



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

December is a magical month in school. It has been lovely to hear about advent calendars and all the adventures that children's elves have been having. As ever, school has been a very busy place over the last fortnight and we appreciate the tremendous support from parents with different activities and events.

### Christmas Productions

Children from Reception up to Year 4 have been busy performing in their Christmas productions over the last 2 weeks. School has been filled with Christmas songs and nativity costumes – a joy to behold! Thank you to all the staff involved in the performances and to all the parents and grandparents who were able to join us to watch each production. A huge well done to all the children. We are very proud of them!

### Christmas Jumper Day/ Santa Dash

Children looked very festive yesterday in their Christmas jumpers and accessories. They had lots of fun as they took part in a Santa Dash with their friends. This was a great way to get some exercise, fresh air and get into the Christmas spirit. Thank you to everyone who donated tins or packets of food for the Southport Soup Kitchen and Foodbank. Christmas can be a particularly challenging time of year for many people and your donations will make a real difference.

### Christmas Artwork

We have lots of budding artists in school and children have been busy making cards and pictures to provide some Christmas cheer for patients at Southport hospital. Thank you to Ilaria's Mum (1P) for giving us this opportunity. Children have thoroughly enjoyed being creative and are very keen to help others who are in hospital over the Christmas period. Children are having a D&T enrichment day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and will be making Christmas cards to bring home as part of the day's activities.

### Christmas Party Day

A little reminder that children will be having Christmas parties during the afternoon of **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. We are hoping that children from Key Stage 1 will have a visit from a very special someone during their party. Children are welcome to wear mufti clothes for the day. As children will be playing out at break times as usual, please ensure they still bring warm, waterproof coats and are wearing sensible shoes or trainers.

### Headteacher Award – Religious Education

Children from Reception to Year 4 have been exploring the topic of Prophecy and Promise over the last few weeks, with children in Years 5&6 focusing on the Come and See theme, Loving. Children work very hard in their Religious Education lessons and class teachers chose children who have done particularly well to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Molly F – Rec S  
Ariella R - Rec P  
Fleur V – 3S  
Theo R – 3P

Carter B – 1S  
Ilaria H – 1P  
Sofia S – 4S  
Billy H – 4P

Joshua W-H – 2S  
Scarlett P – 2P  
Lucas T – 5S  
Bobby S – 5P

Darcy-Rose B – 6S  
Bella S – 6P

### Advent Reflections

Children in Years 1-6 have enjoyed visiting Church with Fr John and Linda over the last few weeks. These have been lovely opportunities for children and staff to spend time together reflecting on the wonderful gifts of Advent and Christmas. Children in Reception will be visiting Church on Tuesday afternoon. Many thanks to Fr John and Linda for giving their time so generously to make these reflections possible.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

A number of children in Year 4 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week as part of their preparation on the With You Always programme. The children were terrific and this was a very special celebration. Thank you to Fr John and the Catechists for all their work with children on the With You Always programme.

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

Fr John is available before each weekday Mass at St Marie's and before every Mass at St Patrick's if anyone would like to celebrate this Sacrament. There is also a Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm - 8pm at Holy Family Church.

## Christmas Mass Times

If you would like to attend Mass at Christmas and see the artwork that children have been creating linked to their Advent Reflections, please see below for the appropriate Mass times:

**Christmas Eve:** 6p.m. St Patrick's & 12 Midnight St Marie's

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

## Headteacher Award – Responsibility

As we prepare children to become young adults, developing a sense of responsibility is an important part of school life. Children enjoy having different roles in school and take pride in helping others. Class teachers chose children who have been taking on different responsibilities to receive the Headteacher Award today. Congratulations children!

Dorian P – Rec S

Flora B – 1S

Lucy R – 2S

Sadie L - Rec P

Micah E – 1P

Edward C – 2P

Ada R – 3S

Phoebe H – 4S

Ruby M – 5S

Angelynn C – 6S

Ethan D – 3P

Sandra V – 4P

Natalia R – 5P

Oscar H – 6P

## Attendance

Thank you for ensuring children have good attendance. So much happens within the school day and children really miss out when they are not in school. Improving school attendance is a national priority and there is some guidance available (see below) to support parents in the event they are unsure as to whether children are too poorly to attend school. Staff are able to administer medication, if needed. In the event that your child needs any medicine, please pass it into the school office and complete a form that will then be shared with their class teacher.

[NHS Guidance for Parents](#)

## Year 6 SATs Meeting – January 2026

The children in Year 6 have been working very hard and have had a tremendously successful term. Advance notice that we will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm**. This is an opportunity for parents to find out more about the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) that will be taking place during the week beginning **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Staff will be sharing information about the week itself and also about ways in which you can help your child to prepare for these tests. We are hoping that lots of parents are able to join us for the meeting.

