



WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

Saturday: Vigil Mass -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: 11:00 a.m. at St. Malachy's

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

After half term, our statement to live is: 'I can say how I feel.'

FRIENDSHIP: This coming Sunday we will listen how the eleven disciples went to Galilee. They came to the mountain where Jesus has arranged to meet them after he had risen to new life. When they saw him they bowed down before him, though some hesitated. Then Jesus spoke to them. 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me,' he said. 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teach them to keep all the commandments I have given you. And remember: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Enjoy a very special time together this weekend, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is FRIENDSHIP.

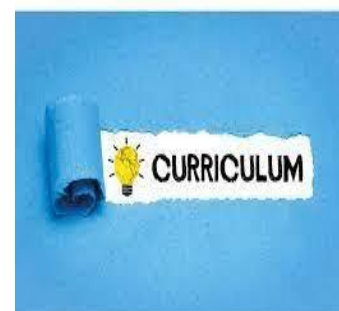
'There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.'
(St. Thomas Aquinas)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Huge congratulations to our Year 6 class who achieved 100% attendance last week! They celebrated with a non-uniform day yesterday. Also, our Nursery children are clearly loving coming to school! Well done to those families. We continue to ask parents/carers to keep us informed about children's absences so that we know they are safe. Thank you for your co-operation.



Nursery - 97.4%	Reception - 91.4%	Year 1 - 93.6%	Year 2 - 90%
Year 3 - 86.2%	Year 4 95.2%	Year 5 - 91.4%	Year 6 - 100%
Overall total 93.3%			

CURRICULUM NEWS: Our children had an absolutely fantastic sports day! Our Year 6 pupils supported our younger children in the morning and did a wonderful job encouraging them to do their best. Our older children absolutely loved the activities put on by our Sports coaches! We were really getting in the mood for the Paris Olympics in the summer! Our Y4 children enjoyed a great day at Manchester's Science and Industry Museum which supported their Science curriculum and the digestive system. We also welcomed our Early Years parents/carers into school again, this time for a Literacy workshop. Year 5 had an important day with Mrs Clinton as they were invited to their interviews for their impending prefect roles next year...



FANTASTIC FRIDAY: We couldn't let the term finish without rewarding our winning house with their termly celebration. The children work so hard to win their house points for either displaying our 9 gospel values or 9 essential life skills. The winning house, St. John's, came together this afternoon to enjoy a movie of their choice and far too many sweet treats to mention! It's so lovely to see siblings enjoying some quality time together. Thank you children for displaying exemplary behaviour. We are so proud of you!



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **DON'T READ A STORY BOOK!!** "What??" We hear you say! "Have the teachers gone mad!!!" Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Story books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Manchester City Council have set up a cost of living advice line for anybody who is struggling with the increases in food and energy bills or who is generally struggling financially. The free telephone line offers support with:

- Benefits and help with your rent
- Advice about debt and paying bills
- Food support - help to find community food provision near you
- Help to get online - support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data.

You can also access their cost of living advice line by calling 0800 023 2692. The line is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



ONLINE-SAFETY TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE WORLD**

- Find resources to keep your child safe online
- Be honest if you don't understand apps and games they're using, ask them to explain their online world to you
- Tell your child that they can come and talk to you about anything they are experiencing online
- Notice changes in behaviour, as this could be a sign that something may be wrong
- Accept that young people will take risks on and offline. However, encourage your child to talk to you even if they make a mistake and think it's too late!
- Be open to what you're being told and be mindful of the words you use, especially if you're upset by something negative you discover about your child's online activity
- Most importantly seek help and advice if needed, don't think you must do this alone!



