



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Happy New Year! It was wonderful to see everyone return to school last week and we are very proud of how quickly the children have settled back into school routines. Please see the Class Pages <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/> for more information about the term ahead.

Headteacher Award – Courage

Throughout the year we strive to live out our school values: Helping Others, Friendship, Courage, Respect, Trust and Loyalty. This half term we are focusing on ‘Courage’. We talked about this in our assemblies on Monday and class teachers chose children who have shown courage in different ways throughout the week to receive the Headteacher Award. Congratulations children!

Emily T – Rec S	Darcy M – 1S	Ada R – 2S	
Edie C-J - Rec P	Elliott L – 1P	Adaline K – 2P	
Leo K – 3S	Ruby L – 4S	Ethan C – 5S	Macie T – 6S
Martins U – 3P	Imogen C – 4P	Lily B – 5P	Ophelia F – 6P

Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

Despite being 88, Pope Francis shows courage on a daily basis and is such a positive role model to us all. He has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year, with the theme for the year being Pilgrims of Hope. On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter’s Basilica to mark the beginning of this exciting year which will run until 6th January 2026. For more information about the Jubilee Year, please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/2025-pilgrims-of-hope-jubilee/> or watch the short clip on <https://youtu.be/FB15SCO2J88>

In school, children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are currently in the process of creating their very own Holy Door by the school office to help us celebrate this special year. Watch this space

Congratulations Footballers

Some of the boys in Year 6 took part in a futsal tournament on Wednesday. They scored a tremendous 14 goals in total – very impressive! We are very proud of the players, not just because of their victory but also because of their terrific team spirit and sportsmanship on and off the pitch. Thank you to Mrs Garlick and Mr Kelleher for supporting the boys at the tournament. Staff are very generous with their time, particularly in terms of coaching the team ahead of events (Mrs Garlick) and this is much appreciated.

PE- Spring

Children have started their new topics in PE and are enjoying a range of sports and activities across school. The final group of children in Reception will be completing their cycling lessons next week, helping them to ride their bikes without stabilisers. Neil from PDS is teaching Years 2, 3 and 5 and Miss Katherine is teaching ballet to the children in Reception and Year 1. Children made a wonderful start with their lessons last week and are thoroughly enjoying these opportunities. Please ensure that children are wearing the correct PE kit when they come into school on their PE days. Children need to wear a white T shirt, plain navy shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and pumps/trainers, with their school jumper or cardigan.

A little reminder that **Year 4** will continue their swimming lessons until half term, with their final lesson being on **30th January 2025**. **Year 3** will start their swimming lessons on **Thursday 27th February**.

Parents’ Evenings

Advance notice that we will be having Parents Evenings after half term. For parents of children in **Key Stage 1**, Parents Evenings will be on **Wednesday 26th February and Thursday 27th February**. Parents Evenings for **Key Stage 2** will be on **Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March**. Parents will be able to arrange either face-to-face meetings or telephone meetings, depending upon which works best for each family. We will be sending out request slips a little nearer the time.

Headteacher Award – Mission Statement

*Faithfully following in the footsteps of Jesus,
we serve, love and learn together, inspiring each other to excellence*

As we continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, class teachers chose children who have been excellent examples of our Mission Statement to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations children – what a great start to the year!

Aibhlinn G – Rec S	Joshua W-H – 1S	Evangeline R – 2S	
Alice A - Rec P	Amelia M-K – 1P	Annabelle S – 2P	
Nellie B – 3S	Holly S – 4S	Freya D – 5S	Joseph T – 6S
Sophie A – 3P	Bobby S – 4P	Ethan B – 5P	Maggie W – 6P

We are very much looking forward to taking children to Church again this half term. 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

School Councils – Southport Learning Partnership

Members of our School and Eco Councils do a great job gathering the views of their peers and sharing ideas about ways in which we can improve things in school and in the local community. School Councils across Southport had to vote for a charity they would like to support as a collective this year and the winner overall was Air Ambulance. With this in mind, all schools in Southport will be having a mufti day on **14th February** to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Coffee Morning – Sefton Mental Health Team

A little reminder that we are having a coffee morning for parents in the school hall on **Thursday 23rd January** from **9.00-10.00am**. Chris from Sefton's Mental Health Team will be talking to parents about 'The Anxious Child' and discussing different strategies to support children effectively. All parents are very welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

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. Each half term we celebrate children who have been in school every day as this is a terrific achievement. In December a significant number of children received the Headteacher Award for 100% attendance for the half term. Unfortunately, due to a technical glitch, a number of children were left off the list and therefore didn't receive their award. We resolved this last week and I was delighted to congratulate the following children for their attendance in Autumn 2:

1P: Isabelle A, Lola E, Eloise H, Amelia M-K, Theia McC, Jack M, Harrison O'S, Maia P, Wilfred P, Callum R, Rosie T & Poppy W

2P: Gabriella G, Isla J, Ellie L, Ophelia L-J-C, Marianne L, Louis P, Lula R, Annabelle S, Oscar T & Isabella W

6S: Elsie A, Rose B-O'F, Joseph C, Zach C, Betsy H, Adam H, Grace K, Finn M, Lenny M, Joseph T, Disali V & Mary W

Congratulations to 3P who had 100% attendance last week and to 1P who had 100% attendance this week. What a terrific start to the year!

If your child's attendance is less than 95% we monitor this very closely and may contact you to chat through any challenges you might be having. In the event that your child's attendance falls below 90%, this is a significant concern for school and the Local Authority. Therefore, 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.

