



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 12 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see everyone after the half term break. Since their return, children have been very busy enjoying lots of different activities. Please see the Class Pages on the school website to find out more about your child/ren's learning this half term. <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/>

### World Book Day

Everyone looked fantastic yesterday with children and staff either wearing costumes of their favourite characters or pyjamas with their favourite bedtime stories. Children shared their favourite books and thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate the joys of reading. Photographs from the day will be uploaded to the website next week.

Class teachers chose children who have been working hard with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations children – keep up the good work!

Blaine M – Rec S	Harriett R – 1S	Xian V – 2S	
Tomasz - Rec P	Gabriel B – 1P	Freddie B – 2P	
Jack B – 3S	Yves V – 4S	George G – 5S	Betsy H – 6S
Lucia M – 3P	Elvis P – 4P	Connie B – 5P	Paschalis A – 6P

Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair that has been in school recently. It was tremendous to see so many parents and grandparents bringing children to choose books that they can enjoy at home. Many thanks to Mrs Shirley, Mrs Palmen, Mrs Grant and Miss Mullan who ran the Book Fair. We really appreciate your time and enthusiasm. Thank you, ladies!

### Catholic Schools Inspection

We have had a particularly busy week due to our Catholic Schools Inspection which took place on Wednesday and Thursday. Many thanks to all parents who completed the online questionnaire as part of the inspection. Your views are very important and we are grateful for people making time to do this.

I am enormously proud of our children and staff who work tremendously hard on a daily basis. Inspections inevitably bring additional pressure, not to mention when they include being inspected on World Book Day. Everyone rose to this challenge admirably. The inspectors enjoyed spending time in lessons, Celebration of the Word sessions and our visits to Church. A little reminder that following an inspection there are various processes that take place before schools are allowed to disclose the outcomes. Once the report has been published (this will take several weeks) we will share it with you.

### Ash Wednesday & Lent

Children visited Church on Wednesday due to it being Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It was lovely to spend time with Fr John who taught the children a new song and talked to us about different things we can do throughout Lent as we prepare for Easter. <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/ash-wednesday/> Children (and staff) have such a wonderful relationship with Fr John as a result of all the time and energy he devotes to our school community. Thank you Fr John!

If you would like to attend Mass, please see below for the current Mass times:

**St Marie's:** 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday, 8.30am and 10am on Sunday

**St Patrick's:** 10am Thursday, 6pm Saturday, 11.30am Sunday

### Replacement of Perimeter Fencing

The contractors arrived on site this morning to start replacing the perimeter fencing around the school premises. The project will be completed in stages and may cause a little disruption during the process. Thank you for working around this at the beginning and end of the school day over the next few weeks.

### Headteacher Award – Tolerance

We started the half term thinking about the importance of tolerance in our school community and in the wider world. Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs is one of the fundamental British values and an important part of our mission to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Class teachers chose children who had been particularly good at demonstrating tolerance in a range of situations to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Thank you for setting such a fantastic example to us all, children.

Toby T – Rec S	Kiara P – 1S	Charlotte S – 2S	
Roman S - Rec P	Theia McC – 1P	Isabella W – 2P	
Eddie T – 3S	Charlotte M – 4S	Jaxon L – 5S	Ella M-N – 6S
Sam K – 3P	Patrick K – 4P	Luca P – 5P	Alba P – 6P

### Silent Discos

Children (and staff) had so much fun last Friday when each class enjoyed their very own ‘Silent Disco’. It was wonderful to see children dancing and having such a good time with their friends. A huge thank you to Starkidz who did a wonderful job accommodating 14 discos – not an easy task! Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/silent-discos/> .

### Congratulations Footballers

**Boys’ Football Team:** The boys’ football team did a tremendous job in their league games on Monday. They won 2 out of 3 of their games and are currently in second position in the top league. Fantastic job boys!

**Girls’ Football Team:** The girls’ football team (whites) also played extremely well in their league games on Monday. They did a sterling job and showed tremendous team spirit, finishing middle of the table. Well done girls!

Thank you to Mrs Garlick, Mrs Farley and Mr Jacques who have given their time so generously to coach the teams and organise the matches.

### Year 3&4 Girls’ Football

To celebrate International Women’s Day, some of the girls in Years 3&4 took part in the Biggest Ever Football Session, a countrywide event aiming to break the record of 475,000 girls playing football. The girls played a number of matches in mini tournaments organised by Mrs Farley. It was terrific to see so many girls getting involved and having fun. Many thanks to Mrs Farley and the Year 6 girls who helped to run this event.

### Swimming Gala Trials

It was wonderful to have a number of children from Years 5&6 put themselves forward for the swimming gala trials before half term. All the children who took part in the trials did a tremendous job and we are very proud of them. Mrs Grant will be speaking to children who entered the trials next week to confirm the final team. They will be representing school in the swimming gala which takes place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at Dunes Leisure Centre.

### Dodgeball Tournament

Mrs Williams took 26 children (3 teams) from Year 4 to Christ the King High School this morning to take part in a dodgeball tournament. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, giving their all in each game and finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Fantastic children – we are very proud of you! Thank you to Mrs Williams for accompanying the children to the tournament.

### Attendance

Many thanks for your support with children’s attendance. We had our highest attendance to date, yesterday, with only 3 children being absent across school. So much happens within the school day, academically and socially, and children miss out on lots of opportunities when they are not here.

Congratulations to 2P who had 100% attendance last week and to 4S & 4P who have had the highest attendance this week.

If you feel that you would benefit from some support with your child’s attendance, please contact school so that we work together to make the necessary improvements.

