



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 8

20th December 2024

Dear Parents,

Not long now until Santa arrives! Levels of excitement are at an all-time high and staff and children are ready for the Christmas break after a magical, final week in school. This has been a very busy term and I am so proud of everyone in our school community.

Thank you all for your support throughout the term. Working closely together makes such a difference to everyone and is the best way to help children thrive. It is such a privilege to see them shining in different ways each day in school. They are amazing young people!

I hope that whatever your plans are over Christmas, you have a wonderful time filled with joy, peace and happiness. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Best wishes

Mrs. R. Halsall

Christmas Dinner

A huge thank you to Chris and the catering team for preparing 280 Christmas dinners on Wednesday. The hall was filled with Christmas music and there was a wonderfully festive atmosphere making it a special occasion for all involved. Our catering team work extremely hard throughout the year and we really appreciate all their efforts, not to mention their endless positivity. Thank you, ladies!

Christmas Parties

Children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties yesterday. They participated in a range of Christmas activities and played a variety of party games. In the afternoon, children had party food and school was filled with Christmas music and lots of dancing. Children in Key Stage 1 had a visit from a very special guest who made time in his busy schedule to come and collect their letters and talk about the magic of Christmas Eve. It was great to see children in each class having an afternoon of fun – very well deserved after all their hard work throughout the term. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/christmas-parties> for some photographs.

Advent Visits to Church & Christmas Mass Times

Children in Year 1 were the final class to visit Church on Tuesday to share an Advent reflection with Fr John and Linda. Amidst all the excitement, these reflections have been such special times for staff and children to experience a sense of peace and joy. Following each reflection, children have decorated angels with either prayers or key words about how they will share love with others. These angels will be displayed in the Churches of St Patrick's and St Marie's over the coming weeks.

If you would like to attend Mass over Christmas and see children's angels, please see below for the times:

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve: 6p.m. St Patrick's, 12 Midnight St Marie's

Christmas Day & New Year's Day: 9.30a.m. St Marie's 11a.m. St Patrick's

Pupil Voice

Children recently completed some pupil questionnaires to gather their views about different aspects of school life. It was fantastic to read that all our children love seeing Fr John in school and enjoy their visits to Church. Many thanks to Fr John and Linda for giving their time so generously to create so many opportunities for our school family.

2024 – Year of Prayer/ Jubilee Year – 2025

At the beginning of 2024, Pope Francis asked for a Year of Prayer, ahead of 2025 which will be a Jubilee Year with the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. Prayer forms an integral part of the school day in all classes with children having opportunities to pray in different ways. We look forward to 2025 and all the opportunities that the Jubilee Year brings.

Thank You Knights of St Columba

Thank you to Tony Hogan from the Knights of St Columba who recently completed a sponsored walk to raise money for the Catholic schools in Southport. Tony came into school this week to give us £150 which was a lovely surprise. Many thanks Tony!

Headteacher Awards – Attendance

Our final Headteacher Award of the term was presented to children who had achieved 100% attendance from Tuesday 5th November up to Wednesday 18th December. Well done to all our winners!

Rec S: Carter B, Charlie B, Lily C, Leo D, Myla F, Xanthe M, Gabriel M, Evie P & Toby T

Rec P: Alice A, Isaiah A, Edie C-J, Grace D, Ilaria H, Archie H, Finley K, Iris P, Thea P, Harley S, Lennon S, Harry S, Rory S & Roman S

1S: Polly D, Eddie H, Maisie H, Rory J, Edward P, Elowen P, Harriett R, Joshua W-H & Marco Z

2S: William B, Iden B, Hugo C, George L, Evangeline R & Fleur V

3S: Isla C, Halle F, Lilah H, Victoria K, Leo K, Florence P, Madeleine R, Khaleesi S, Alana S & Francis W-M

3P: Jack A, Amy A, Sophie A, Olivia B, Winniemae C-K, Billy H, Sophia H, Francesca H, Ava M, Herbie M, Georgia R, Prithak S & Sandra V

4S: Benjamin A, Oliver B, Jordan C, Teddy D, David G, Alfie H, Ruby L, Kacper M, Leighton S, Holly S, Lucas T, Yves V & Tyler W

4P: Pearl B-O'F, James B, Imogen C, Miles C, Jesse D, Teddy F, Regan K, Mackenzie M, Alfie O, Alfie R, Natalia R & Ruth W

5P: Lily B, Antoni G, Evie H, Eli J, Anya K, Edward K, Leon K, Amy M & Sabrina M-T

6P: Paschalis A, Liam B, Jonas C, Lucas D, Joseph D, William F, Adam K, Antoni K, Jakub M, Alba P, Meredith P, Emily S, Maggie W, Isla W & Esmé Y

PE Days – Spring 1

Children will be having PE on the following days after half term:

Reception – Monday

Year 1S – Monday & Tuesday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3S – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4 – Monday & Thursday Swimming

Year 6S – Thursday & Friday

Year 1P - Monday & Thursday

Year 3P – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 – Wednesday & Friday

Year 6P – Tuesday & Friday

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.

Uniform

A little reminder that children are only allowed to wear trainers on their PE days. Over the last couple of weeks there have been an increasing number of children wearing trainers with their school uniform. Whilst we can understand the challenges of buying new school shoes in the run up to Christmas, we are looking forward to seeing children wearing the appropriate footwear in January. If you are struggling financially and finding it difficult to buy the correct uniform, please contact school and we will try to signpost you to potential avenues of support.

Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for ParentPay so far this year. ParentPay will be used to collect money for school trips throughout the year so even if you are not paying for a school dinner for your child, we appreciate you signing up now. Weekly reminders are sent out to anyone who has not yet registered their child. However, if you are experiencing any problems, please contact the school office in the New Year.

Contact Details

Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for at least 2 different adults per child. In the event of an emergency, we need to be able to reach people quickly. If your contact details change, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can update our records accordingly. Thank you.

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 2nd September - Friday 24th October

Tuesday 4th November - Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February

Monday 23rd February – Wednesday 1st April

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

Monday 8th June – Friday 17th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 2nd January 2026

Friday 10th April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 4th May 2026

