



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 4 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support this half term, it is much appreciated. I am so proud of our children (and staff) who have been working incredibly hard. You are in for a treat when you see the children's work at the upcoming Parents' Evenings. In the meantime, I hope that you all have a wonderful week off and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes

Mrs R. Halsall

### **Disco Fever!**

Children had a fantastic time at the Autumn Discos. The hall was filled with fashion, dancing, food and fun! It was wonderful to see children letting their hair down and having a great time with their friends. Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets. We raised a tremendous £806, which class teachers are using to buy games and activities for wet breaktimes.

Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/autumn-discos/> and children's Class Pages for some photographs.

### **Headteacher Award – Celebrating Difference**

At St Patrick's, we believe that every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and we celebrate our differences and the things that make us unique. As we prepare children for life in modern Britain, we teach children about equality and the importance of celebrating individuality and diversity. Last week, class teachers chose children who are shining examples of this to receive the Headteacher Award. Well done children!

Gabriel M – Rec S

Peyton M – 1S

Iden B – 2S

Ilaria H - Rec P

Orla H – 1P

Marianne L – 2P

Lottie G – 3S

Niamh T – 4S

Connor W – 5S

Rose B-O'F – 6S

Ewa G – 3P

Regan K – 4P

Edward K – 5P

Jonas C – 6P

### **Year 5 – Trips to Martin Mere**

Year 5 have recently enjoyed school trips to Martin Mere linked to their learning in History about Anglo-Saxons. Children spent time as villagers in their settlement learning different skills and experiencing life as an Anglo-Saxon. All the children were excellent ambassadors for our school, despite some torrential rain for 5S which didn't dampen their spirits in the slightest. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/year-5s-1/> and <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/year-5p-2/> for photographs from the trips.

### **Local Offer Live**

Sefton are holding a Local Offer Live event on 30<sup>th</sup> October to give parents an opportunity to find out more about services for children with Special Educational Needs and their families. Please see <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-patricks-catholic-southport/UploadedDocument/b92c432d-72e9-49bc-9ac9-bd8cfcf3fae5/local-offer-live-poster.png> for more information.

### **Boys' & Girls' Football Teams**

Children in our football teams have played their next round of matches and we are so proud of them all. The boys were victorious, winning both their games. The girls also played well and gave their all. Thank you to the children and teachers involved, including Mrs Garlick, Mrs Farley and Mr Kelleher. Our teams always represent school brilliantly, demonstrating terrific sportsmanship on and off the pitch.

### October – Praying the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary and our children joined a worldwide community of prayer on 18<sup>th</sup> October, praying the Rosary for peace and unity alongside children from many different countries. The aim of this campaign was for a million children across the world to form one family across borders, united in prayer. In total, a fantastic 1,188,755 children took part which was tremendous.

### Visits to Church

Year 6 joined members of the Parish last week when they attended Mass at St Patrick's Church. This was a very special experience, following which the children had a Q&A session with Fr John linked to their work in Religious Education about Vocation and Commitment. The children asked some great questions to deepen their understanding. Thank you to Fr John for giving our Year 6 children this opportunity. Year 1 also spent some time in Church on Monday as part of their learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. Seeing the baptismal font and the Easter Candle really helped to bring their learning to life.

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 & Eco-Councils

Our School and Eco-Councillors have made a great start to the year and have been sharing lots of super ideas and suggestions. The School Council have proposed that we have a '**Crazy Hair Day**' which will be taking place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** to raise money for children and families in need in the local area. Children are invited to wear mufti clothes and crazy hairstyles with a suggested donation of £1 per child. The Eco-Council will be hosting a **Christmas Jumper Swap** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** to give people an opportunity to recycle their Christmas jumpers ahead of December. If you have any Christmas jumpers that are in good condition but no longer fit your child/ren, you are welcome to bring them into school from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Advance notice that we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, children are welcome to come into school in odd socks on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. Wearing odd socks is a symbol that everyone is unique and is designed to promote acceptance of diversity. As part of the week, we are looking forward to welcoming Grandad Wheels into school. This should be an exciting visit and an opportunity for the children to hear about Grandad Wheels' adventures and talk about different issues affecting wheelchair users and people with disabilities.

### Phonics Information Evening

Mrs Shirley has sent out a letter today to parents of Reception children inviting them to an information session about Phonics. We have a 'Phonics First' approach to teaching reading and writing at school, using Pearson Bug Club Phonics which is one of the programmes accredited by the DfE. If, for any reason, you have not received this letter, please contact Mrs Shirley after half term.

