



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

Our Statement to live by next week is: 'TRANSITION-MOVING ON UP.'



LET'S LISTEN: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out his friends on an urgent mission with the instruction to heal and to share his message with all who will listen. Jesus wants us to listen closely to his words. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what's really important in life and how much we are loved by God. Listening is a sign of real love - it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Listening to the right people and the right messages is important for us and for our children. God loves us and wants us to spend time with him, listening to him and so allowing him to guide our lives. Which times will you choose to quietly pray and listen to God throughout the coming week?

"Listen carefully to the Master's instructions." (St. Benedict)

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 6, Reception and Nursery 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.



Nursery: 97.1%	Reception: 99.5%	Year 1: 95.5%	Year 2: 95.5%
Year 3: 93.3%	Year 4: 94.8%	Year 5: 96%	Year 6: 97.4%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.1%			



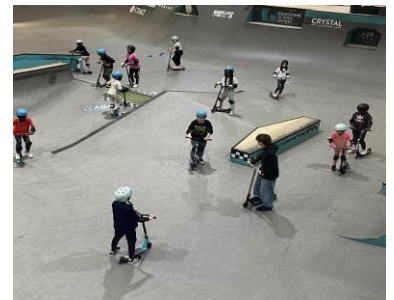
PRAYER & WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 17th July** and it will be our final Mass of the school year. This will be led by our Year 6 leavers and all parents/carers are welcome to join us in church for a 9:15 a.m. start.

CURRICULUM NEWS: British Values: This week, many of the classes experienced first hand what it was like to live in a democratic society. To link in with the General Election, each class held elections of their own to select representatives for the Junior Leadership Team as well as Nurture Champions for the next academic year. That's not all that's been going on so why not take 10 minutes to visit our Facebook page to see if you can see what your child's class has been learning this week! Give us a 'like' if you wish!



YEAR 6 CAMPING TRIP TO NORTH WALES: Our Year 6 children returned home safe and sound from North Wales yesterday. They had an absolutely fantastic time with their classmates and teachers enjoying the awe and wonder of God's beautiful countryside. We were blessed with some gorgeous weather and the odd shower or two! So many holidaymakers commented upon how well behaved and polite the children were. The memories that they made will stay with them for many years to come and perhaps some of them may return to the Llyn Peninsula themselves one day with their own families! Check out our Facebook page and see all of the fun and laughter for yourself!

END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS: Our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils and their teachers were the final classes to enjoy their end of year trips this week. On Tuesday, the Year 4 participated in some extreme action sports at Graystones Activity Centre. On Wednesday, Year 5 headed over to the River Mersey with Venture Outdoors. They got the chance to try out archery, rock climbing, caving and paddling! 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!



ANNUAL REPORTS: Parents should receive your child's annual report today and we hope you are as delighted as we are with the progress your child has made. If any parents would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher, please phone the school office to make an appointment.

DINNER MONEY: Parents, please note that there will be an increase of 10p per day to school meals in September. Therefore, meals will cost £2.55 a day, £12.75 a week. Children who are moving into our Reception class will now receive free school meals until the end of Year 2. This is known as 'universal free school meals'. Children who are moving into Year 3 will either have to start paying for school dinners or bring in a packed lunch.



ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS: Parents of children in our current Y5 class, the window for Y7 applications is now open.

Parents can make their online application through the portal on the Council's website: <https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **PLAY WITH LETTERS, SOUNDS AND WORDS!** Engage your child in games and activities that help them learn new words. For older children, these could be crossword puzzles, word searches or word hunts. Have you ever played 'Wordle' online?it's brilliant!! For younger children, focus on playing with letters and sounds. You can use Play-Doh or alphabet magnets. All of these activities build your child's vocabulary and understanding of how words work. This will help them understand words when reading books, making reading easier and more enjoyable!





KNIFE CRIME WORKSHOP: A reminder that the re-arranged date for the knife crime workshop is **Monday, 15th 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.

READING BOOKS: In order for the teaching staff to allocate your child to the correct reading book band in September, reading books will be collected in from **Monday, 15th July**. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

CHILDRENS' WORK: Please could parents send children in with a bag for them to bring home their fantastic work - this will include their exercise books and work on display. Teachers will want to keep some examples of books and they will speak to children about this. These will then be returned in the Autumn term.

DIARY DATES: The end of term is always busy but particularly the final week of the school year. Please take note of everything that will be going on in school next week before we break up for the summer holidays at **1:00 p.m. on Friday, 19th July**.

PATSBURY: Move over Glastonbury, it's time for our very own annual 'Patsbury' music festival!! During the afternoon of **Wednesday, 17th July**, each class will perform to the rest of the school in the school playground (weather permitting!) The dress code for the day is festival vibes! We hope that everyone will get into the festival mood and have a really good time!! Of course, parents and carers are welcome to come along and join in with the festival spirit! The first act will be on stage at 1:30 p.m.!



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Usually it's cheaper to make lunch at home instead of buying food out and about. But over the last year, staple lunchtime ingredients have gone up in price at the supermarket. The BBC have gathered some top tips on how to keep costs down when making a packed lunch for work, school or a day trip. Click on the following link for 5 handy tips to save your family some money! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-65312394>

FSM VOUCHERS: The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the Summer break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. This will be a one off payment of £55.00 issued to parents in the last week of term. This can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the break if you have any problems accessing the voucher.

Free school meal
VOUCHERS

FREE FAMILY FUN: MCR ACTIVE are holding a CELEBRATION OF SPORT 2024 event at the Manchester Regional Arena on Friday, 26th July from 12-4 p.m. Feel free to go along and take part in their huge family fun day. They've got a huge range of sports and activities for you to try including: A range of bikes including accessible bikes, Squash, Athletics, Tennis, Football, Basketball, Netball, Gymnastics, Cricket and much much more!



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 always being ready to listen to us. Please help us to listen and understand and act on your words and to be good listeners to each other too. Amen.**

DIARY DATES:

Monday, 15 th July	All classes	'Moving on up' - transition day
Monday, 15 th July (rearranged date)	Years 5 & 6	Workshop for parents & children on the dangers of knife crime - 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 17 th July	Years 1 - 6	Final Mass for Y6 leavers - 9.15 a.m. Y6 pupils, please wear full school uniform for Mass and bring festival clothes in a separate bag to change into
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.	

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