



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

13th September 2024

Tel: 0161-834-9004

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

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick'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 TRY TO FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL & CLASSROOM RULES.'

JESUS: Jesus and his disciples left for a village in the North. On the way, Jesus asked his friends, the disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they answered, 'Some say you are John the Baptist; others say you are one of the prophets who died a long time ago and has come back to life.' Jesus then asked them, 'But who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'You are the Christ,' he said. Then Jesus began to teach them that he was destined to suffer, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

Ask your child how they think of Jesus. Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Bring your family to one of our churches this weekend so that you can all listen and learn more about Jesus. Everyone is very welcome!

"Jesus loves us without limits. Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy that only God can give." (Pope Francis)



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:

Parents/Guardians will have received a separate letter about the school's attendance expectations for this year. Please read and take note of the procedures you need to follow if and when your child is going to be absent. Can we also remind you that good attendance includes being punctual. Our gates open at 8.40 a.m. and we expect children to be through the gate and in class by 8.50 a.m. After that time, they will be late for the start of their lesson at 9.00 a.m. Please leave home in good time so that your child doesn't miss out on learning. Thank you.

We have had a fantastic start to the year so well done everyone!! Here is a reminder of how we judge our attendance:

97%+ is green and good to go and this will be rewarded

<97% but >93% is amber which means we need to improve

<93% is red and not the result we want!

Our classes compete each week and will be rewarded with certificates, extra active time, ice cream parties & non-uniform days. The results for last week are in the table below. Our Attendance Ambassadors wish everyone the best of luck for this term! Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).

Nursery: 100%	Reception: 95.5%	Year 1: 99.5%	Year 2: 97.6%
Year 3: 95.8%	Year 4: 96.8%	Year 5: 96.1%	Year 6: 98.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 97%			

CAFOD: We had a visit from Mr Flannery yesterday who came to teach the children about the charity, CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development). Each year, we support the wonderful work CAFOD does by raising money. Mr Flannery came to teach the children about how the money we raise is spent on families and particularly children in other parts of the world. He was really impressed with our childrens' responses and thanked them for their continued generosity. #childrenhelpingchildren#proud

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CAFOD
Just one world

MEET THE TEACHER: The teachers are really looking forward to meeting the parents/guardians of the pupils in their respective classes. Therefore, parents will have the opportunity to attend a meeting next **Wednesday, 18th September** at either 3:15 p.m, 4:00 p.m or 5:00 p.m. These meetings are really important as it gives the teachers the opportunity to communicate essential information as well as systems and routines within each individual class. Please do your very best to attend.



YEAR 6 PARENTS: Our Lady's R.C. High School invite parents and pupils to their open evening event on Thursday, 26th September. This will help you make your decision about which high school your child will attend next September so it's an important event. Furthermore, the school is offering 1:1 tours for parents whilst the school is in operation. Parents will need to phone the school to book an appointment between dates, Monday, 23rd September - Friday, 4th October.

The Y6 pupils have brought home a leaflet this week regarding the open evenings/events for all secondary schools across Manchester. This is for your information. The deadline for parents to choose their child's Y7 place at high school is 5.00 p.m., Tuesday, 31st October. Don't leave it until the last minute!!

'FLU VACCINATIONS: Each year across the country, parents of every child in Primary schools are offered their annual 'flu vaccine. This is a fantastic way to keep all of those winter bugs at bay! Every child has come home with the consent form so it is essential that parents return these by Monday.

READING TOP TIP: This week's reading top tip is: '**Get Comfy.**' Why not snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. Parents/carers can lead by example here and make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too. Remember though, to be really comfy and concentrating on what you are reading, it's always good to eliminate any distractions for that short time. So... phones on silent, T.V's off, laptops closed and tablets away!!



PUPIL UPDATE FORMS: Each year, we have to update our school IT system so it is imperative that we have the correct contact details, medical information, emergency contacts for each and every child in the school. Please click on the link below to update for each of your children.

<https://forms.gle/pJ9SvyDT3iLCHTaG7>

SCHOOL GATEWAY: As you are aware, we have moved to a new online payment system called School Gateway. Thank you to all the parents who have registered so far. If you are struggling to register or download the app please come and speak to the office staff who can help. This new app is a way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to pay for any dinner money, breakfast club or trips.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

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: Karen Smith (RIP) & the Smith family, Colette & Mike Campbell (with thanks), Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, CAFOD, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Moses & Father Raymond, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all those called to be involved in Education, and all other private intentions at this time.



BEDTIME PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to understand and to know you - to listen to your words and to follow your way. Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday, 13 th September	Deadline for pupil update forms to be completed by parents
Wednesday, 18 th September	'Meet the teacher' meetings @ 3.15, 4.00 & 5.00 p.m.
Monday, 23 rd September - Friday, 4 th October	Bookings available for a 1:1 tour of Our Lady's RC High School for prospective parents. Please contact the school
Friday, 20 th September	School health in to see Reception & Y6 children
Monday, 23 rd September	Y5&6 girls' football festival at MCA after school with Mr Eaglestone Parents to collect from MCA
Wednesday, 25 th September	Mass for Years 4, 5 and 6 @ 9:15 a.m. in church (led by Y4) Sacramental Programme - first meeting @ 6.30 p.m. in church
Thursday, 26 th September	Open evening at Our Lady's RC High School for Y6 families
Friday, 4 th October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - brighten up for CAFOD (50p donation) WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST CLOTHES
Sunday, 6 th October	Rite of Presentation celebration Mass for Y3 families, 9.15 a.m.
Friday, 11 th October	Harvest festival assembly - collection of dried/tinned foods NON-UNIFORM DAY
Monday, 14 th October	World Faith Week - learning more about Sikhism
Wednesday, 16 th October	Mass for Years 1, 2 & 3 (led by Y3)
Friday, 18 th October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund School closes at the usual time for 2 weeks

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