



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

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## 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](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Our Statement to live by next week is:

**'I KNOW WHAT HUMAN DIGNITY MEANS AND I SHOW THAT I RESPECT OTHERS.'**



**KEEP CALM:** The more we get to know God, the more at peace and calmer we become. In this Sunday's Gospel, when the storm starts tossing the boat around, the disciples still don't seem to recognise that Jesus is in control. But, with just a few words, he shows his divine power by calming the wind and the sea. Jesus reassures us that putting our trust in him stops us from worrying about so many unnecessary things. Storms, stress and upsets can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when they pass and we look carefully, we can often learn something about the world, about ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there to bring peace and calm.

*"One of the greatest gifts the Holy Spirit can bestow on us is to give us calm in the midst of trouble." (St Claude de la Colombiere)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. Congratulations to Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 as they managed to surpass the whole school attendance target of 97%. The teachers rewarded the children in these classes with an additional break time this week. Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.



Nursery: 99.3%	Reception: 97.1%	Year 1: 97.7%	Year 2: 95.2%
Year 3: 92.4%	Year 4: 97.7%	Year 5: 97.9%	Year 6: 95.3%
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.4%</b>			

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** It's a wonder how the teachers manage to fit our broad and balanced curriculum into their weekly timetables...but they do! Here is a snapshot of what has been going on in school this week. Year 5 have been learning about the principles of Social Catholic Teaching and designed their own super hero that embodied these principles. Year 3 have been trying to improve their grammar and punctuation when writing fronted adverbials during their English lessons. Year 4 have been learning about the weather...in German! Let's hope 'es ist sonnig' (it is sunny) next week!! Why not visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?



**END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS:** Everyone is getting very excited for the end of year school trips! Year 1 will be the next class to enjoy some fun and laughter as they head to Gulliver's World on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Parents will be aware that all trips have been heavily subsidised by school and for budgeting purposes, the governors have decided that a reduced cost of £15 will be the cap for every pupil in Years 1-5. The deadline for payments has already passed and for those that still need to make payment, they can do so on School Gateway. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the staff in school with our 'Trip'le A challenge. The trips promise to be memorable occasions for all of our pupils so do look out on our Facebook page for lots of children having some well deserved fun and laughter!

**YEAR 6 CAMPING TRIP TO NORTH WALES:** Parents/carers of Year 6 pupils attending the camping trip to Aberdaron should have received the kit list by now and this should help families to start packing the necessary items. Most families have already started making payments but if any parent/carer is struggling to budget, please call in at the school office and a member of our admin team will help you to set up a payment plan. The next meeting for parents will be on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June** at 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Attendance at this meeting is vital and parents will need to bring up to date medical records for their child and emergency contact details.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** What a lovely week of celebrations for our First Communicants who took another important step on their journey of faith. The week began with a beautiful First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday and it was wonderful to see the children looking so radiant in their outfits. Thank you to all the families who came along to join the celebration and for supporting the children. We celebrated as a whole school community on Wednesday with another Mass and the children enjoyed an afternoon of party games and fun with their classmates. A week that the children will never forget!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS:** Children should have received their communion photographs today. Please note that any orders and payment made online by 3<sup>rd</sup> July will qualify for free delivery to school before the summer holidays. Orders received after this date will incur a charge for delivery to your home address.

**ITALIAN WALKS:** The annual Italian Walks will take place on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July** and St. Patrick's Parish will be joining the procession. Traditionally, children who have recently made their First Holy Communion, get dressed into their communion outfits and join the procession with their parents. For any family that is interested, the procession will be departing from St. Michael's, Ancoats at 1:15 p.m.



**YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** On **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June**, the children are asked to bring their pyjamas as well as their usual swimming kit for their swimming lesson. This is because the swimming lesson will focus upon drowning prevention and the children will learn about what to do if they ever got themselves into difficulty in open water.

