



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Children and staff have been very busy over the last 6 weeks and are ready for some rest and relaxation. So much happens within the school day and it is a privilege to see children flourish as the school year progresses.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Best wishes

Mrs. R. Halsall

Congratulations to our children and staff!

All our teachers and teaching assistants work incredibly hard to ensure that every child can thrive at school and achieve as highly as possible. I was delighted to receive some communication from Brigit Phillipson (Secretary of State for Education) and Patrick Hurley, our local MP, which acknowledges their efforts and the impact that all their hard work. (See below)

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Online Safety

Children in all classes celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday to raise awareness about the importance of online safety. Throughout the year, we teach children about the importance of keeping themselves safe, including when online, particularly as the world of social media and online communication continues to expand at a rapid pace. Children enjoyed a range of activities on Tuesday to reinforce these key messages. Thank you to the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who came into school on Monday to deliver an assembly about online safety to children in Years 5&6. It can be challenging for children to manage online communication appropriately. Thank you to parents for all your help and support with this. It makes a huge difference and is very much appreciated.

St Patrick's Rocks!

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in the NSPCC Rocks Competition on Friday 6th February. Throughout the day, children were competing with other schools across the country using TTRockstars to complete different multiplication and division challenges. We were thrilled to discover that we were the top scoring school out of all the Lancashire schools taking part. What an achievement!

Many thanks to all the Year 3&4 parents who attended the workshop last week linked to the Multiplication Tables Check that children in Year 4 will be completing in June. It was fantastic that so many parents could join us. Thank you to Mrs Taylor for leading the session and for all her hard work as Maths leader across school. Following the session, Mrs Taylor made a zip file for parents containing different resources to support children. If you would like to receive these resources, please email your child's class teacher. Class teachers chose children who are working hard with their times tables to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Ethan C – Rec S
Sullivan H - Rec P
Olivers U – 3S
Ellie L – 3P

Charlie B – 1S
Harry S – 1P
Adrian H – 4S
Lucia M – 4P

Lucy R – 2S
Callum R – 2P
Alfie H – 5S
Miles C – 5P

Emmie B – 6S
Edward K – 6P

Ready, Respectful, Safe

As part of our commitment to creating a positive and welcoming school environment, each class has been focusing on our key school rules: Ready, Respectful, and Safe. These simple yet powerful principles guide our behaviour and interactions within the school community. Children have explored these rules in detail during PSHE lessons, emphasising their importance in fostering a supportive and harmonious atmosphere for everyone. The children have discussed what these words mean and what ready, respectful and safe behaviour looks like. We encourage you to discuss these values at home to reinforce their significance. Thank you for your help as we promote these essential principles throughout our school.

School Uniform

Thank you for your support with ensuring that children are wearing the correct school uniform. It is great to see so many children looking smart and is a key part of them being ready to learn at school each day. A little reminder that children should only be wearing trainers on their PE days. During the rest of the week, children need to wear sensible school shoes.

PE Days

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

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 – Tuesday & Thursday (**Swimming from 19th March**)

Year 4 – Thursday & Friday

Year 5 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 6 – Monday & Tuesday

Mufti Day / Community Events

Wearing our mufti clothes has been a lovely end to the half term today. So far, we have raised £313.25 for Alice's Wonderdance, Bebe's Hive & Elsie's Story. This will be added to the totals raised by other local schools as we work together to support our community and honour Alice, Bebe and Elsie. There are a number of exciting events coming up over the year in Southport. Please see the flyer for more information about opportunities to have fun and enjoy a range of activities within the locality.

Bereavement Library

Coping with grief and loss can be a profound challenge for families. To support our school community during these difficult times, we have created a Bereavement Library. This library offers a selection of thoughtfully chosen books related to grief and loss, as recommended by the charity Child Bereavement UK. These texts provide valuable insights and comfort for both children and adults navigating similar experiences. These texts will be on display in the Infant Space during our Parents' Evenings should you wish to look through them. If you would like to explore these resources, please email the school office, and we will be happy to assist you in accessing the books.

