



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Happy New Year! Children have made a great start to the spring term and have had a busy fortnight since returning last week. It has been wonderful to see them settle back into school routines so quickly and enjoy starting new topics.

Headteacher Award – Positive Attitude to Learning

Staff encourage children to have a positive attitude towards their learning and to approach new tasks with enthusiasm and determination. Class teachers chose children who have made a terrific start to the new term by embracing new challenges to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations, children!

Evie W – Rec S	Toby T – 1S	Edward P – 2S	
Margaret S - Rec P	Finley K – 1P	Theia McC – 2P	
Iden B – 3S	Florence P – 4S	Elliott T – 5S	Ruby P – 6S
Poppy C – 3P	Beth G – 4P	Patrick K – 5P	Eli J – 6P

We talked about the power of positivity and gratitude in our assemblies last week and each class has been thinking of different things they are grateful for at the end of each day. Lots of older people in the Parishes of St Patrick's and St Marie's were very thankful over Christmas to receive some of the artwork that children had created linked to their Advent Reflections. We have had a number of photographs sent into school showing people receiving different pictures which have been lovely to see. We also received a letter from Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals thanking the children for the cards and pictures sent to patients in hospital over the Christmas period. What a wonderful gift – thank you children!

PE – Spring 1

Children have started their new topics in PE and are enjoying a range of sports and activities across school. Neil and Shane from PDS are teaching Years 2, 3, 5 & 6, and Miss Jennifer is teaching ballet to the children in Reception and Year 1. Children have made a wonderful start with their lessons 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 **Thursday 12th February**. Following this, **Year 3** will start their swimming lessons on **Thursday 26th February**.

Year 2 – Mini Chefs

Children in Year 2 had a wonderful time making pizzas in their Design & Technology lessons last week. Children selected their preferred base and chose from a wide range of toppings to create their pizza. Following this was the all-important taste test and evaluation of their finished product. A good time was had by all and it was fantastic to see all the different creations. Fantastic job everyone!

Year 6 SATs Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 6 meeting on Monday evening. It was terrific to have such a great turn out and we are hoping that parents found the meeting informative and helpful. We are very proud of children in Year 6 who are working incredibly hard and doing a great job as role models for the rest of the school. Many thanks to Mr Kelleher for leading the meeting and to Mrs Farley for her input too.

French Celebration Afternoon

Children will be enjoying a French Celebration Afternoon next week on **Friday 23rd January**. This will involve each class exploring different aspects of French culture and participating in a range of activities. Children are welcome to wear accessories (e.g. hair ribbon, socks) representing the colours of the French flag (blue, white and red) with their school uniform if they would like to do so.

NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe

In an ever-changing world, it is important that children understand they have the right to feel safe and know how they can keep themselves safe in different situations. The NSPCC share materials with schools and parents to support children with resources at age-appropriate levels. Next week, children will be exploring some of these resources as part of their PSHE lessons.

Headteacher Award – Courage

Courage is our school value for this half term and children have been exploring different scripture passages linked to courage this week in their Celebration of the Word sessions. Class teachers chose children who have shown courage in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award in our assemblies today. It was great to hear about all the ways children have been courageous. Well done!

Seamus T – Rec S	Emily T – 1S	Aisha K – 2S	
Theodora F - Rec P	Archie H – 1P	Harrison O’S – 2P	
Xian V – 3S	Alana S – 4S	David G – 5S	Nicole C – 6S
Ophelia L-J-C – 3P	Winniemae C-K – 4P	Natalia R – 5P	Bella S – 6P

Parents’ Evenings

Advance notice that we will be having Parents’ Evenings after half term. For parents of children in **Key Stage 2**, Parents’ Evenings will be on **Wednesday 25th February and Thursday 26th February**. Parents’ Evenings for **Reception & Key Stage 1** will be on **Wednesday 4th March and Thursday 5th 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. Please check the calendar on the school website for upcoming events. <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/calendar/?calid=10,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9&pid=313&viewid=5>

Year 4 Workshop for Parents

A little reminder that on **Friday 6th February**, Mrs Taylor is running a meeting / workshop for parents of children in **Year 4** ahead of children completing the statutory **Multiplication Tables Check** during the week beginning **Monday 8th June 2026**. The workshop will start at **9.00am and last approximately 45 minutes**. Parents will have an opportunity to find out more about the Multiplication Tables Check and ways in which they can help your child to prepare for this. We are hoping that lots of parents are able to attend the workshop and look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

Mental Health Online Parent Support

As you are aware, we work closely with Alder Hey's Mental Health Support Team (MHST) who run intervention sessions for some of our children and families. To further their reach, the MHST run online workshops for parents to access from the comfort of their own home. The next online workshop is centred around emotional regulation and will take place on Thursday 22nd January 17:00-18:00 and Friday 23rd January 09:30-10:30. Please note, both sessions are the same, they are just offered at different times for your own convenience. If you are interested, please email your child's class teacher to obtain the link.

Year 5 & 6 Class Masses

Children love visiting Church and feel very much at home there. Children in **Year 6** will be attending Mass at St Patrick’s Church on **Thursday 22nd January at 10.00am** and **Year 5** will be attending Mass at St Patrick’s Church on **Thursday 5th February at 10.00am**. Parents and family members of children in Years 5&6 are invited to join the children at these Masses. It would be lovely to have you with us.

If you would like to visit Church and attend Mass at the weekend or through the week, 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

After School Clubs

We are running the following After School Clubs this half term:

Year 3: Multi Sports – Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 4.20pm

Year 4: Wellbeing Club – Thursdays from 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Year 5: Art Club – Wednesdays beginning 28th January from 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Year 6: Booster Clubs – Mondays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Many thanks to all staff who are giving their time to run these clubs at the end of a busy school day.

Attendance

Thank you to parents for your support with children’s attendance. So much happens within the school day and children miss out on learning and time with their friends when they are not in school. Congratulations to 3S who had 100% attendance last week and well done to 1P, 2P, 3S, 5P and 6P who all had 100% attendance this week. What a terrific start to the year!