**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **TALK ABOUT THE JOY OF READING WHENEVER YOU CAN.** Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Why not put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'Why don't you choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight?' 'Let's download an audio book and listen to that in the car!'



**EYFS STAY AND PLAY:** The next stay and play session will be on **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July** and the theme will be all about the Summer! The EYFS staff and children look forward to seeing all of the EYFS parents/carers there!



**MANCHESTER'S BABY WEEK 8 - 13 July 2024:** This six-day programme is filled with FREE, fun activities and events that are designed to support your child's development from conception to 2 years old. There's something for everyone, like workshops, play sessions, free swimming, and much more. The events are carefully designed to help your child learn, all whilst having a blast! Baby Week is city-wide, with events taking place in Manchester's cultural venues, leisure centres, your local Sure Start Children's Centres and Family Hubs, finishing with Family Fun Days in parks on Saturday. See what's on near you and get involved: [www.manchester.gov.uk/Baby-Week](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/Baby-Week)

**SAFETY IN THE SUNSHINE:** The weather forecast next week is for warmer temperatures and sunshine (at last!). To ensure that we can all enjoy the sunshine as well as staying safe. Let's work together:

**What can parents do?** Please keep the footwear safe - NO flip flops, sliders, open toe shoes - these are not suitable for school. Children also need to wear socks to protect their feet. Please apply sunscreen to any exposed skin before coming to school. Provide sun hats/caps, sunglasses. Please send in a bottle of water so this can be refilled throughout the day.

**What will staff in school do?** We will ensure your child is hydrated with plenty of water. Help children to spend time in shaded areas outside and classrooms will be well ventilated. Additional breaks from school work for rest times. Calming activities inside following time outside.



**KNIFE CRIME WORKSHOP:** It was with deep regret that we needed to postpone the knife crime workshop for our Year 5 and 6 pupils and their parents/carers last week. The good news is the lady delivering the workshop has managed to fit us in with an alternative date before we break up for the summer holidays. We are delighted about this as our staff feel that the workshop will be of great benefit to our Year 5 but especially our Year 6 pupils as they transition to their respective high schools. The amended date is **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30 a.m.** We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers there as possible.

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** Are you claiming all of the benefits that you're entitled to? Use one of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits that you could be claiming: Click on [Turn2us](#) or [Policy in Practice](#)

Click on [Support for migrant families](#) and use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds (meaning you're not entitled to the majority of welfare benefits)

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you need cash urgently - this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance'. You will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) office that is handling your claim.

**E-SAFETY TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **REMEMBER, YOU'RE IN CHARGE!**

No matter what, remember you're the parent/carer. Set boundaries and consider using filtering software and parent controls on devices (but be aware that this is only part of the solution). There are a lot of options for parental controls on the market. This guide from Common Sense Media is a useful starting point to figure out what might work for your family. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>





**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: Anthony Donovan (RIP), Margaret Banks, 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. Why not say this prayer at bedtime with your child this week: **Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to stay calm when life is stormy and show me how I can help others to stay calm too. Amen.**

**DIARY DATES:**

DATE	YEAR GROUP/S	ACTIVITY
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Camping meeting for parents 3.30 p.m. or 5.00 p.m
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	'Portals in the Past' History workshop at St. Edmund's school
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Trip to Gulliver's World - £15
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	8 children to compete 'in court'!
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 3	Trip to Venture Out - £15
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2	Trip to Bewilderwood - £15
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery & Reception	Stay & Play with parents
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish event	Madonna Del Rosario Procession 1.15 pm from St. Michael's Church, Ancoats
8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Residential to Aberdaron - £100
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4	Trip to Graystones - £15
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5	Trip to Venture Out - £15
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All classes	'Moving on up' - transition day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (rearranged date)	Years 5 & 6	Workshop for parents & children on the dangers of knife crime - 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 1 - 6	Final Mass for Y6 leavers - 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	All classes	'Patsbury' music festival - 1.30 p.m. Dress ready to 'fest'
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> 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.	

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