HOLIDAY MEAL VOUCHERS: Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the May half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) should have received a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 22nd May. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

WHIT HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: Whit half term football and tennis camps. Tuesday, 28th - Friday, 31st May 2024 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Ages 5-12 beginners very welcome, all equipment provided. Please book online through the Better UK app or website <https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>



MENTAL HEALTH: Through our nurture curriculum, our children are learning to talk about the benefits of having good mental health - we teach, 'all feelings are ok, it's what we do with them that matters.' Here is a link that could help parents/carers start the conversation at home - it's a quick 5 minute video on youtube: <https://youtu.be/nCrjevx3-Js?feature=shared>

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: The University of Manchester is celebrating 200 years! To celebrate they are inviting families to their annual community fair on Saturday, 8th June (10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.) The day promises to be jam-packed and a great day for all ages: interactive science experiments, creative sessions, sporting challenges, poetry and music performances, extraordinary stories, face-painting, tasty treats and much more! Whether you're interested in science, arts, engineering or history, there's plenty of hands-on fun and opportunities for inspiration from engaging events with Professor Cox, to circus skills or the explosive Flash Bang Chemistry Show. The fair is free so go along and inspire your children! More information is available at: <https://universallymanchester.com/>

SAFE CITIZENS: Our Year 5 & 6 children will be taking part in an important workshop on knife crime next half term. Parents of these children will receive a letter about this today with an invite to attend on Thursday, 13th June at 9.30 a.m.

END OF YEAR TRIPS: Staff and children are very much looking forward to the end of year trips with our EYFS children starting us off in the first week back. Many thanks to those parents who have met today's deadline for donations of £15. For all school trips, children can wear 'non-uniform' and staff will advise closer to the time, what clothing is appropriate for them.



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!

OFSTED 'the big listen': Ofsted are seeking parents'/carers' views on the way they inspect schools. Please click on the link below to find out more or take part in the survey: survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Jacob Obiadazie (RIP) and family, Margaret Williams, Angeline Holt, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, Jo Phillips, our Y3 children, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, the homeless & rough sleepers, CAFOD, Caritas, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.



2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. Here is a bedtime prayer for you to say with your children this week: **Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your friendship and for all our friends. Help us to choose our friends wisely and to become better friends to them. We pray for our Y3 children as they prepare for their Holy Communion. Amen.**

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

NB: SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY BUT FOR ONE WEEK ONLY! WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 3RD JUNE AT THE USUAL TIME. ENJOY THE MID-TERM BREAK!

DIARY DATES:

DATE	YEAR GROUP/S	ACTIVITY
Summer 2 term		
Wednesday, 5 th June	Nursery & Reception	Trip to Smithills Farm - £15 (non-uniform)
Wednesday, 5 th June	Year 6	'It's not cricket'
10 th - 14 th June	Years 1 -6	Assessment week
Wednesday, 12 th June	Nursery & Reception	Stay & Play with parents 9.15 a.m.
Thursday, 13 th June	Years 5 & 6	Workshop for parents & children on the dangers of knife crime - 9.30 a.m.
Thursday, 13 th June	Year 3	Rehearsal in church for Holy Communion
Sunday, 16 th June	Year 3	Holy Communion Mass for families - 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday, 19 th June	Years 1-6	Holy Communion Mass celebration, official photographer & party day for Y3 - 9.15 a.m.
Tuesday, 25 th June	Year 3	'Portals in the Past' History workshop at St. Edmund's school
Thursday, 27 th June	Year 1	Trip to Gulliver's World - £15
Friday, 28 th June	Year 6	8 children to compete 'in court'!
Monday, 1 st July	Year 3	Trip to Venture Out - £15
Wednesday, 3 rd July	Year 2	Trip to Bewilderwood - £15
Friday, 5 th July	Nursery & Reception	Stay & Play with parents
Sunday, 7 th July	Parish event	Madonna Del Rosario Procession 1.15 pm from St. Michael's Church, Ancoats
8 th -11 th July	Year 6	Residential to Aberdaron - £100
Tuesday, 9 th July	Year 4	Trip to Graystones - £15
Wednesday, 10 th July	Year 5	Trip to Venture Out - £15
Monday, 15 th July	All classes	'Moving on up' - transition day
Wednesday, 17 th July	Years 1 - 6	Final Mass for Y6 leavers - 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday, 17 th July	All classes	'Patsbury' music festival - 1.30 p.m. Dress ready to 'fest'
Friday, 19 th July	Final assemblies Children to wear full school uniform Nursery & Reception - 9.15 a.m. Years 1-6 - 11.00 a.m. School closes for the summer break - 1.00 p.m.	