



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 10 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Children have been very busy over the last fortnight, working hard and enjoying lots of different activities. We are almost at the half way point of the academic year now and are so proud of the progress they have made. Thank you to parents for your ongoing help and support.

### Headteacher Award – Reading Progress

2026 is the National Year of Reading and has been created to help more people discover or rediscover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives. Reading is at the heart of the curriculum at school. Learning to read fluently with a good comprehension of the text is key to children's progress in all subjects and helps to prepare them for high school. Class teachers chose children who have made terrific progress with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Fantastic job children!

Henry S – Rec S	Ryan S – 1S	Marco Z – 2S	
Alfie B - Rec P	Harley S – 1P	Charlotte McL – 2P	
Rowan W – 3S	Kevin C-B – 4S	Oliver B – 5S	Alexis B – 6S
Adaline K – 3P	Sam K – 4P	Mason O'B – 5P	Ariana D – 6P

We ask that children read at home at least 3 times a week to support their reading fluency and comprehension. It can seem tricky to do this at the end of a busy day but even reading a few pages at a time really does make a difference.

### World Book Day Costume Sale

World Book Day is lots of fun in school with children dressing up in different costumes or wearing their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. It is a day when everyone shares their favourite books and does different activities to celebrate the joy of reading. This year, the Eco Council are having a sale ahead of World Book Day to provide an opportunity for people to recycle old costumes and buy new ones for a small donation, a fraction of the price of a new outfit. The sale is taking place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** after school, in the school hall. Thank you to people who have already donated costumes or accessories for the sale. We would love to have as many items as possible so please bring in anything you can to support this event.

### Parents' Evenings

Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents after half term to discuss children's progress. Children have lots to be proud of and their books are full of tremendous work. Information about making appointments has been emailed to parents this week. If you have not received this initial communication, please speak to your class teacher. Appointment times will be emailed to parents during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026. As in previous years, you are welcome to request a telephone appointment if this is more convenient for you.

### Year 1 – Plants for the Parish

As part of their Religious Education lessons, children in Year 1 have been very busy planting daffodils to give to parishioners from St Patrick's and St Marie's. They have decorated the plant pots with messages of love and peace and are excited to share them with others at the weekend Masses.

If you would like to 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

A little reminder that children from **Year 5** are attending the Parish Mass on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10am**. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us – it would be lovely to see you there!

### PTA Meeting

We are holding a meeting at school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm** to discuss plans for events later this year, including the Summer Fair. Anyone wishing to join us would be more than welcome. If you cannot attend but would like to register your interest for future events, please contact the school office.

## NSPCC Rocks

On **Friday 6th February**, we are taking part in NSPCC Rocks, an online competition involving different schools across the UK. Children can participate in the competition via [trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com), which children can access in school and at home to help them learn their times tables. The competition runs from **7:30am to 7:30pm**. Throughout the day, children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. Good luck everyone!

A little reminder that on **Friday 6th February**, Mrs Taylor is running a meeting / workshop for parents of children in **Years 3 & 4**. Year 4 children will be completing the statutory Multiplication Tables Check during the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Headteacher Award – Inspiring Each Other To Excellence

Our Mission Statement underpins all aspects of school life and this week children and staff have been inspiring each other to excellence in different ways. It was a privilege to hear about how children have been inspirational when class teacher chose the winners of the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations!

Raina F – Rec S	Ellis T – 1S	Elowen P – 2S	
Chloe J - Rec P	Thea P – 1P	Eloise H – 2P	
Emmy M – 3S	Madeleine R – 4S	Emme D – 5S	Harry R – 6S
Lula R – 3P	Herbie M – 4P	Regan K – 5P	Oscar H – 6P

Two additional children received the Headteacher Award for wonderful acts of charity that have inspired us all. Cloda C (Rec S) and Elkie C (4P) both donated some of their hair to The Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Well done Cloda and Elkie!

## Mufti Day – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Alice’s Wonderdance, Bebe’s Hive & Elsie’s Story

Every year, School Councillors from all the schools in Southport vote for a charity they would like to collectively raise money for. This year, children voted for Alice’s Wonderdance, Bebe’s Hive & Elsie’s Story. Along with local schools, we are having a mufti day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** to raise money for these charities in honour of Alice, Bebe and Elsie Dot. We are asking children to bring in £1 in exchange for wearing their mufti clothes, a wonderful way to end the half term.

## Attendance

Thank you for all your support with children’s attendance. Children miss so much when they are off school, not only academically but socially too. We monitor children’s attendance very closely, particularly if it drops below 95%. Children are considered to be ‘persistently absent’ if their attendance drops below 90% and they are then discussed with the Local Authority. In this instance, staff will be in touch with you about how to resolve this. If you feel that you would benefit from any support with your child’s attendance, please get in touch with school as we are keen to help in any way we can.

Well done to Rec S, Rec P and 1S who have all had 100% attendance this week. Fantastic!

## Christ the King – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

As Christ the King (CTK) celebrates 60 years of Catholic education, they are looking for photos and memories from former pupils and staff. Please send any contributions to [ctk60@christtheking-school.com](mailto:ctk60@christtheking-school.com). Keep an eye out for some events coming up soon and follow CTK social media channels as they share memories from their archives.