### PE Days – Autumn 2

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

Reception – Thursday

Year 1S – Tuesday & Friday

Year 1P – Monday & Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3S – Monday & Tuesday

Year 3P – Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 – Thursday & Friday (Thursday - Swimming from 21<sup>st</sup> November)

Year 5 – Monday & Thursday (Thursday - Swimming until 14<sup>th</sup> November)

Year 6 – Wednesday & Friday

### End of the School Day

A little reminder that children are not permitted to ride bikes on the school premises or to play on the school playgrounds or field at the end of the school day. In the interests of everyone's safety, we encourage children and parents to leave the school grounds promptly after school so that we can lock the school gates as quickly as possible. Thank you for your help with this.

## Attendance

Many thanks for your support ensuring that children are in school each day. Congratulations to 4S who have had the best attendance since September at 98.4%.

So much happens within the school day and children miss out socially and academically when they are absent. In line with statutory and local authority guidelines, we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time and taking your child away during school time could result in a fine. Please refer to <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/attendance/> for school's Attendance Policy and documentation from Sefton and the Department for Education for more information.

This week, the following children received the Headteacher Award for 100% attendance. What a fantastic start to the year – well done children!

**Rec S:** Carter B, Edward B, Lily C, Oscar D, Leo D, Myla F, Aibhlinn G, Blaine M, Xanthe M, Gabriel M, Evie P, Alice P, Emily T, Toby T & Ellis T

**Rec P:** Alice A, Isaiah A, Grace D, Micah E, Eleanor H, Sam K, Cecilia L, Iris P, Lennon S, Harry S & Rory S

**1S:** Berry C, Albie F, Amelie F, Alfie F, Rory J, Grace M, Edward P, Elowen P, Harriett R, Lucy R & Thazveen S

**1P:** Gabriel B, Edward C, Lola E, Elliott L, Amelia MK, Charlotte M, Scarlett P, Wilfred P, Callum R & Poppy W

**2S:** Charlie B, Arlo C, Freddie F, Evelyn G, George L, Emmy M, Evangeline R, Ada R, Oliver U, Fleur V & Xian V

**2P:** Poppy C-M, Gabriella G, Pheobe H, Isla J, Adaline K, Ellie L, Ophelia L-J-C, Marianne L, Louis P, Lula R & Isabella W

**3S:** Jack B, Kevin C-B, Isla C, Halle F, Layla G, Adrian H, Phoebe H, Lilah H & Francis W-M

**3P:** Amy A, Sophie A, Olivia B, Beth G, Billy H, Elias H, Sophia H, Sam K, Ava M, Lucia M-L, Georgia R, Prithak S, Joshua S, Olivia S, Sandra V & Lily W

**4S:** Benjamin A, Penny B, Oliver B, Darragh C, Jordan C, Teddy D, David G, Alfie H, Ruby L, Charlotte M, Ruby M, Kacper M, Josh M, Lucas T, Elliott T, Niamh T & Tyler W

**4P:** Alice A, Pearl B-O'F, Imogen C, Miles C, Archie H, Regan K, Mackenzie M, Teddy N, Alfie O, Alfie R, Natalia R, Lukas S, Bobby S & Ruth W

**5S:** Arthur B, Darcy-Rose B, George G, Isaac H, Mia H, Jaxon L, Ruby P, Lily-Rose U & Xavier W

**5P:** Connie B, Ethan B, Oscar H, Anya K, Edward K, Leon K, Lucy L & Leila McD

**6S:** Elsie A, Rose B-O'F, Zach C, Finnbar C, Charlie C, Betsy H, Adam H, Jacob J, Finn M, Lenny M, Thea P, Joseph T, Yesmika V & Caden G

**6P:** Liam B, Jonas C, Skye C, Lucas D, Joseph D, Bobby G, Lois McG, Jakub M, Aidan M, Joshua P, Mason S, Matilda T, Noah T & Maggie W

## Term Dates: 2025-26

We have uploaded the term dates for 2025-26 on the school website. These can be found on <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/term-dates/>.

## RSHE – Journey in Love

In line with our statutory requirements, we deliver lessons about health and relationships at age appropriate levels. In school, we follow 'A Journey in Love', which is the whole school programme recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool to support the delivery of Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). We have uploaded information for parents about the curriculum content within each year group. During the next half term, children will be exploring the social and emotional strands of this programme. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/rshe/> for more information. If you would like to discuss any aspects of this programme, please contact school.

