



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Children have been very busy over the last fortnight, working hard and enjoying lots of different activities. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/class-pages-2/> for information about children's learning.

Headteacher Award – Serving Others

Last Friday was the official launch day for the Jubilee Year in school. We talked about the theme, Pilgrims of Hope, in our assemblies and children spent the afternoon thinking of different things we can do as part of this very special year. Serving others will be an integral part of the year ahead and class teachers chose children who have been doing this already to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Fantastic job!

Charlotte B – Rec S	Harper U – 1S	Evelyn G – 2S	
Harry S - Rec P	Charlotte McL – 1P	Arthur J – 2P	
Phoebe H – 3S	Oliver B – 4S	Daisy-Mae McC – 5S	Elsie A – 6S
Alexander L – 3P	Natalia R – 4P	Leon K – 5P	Molly M – 6P

Lois McG from 6P has been serving others in a very special way recently. She gave up some of her own time to collect Christmas trees as part of the Queenscourt Hospice Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Service. Well done Lois!

Religious Education - Community

Children in Years 2-6 have recently been exploring the theme of Community in their Religious Education lessons. As part of this topic in Year 4, Clive visited school to talk to the children about his role in the Parish community and discuss different ways in which they can play a part too.

Children in Reception and Year 1 started a new Religious Education curriculum before Christmas, called To Know You More Clearly. Their theme for this half term is From Galilee to Bethlehem. As part of their work, Year 1 have been learning about Jesus' Mission to help those in need and to share the Good News of God's love. They looked at how plants need light to grow, just as we grow in God's love. Following this, children planted daffodil bulbs, decorating the plant pots with messages and images of the Good News. Children are donating these plants to members of the Parish. <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/year-1-plants-for-our-parish/>

We are very much looking forward to taking children to Church again this half term with children from **Year 5** attending the Parish Mass on **Thursday 6th February** at **10am**. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us – it would be lovely to see you there! If you would like to visit Church and 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

Parents' Evenings

Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents after half term to discuss children's progress. Children have lots to be proud of and their books are full of tremendous work. Information about making appointments has been emailed to parents this week. If you have not received this initial communication, please speak to your class teacher. Appointment times will be emailed to parents during the week beginning 10th February 2025. As in previous years, you are welcome to request a telephone appointment if this is more convenient for you.

Enrichment Activities

Children in Year 1 have been on two exciting visits over the last fortnight. Last week they went to Christ the King High School for a Multi-Skills afternoon. This week they enjoyed a trip to Clitheroe Castle as part of the History work on Castles.

Headteacher Award – Reading

Reading is fundamental to education. Being able to read fluently increases children's confidence, supporting their comprehension of different texts across the curriculum. In school staff prioritise the teaching of reading and work hard to promote a love of reading in each class. This week, class teachers chose children who are making excellent progress with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award. Keep up the good work, children!

Flora B – Rec S	Alfie F – 1S	Charlie B – 2S	
Lennon S - Rec P	Callum R – 1P	Logan M – 2P	
Kevin C-B – 3S	Elizabetha D – 4S	George G – 5S	Charlie C – 6S
Sam K – 3P	Pearl B-O'F – 4P	Lucy L – 5P	Adam K – 6P

Thank you to all parents who ensure that children read at home throughout the week. This makes such a difference to children's progress and we do appreciate your support with this.

Eco-Council – Reducing Single Use Plastic Bottles

Our Eco-Councillors play a key role in helping us to follow Pope Francis' message about looking after our common home. Some of the councillors spoke in last week's Housepoint Assembly about minimising the number of single-use plastic bottles across school. Whilst we can recycle plastic bottles, reducing our reliance on these single-use products is even better. The Eco-Council are going to count up all the plastic bottles in use this week, and then regularly, to hopefully reduce them / phase them out by the end of the year.

Coffee Morning – Sefton Mental Health Team

Many thanks to Chris from Sefton's Mental Health Team who spoke to parents about 'The Anxious Child' last week during our coffee morning. It was great to see parents attending this event which was full of useful information and provided an opportunity for people to discuss any concerns or queries with Chris. A little reminder that our next coffee morning is on **13th March** from **9.00am-10.00am**. The theme will be **Sleep & Screen Time**. Thank you to Mrs Garlick for organising these events.

Labelling Uniform

A polite request to all parents regarding children's uniform. Please can you ensure that you label all items of children's uniform, especially their jumpers or cardigans. Throughout the day, children often take off their jumpers/ cardigans and they can easily get mixed up or misplaced. We are very mindful of the cost of these items and do not want parents to be in a position where their child's jumper or cardigan has gone missing. If your child goes home in a jumper or cardigan that does not belong to them, please alert the class teacher so that items can be returned to their rightful owner the next day in school. Names that are written on labels in pen can quickly wash off so we would be very grateful if you could ensure you are checking children's labels regularly. Thank you for your help with this.

Attendance

Thank you for all your support with children's attendance. Children miss so much when they are off school, not only academically but socially too. We monitor children's attendance very closely, particularly if it drops below 95%. Children are considered to be 'persistently absent' if their attendance drops below 90% and they are then discussed with the Local Authority. In this instance, staff will be in touch with you about how to resolve this. If you feel that you would benefit from any support with your child's attendance, please get in touch with school as we are keen to help in any way we can.

Well done to 2S who had 100% attendance last week and Rec P for 100% attendance this week. Fantastic! Congratulations also to the following children in 5S who had 100% attendance last half term:

Freya D, Lucas D, Isaac H, Harry R, Lily-Rose U, Xavier W & Connor W

Upcoming Events

14th February: Mufti Day for Air Ambulance

5th March: Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)

6th March: World Book Day – Children can dress as a favourite book character or come in their pyjamas with a favourite bedtime story.

Please refer to the 'Calendar – Dates for the Diary' for more events that are taking place throughout the year.

