



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

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

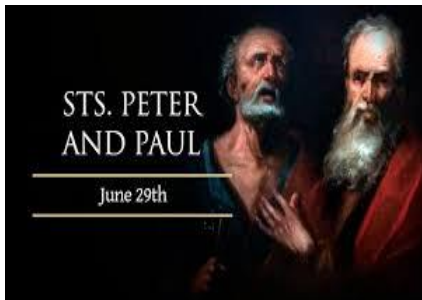
Saturday: Vigil Mass -6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

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

Our Statement to live by next week is:  
'I KNOW WHAT HUMILITY MEANS.'



**GROWING IN FAITH:** This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of two great saints who have helped to share faith throughout the world, St. Peter and St. Paul. In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church - a duty which is now undertaken by Pope Francis. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

*"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these." (St Ignatius of Antioch)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** 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 2, Year 4 and Year 6 were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week... so well done to them! Thank you parents and carers for supporting the school to encourage each and every child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time). Please remember, it is parents responsibility to inform school when your child is absent.



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| Nursery: 95.1%      | Reception: 92.9% | Year 1: 96.4% | Year 2: 97.9% |
| Year 3: 95.9%       | Year 4: 99.4%    | Year 5: 96.4% | Year 6: 98%   |
| WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.7% |                  |               |               |

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPH:** A reminder to parents and carers of the First Communicants:- the deadline for payment for an official photograph is Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

**CURRICULUM NEWS: FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!!** The children have certainly been asking for MORE as the teachers immersed them in Food Technology Week! Year 1 have been exploring the many ways in which an egg can be cooked. Year 2 have looked at traditional Mexican food and have used fruit and vegetables as ingredients to make Tacos. Year 3 have looked at Pizza toppings before creating and tasting their very own pizzas! We had Greek kebabs in Year 4 and the children learnt the skills of peeling, chopping, slicing and de-seeding different vegetables. Year 5 have had the slow cooker out and mixed lots of vegetables and meat to create a stew. Finally, Year 6 have explored all the different ingredients that go into baking a delicious cake. YUMMY!! Why not visit our Facebook page to see if you can see your child practising their culinary skills!



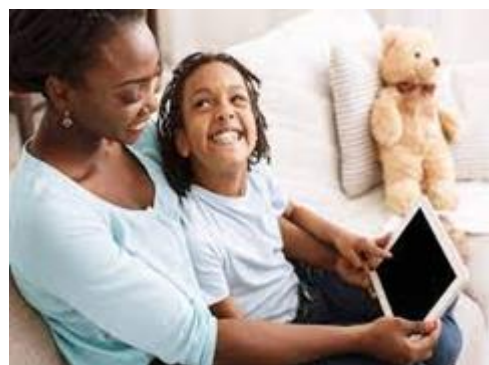
**END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS:** Our Year 1 pupils and their teachers were the next class to enjoy their end of year trip this week. Gulliver's World didn't know what hit them on Thursday as the children laughed and had fun all day long with their classmates!! Next week it will be the turn of Year 3 going to Venture Out on Monday and Year 2 going to Bewilderwood on Wednesday. Please make sure your child is in school for registration at 8:00 a.m. on their trip day! Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the staff in school with our 'Trip'le A challenge. 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:** Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the meeting on Monday so staff could finalise details with you. Any parents who have not yet provided school with an up-to-date medical record for their child and emergency contact details will need to ensure Miss Loughrey has these as soon as possible. Most families have already completed their payment plan 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.



**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.

**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: '**RECORD YOUR CHILD READING AND PLAY IT BACK TO THEM!**' This is a really good way to ensure that your child improves with skills like intonation and expression. Perhaps choose just one page from their reading book where an exclamation mark, question mark and/or speech mark is used by the author. Ask them to practise how the pitch of their voice changes to reflect the specific punctuation used on the page. Then, record your child on a device and play it back to them to see where improvements can be made. Try it... it's really fun and children just love watching themselves read aloud!



**KNIFE CRIME WORKSHOP:** A reminder that the re-arranged date for the knife crime workshop is **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30 a.m.** 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. We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers there as possible.



**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)

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING-MSE:** You may have heard of Martin Lewis or seen him on TV. He's well known as the 'Money Saving Expert!' Did you know that you can sign up for his newsletter that is updated with the latest money saving tips and emailed out on a weekly basis? Follow this link for his cost of living survival guide as well as information to sign up for the weekly newsletter.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/>



**E-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. 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!



**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, thank you for the gift of faith. Please increase the faith of our family so that we can know you more closely. Amen.**

**DIARY DATES:**

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| Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July                      | Year 3   | Trip to Venture Out - £15<br><b>Be at school for 8:00 a.m for registration</b><br><b>Return to school at 4:00 p.m.</b>  |
| Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                   | Year 2   | Trip to Bewilderwood - £15<br><b>Be at school for 8:00 a.m for registration</b><br><b>Return to school at 4:00 p.m.</b>   |
| 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<br><b>Be at school for 8:00 a.m for registration</b><br><b>Return to school at 4:00 p.m.</b>   |
| Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Year 5   | Trip to Venture Out - £15<br><b>Be at school for 8:00 a.m for registration</b><br><b>Return to school at 4:00 p.m.</b>  |
| Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July                     | All classes  | 'Moving on up' - transition day   |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July<br>(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.<br><b>Y6 pupils, please wear full school uniform for Mass and bring festival clothes in a separate bag to change into</b> |
| Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July                  | All classes  | 'Patsbury' music festival - 1.30 p.m.<br>Dress ready to 'fest'  |
| Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July                     | Final assemblies<br><b>Children to wear full school uniform</b><br><br>Nursery & Reception - 9.15 a.m.<br><br>Years 1-6 - 11.00 a.m.<br>School closes for the summer break - 1.00 p.m. |   |

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