



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 2

### 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

It has been a busy fortnight in school with children enjoying lots of different activities. For more information about their learning, please see

<https://stpatrickschurchtown.ovw4.juniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=325> .

#### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended the Reception S, Years 1&2 Parents' Evenings this week. We are very keen to work in close partnership with parents and class teachers really appreciated having the opportunity to discuss how children have settled into their new classes.

A little reminder that Parents' Evenings for the following classes are taking place next week.

**Reception P, Years 3,4,5&6: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

#### Learn to Read – Read to Learn

Teaching children to read fluently is a priority across all classes in school and children have different opportunities to read and share texts every day. Reading unlocks the rest of the curriculum and is instrumental in children's progress in all subjects. This week, class teachers chose children who are working particularly hard with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award.

Tyson M – Rec S

Lily C – 1S

Paisley Q – 2S

Freddie F – 3S

Leo S – Rec P

Rory S – 1P

Jack M – 2P

Isla C – 3P

Madeleine R – 4S

Lucas T – 5S

George G – 6S

Jack A – 4P

Pearl B O'F – 5P

Raphael P – 6P

Reading with children at home has a significant impact on their reading progress and we really appreciate parents' support with this. Thank you.

#### Harvest Fast Day

Harvest Family Fast Day is on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** and provides us with an opportunity to help others. Children will be accessing the Season of Creation national assembly and reflecting on ways we can love and serve others in the local and wider community. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, children are invited to bring in an item of food (e.g., tin of beans, soup etc) which will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) who provide much needed support to people in times of need.

#### School & Eco Council Meetings

The School and Eco-Councils have had their first meetings over the last two weeks and have already shared some brilliant ideas for the year ahead. The Eco-Council have been discussing Fairtrade Fortnight which began on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Following their meeting, they shared the information with their classes. Please see the attached letter for more details.

#### Congratulations Footballers!

The boys' football team played in their first tournament on Tuesday. They showed tremendous team spirit and were excellent ambassadors for St Patrick's. Thank you to Mr Kelleher, Mrs Farley and Mr Becker who organised the team and supported them on Tuesday.

#### After School Clubs

Last year, 288 children attended After School Clubs across the year which was fantastic, and we are looking forward to starting our After School Clubs during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October. If any parents would like to get involved in running/ helping with an After School Club or coaching a school team, we would love to have you on board. Please contact the school office ([admin@stpatricks.sefton.school](mailto:admin@stpatricks.sefton.school)) if you would like to discuss this further.

## School Mission Day

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

We had a special day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September as each class celebrated our Mission Statement, which is at the heart of everything we do at school. Children in Key Stage 2 had their first Mass of the year with Fr John and it was a lovely way to welcome everyone back to our school family.

Class teachers chose children who have been wonderful examples of how to follow in Jesus' footsteps to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations, children!

Toby H – Rec S

Edward B – 1S

Polly D – 2S

Evie N – 3S

Max M – Rec P

Isaiah A – 1P

Rosie T – 2P

Arthur J – 3P

Isla C – 4S

Charlotte M – 5S

Macie G – 6S

Olivia B – 4P

Felicity B – 5P

Lily B – 6P

## With You Always

Lots of children in Year 4 will be starting the With You Always programme this weekend. This programme prepares children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) later in the year. This is a very special time for our Year 4 children as they start this journey together and we are keeping the children and their families in our prayers.

If you would like to take attend Mass at the weekend or on weekdays, 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

## Support for Parents - Sefton Mental Health Team

Staff from the Wave 8 Sefton Mental Health Team provide invaluable support to staff and pupils in school and the team are offering a range of support for parents:

1. Chris and Ellie from the team attended the Parents' Evening on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September and are also attending on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** from **3.30-4.30pm**. They will be in the main entrance and are keen to speak to any parents who may want to find out more about the service and support they offer.
2. Chris and Ellie are also leading a workshop for parents on **Friday 3rd October** in the **School Hall at 9-10am**. The focus of this session will centre around settling your child into a new school year, which we know can present some challenges. You will also have the opportunity to talk through any associated concerns you may have regarding your child's emotional wellbeing and mental health.
3. We are taking part in a pilot scheme of online workshops led by the Mental Health Support Team at Alder Hey. This will enable you to access support from the comfort of your own home in a welcoming, informal online space led by professionals. The dates and links for the first of these workshops are: **Thursday 9th October 17:00-18:00**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3999939245563?p=jZSypibcaVzIuZzXqP>

and **Friday 10th October 09:30-10:30**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3193569528227?p=585KKgm0GBPAAcXkpE>

(Please note that whilst two dates are offered, the workshop is the same.)

## PTA/ Parents' Forum

A huge thank you to the parents who have expressed an interest to be involved in our PTA/ Parents' Forum. We are delighted that parents are able to support us with the organisation of different fundraising opportunities and are keen to help with this. We will be arranging an initial meeting to discuss this following next week's Parents' Evenings.

## Fundraising - Christmas Cards

As mentioned in our last newsletter, children will be designing their own Christmas cards over the next couple of weeks, which we will be selling to raise funds for school later in the term. You will receive an example of your child's design on a Christmas card and then have the option of ordering cards or gifts featuring their artwork. We will send out more information about this nearer the time but wanted to give plenty of notice ahead of any potential Christmas preparations.

