and every child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Please remember, it is parents responsibility to inform school when your child is absent.



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| Nursery: 94.9% | Reception: 94.4% | Year 1: 95.9% | Year 2: 94.3% |
| Year 3: 96.7% | Year 4: 98% | Year 5: 100% | Year 6: 91.3% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.4% | | | |



OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: During October, the children will be learning about the Holy Rosary as a form of meditative prayer devoted to Mary our Mother. Parents, why not take some time over the coming month to listen to many of the child friendly stories related to the Rosary. Perhaps say a decade of the Rosary together as a family before going to bed one evening this week.

BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD: It was wonderful to see the children and staff all dressed up in their brightest and most colourful clothing today in aid of CAFOD! Thank you children/parents/carers for your generous donations and for supporting the wonderful work that CAFOD do for our brothers and sisters who are in need in developing countries.



LALLEY CENTRE APPEAL: Our Charity Prefects have been really busy collecting in all of the generous donations of tins and dried food as part of the harvest tradition. We are supporting the Lalley Centre again this year and all donations will go directly to them to be distributed to families in our local community after the 'Giving' Mass a week on Wednesday. Thank you to all who made a small contribution and as the saying goes... 'Every little helps!'

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 18th October** at 9:15 a.m. for Years 1, 2 and 3. The Mass will be led by Year 3 and the theme will be on 'Giving' during this time of harvest. As always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us in church. Come along, the children love to pray and sing with you.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: **ATTENTION YEAR 3 PARENTS!! THE RITE OF PRESENTATION MASS THAT WAS PLANNED FOR THIS SUNDAY, 8TH OCTOBER WILL NOT BE GOING AHEAD AS PLANNED. WE WILL INFORM PARENTS WHEN THE MASS WILL BE GOING AHEAD IN THE FUTURE. APOLOGIES FOR THE SHORT NOTICE AND FOR ANY CONFUSION OR DISRUPTION CAUSED.**

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **CHANGE YOUR VOICE FOR EACH CHARACTER.** If reading a book aloud with your child, try becoming some or all of the characters in the story! Change your voice for the characters. You can speak in a whisper for a shy mouse. You can speak angrily. You can speak in a loud silly voice. You can speak in a quiet voice. Even when you have only one character, have fun changing your voice. This will make the story more entertaining and help your child understand which characters are talking. As a bonus, you will be helping your child learn new words, such as shyly, angrily, happily, and sadly, because children will match your tone of voice to the words in the book and to the pictures on the pages.



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING-HOUSING COSTS: If you're a tenant, the Universal Credit housing costs element can help towards the cost of your rent and some service charges. If you're a homeowner you can't get the housing costs element to help with mortgage payments but you might be able to get help from the government to pay the interest on your mortgage, known as Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI). Whether you want tips on managing your payments, what to do if you fall into rent arrears, or whether an SMI loan is the best option for you, click on the following links to find out more.

[Universal Credit and paying rent](#)

[Support for Mortgage Interest \(SMI\)](#)

ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS AND CARERS: The deadline for applications for a Reception place in September 2024 is Monday, 15th January. Please click on the link to complete your application.

<https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>





E-SAFETY TOP TIP: Don't ban your child from using technology. The media is full of scary stories about online risks for young people. However, it's important to not let potential problems stop you from letting your child use technology for their education and personal interests. We live in a digital world and that's not about to change. We need to remember that technology can enrich our lives in many ways when used well. Risks can be minimised when the whole household agrees to some solid strategies. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing some of these strategies through our weekly newsletter.

GET ONLINE WEEK: An event has been planned at Newton Heath Library, taking place on the 16th of October from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is meant to celebrate a national initiative run by the Good Things Foundation, called *Get Online Week*. At this event, there'll be some amazing organisations from across Manchester present, including the Blair Project, In4, Reform Radio and DISC, all set to present some of the things they do. This will be an amazing opportunity for our children and families to link in with offers and initiatives in Manchester that can help young people get into the digital world.



CURRICULUM NEWS: Another amazingly busy week across many subjects in our curriculum. To highlight some of the learning... Miss Cusick, Mrs Philips and Year 2 have been inspired by the French artist, George Seurat. He used lots of dots using a style called 'Pointillism' in his artwork and the children loved creating their own pieces of artwork in his style using primary and secondary colours. Miss McEwan and Year 3 have looked at the features of various information texts this week before finding out about rabbits and producing information texts of their own. Why not check out our school Facebook Page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?

REMEMBRANCE LITURGY: On Thursday, 9th November, we will be holding a Remembrance Liturgy for Years 1-6 in the school hall at 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all members of our school community to come together and light a candle and pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one that has gone before us. Next week, we will be asking for the names of loved ones that families would like to remember. Please send the form back into school to your child's class teacher by **Monday, 6th November** with the names of loved ones.



500 WORD STORY: 500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday 10th November. Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK. This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. This could be a great project for the half term holiday and parents can find out more about how to enter by clicking on the following link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>

PARENTS' EVENING: Further to the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings a couple of weeks ago, parents will have the opportunity to make an individual appointment with their child's class teacher on **Tuesday, 17th October**. The teachers will be able to report on how well your child has settled in this academic year and discuss individual targets to support your child's progress. A five minute appointment between 3:30-5:15 p.m. can be made and the teachers will be out on the playground after school each day next week so that parents can make an appointment that is most convenient for them. Alternatively, make a phone call to the office and the staff will be able to slot you in at a suitable time.



ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS: There is a very important deadline approaching! 31st October 2023 is when all applications for Year 7 secondary school places for September 2024 need to be submitted. Please click on the link to apply for your child currently in Year 6.

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_september_2024#:~:text=If%20you%20live%20outside%20Manchester,be%20classified%20as%20late%20applications.



FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Patrick's Manchester** and we should pop up.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Nathaniel Shani (RIP), family & friends. The pupils and staff of MCA, Oliver O'Leary, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, CAFOD, the Lalley Centre, Oliver O'Leary, Wilfrid Usher, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, and all other private intentions at this time.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| Tuesday, 17 th October | Parents' Evening commencing at 3:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, 18 th October | Mass for Years 1, 2 and 3 @ 9:15 a.m. in church |
| Friday, 20 th October | Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund - 50p donation |
| Friday, 20 th October | 3:15 p.m. - school breaks up for a half term holiday |
| Thursday, 9 th November | 2:00 p.m. Remembrance service in the school hall-parents/carers welcome |

WE CAN *pray* FOR
BIG THINGS,
SMALL THINGS
AND *everything* IN
BETWEEN. IT ALL
MATTERS TO GOD
BECAUSE WE
matter TO GOD.

Stay with us, Lord... on our journey.