PTA

It has been fantastic to see people contacting school to express an interest in supporting the PTA. There are already a number of activities/events that the PTA are hoping to carry out this year and every additional helper can go a long way in supporting them to raise additional funds for our school. Please contact Katrina Hill at the school office or speak to Lindsey R (4S&2S) or Sarah S (3P&RS) if you would like more information or would like to be added to the PTA WhatsApp group.

Lenten Reflections

This year, Ash Wednesday is on 18th February. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a time of preparation ahead of Easter. After half term, children will be visiting Church for some Lenten reflections with Fr John and Linda. Children love visiting Church and feel very much at home there. It was lovely for the children and staff in Year 5 to attend Mass last week and share this celebration with some of our parishioners. 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

This year, we have signed up to complete the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. We will share more information about this after half term.

Book Fair / World Book Day

Many thanks to everyone who donated costumes to our World Book Day Costume Sale, which took place yesterday, after school. We were very grateful for all donations and for everyone who attended the sale itself. So far we have raised £52.70 which will be put towards some of the costs involved in hosting a Summer Fair on **Friday 3rd July**.

Advance notice that the Book Fair will be arriving at school towards the end of February, just ahead of World Book Day which is on **5th March**. Today, children are bringing home a £1 book token which they can either use over half term or put towards a book from the Book Fair, if they wish. As in previous years, children are welcome to dress up for World Book Day. They can either dress up as a character from a favourite book or wear their pyjamas and bring in a bedtime story of choice. We recognise that the cost of living is increasingly challenging for families and do not want anyone to feel under pressure to buy specific costumes. It is a day to celebrate children's favourite books and promote a love of reading. We have a number of costumes left over from last night's sale which will be available to buy for a small donation, alongside the Book Fair.

Attendance

It was wonderful to see so many children receive the Headteacher Award this morning for 100% attendance during this half term. Understandably, there are occasions when children might be too poorly to attend school. However, being in school as much as possible is the best way to help your child to progress socially, emotionally and academically. We have a Headteacher Award for attendance every half term to ensure that all children have multiple opportunities to receive it. Well done to today's recipients!

Reception S: Otto B, Caelan B, Cloda C, Molly F, Toby H, Tyson M, Jasper McL, Henry S, Amelie S, Seamus T, Evie W & Rosie W

Reception P: Iris B-O'F, Sonny B-D, Alfie B, Kiara C, Leila D-B, Theodora F, Charlie H, Sullivan H, Chloe J, Sadie L, Max M, Alfie O'S, Henry R & Margaret S

1S: Carter B, Charlie B, Flora B, Lottie B, Eddie B, Lily C, Leo D, Myla F, Xanthe M, Gabriel M, Evie P, Alice P, Emily T, Toby T & Ellis T

1P: Alice A, Isaiah A, Grace D, Archie H, Finley K, Cecilia L, Thea P, Iris P, Sonny R, Harley S, Lennon S, Rory S & Roman S

2S: Bethany B, Berry C, Polly D, Amelie F, Eddie H, Rory J, Peyton M, Darcy M, Millie M, Finley N, Edward P, Kiara P, Elowen P, Theo R, Harriett R, Lucy R & Harper U

2P: Isabelle A, Gabriel B, Orla H, Eloise H, Elliott L, Benjamin M, Theia McC, Charlotte McL, Harrison O'S, Callum R, Rosie T, Sebastian W & Poppy W

3S: William B, Arlo C, Hugo C, Keyon F, Freddie F, Nancy G, Evelyn G, Elliot J, Michelle L, George L, Emmy M, Evie N, Alex R, Charlotte S, Olivers U, Fleur V & Xian V

3P: Freddie B, Pheobe H, Reggie H, Micah H, Arthur J, Isla J, Adaline K, Ellie L, Marianne L, Billy N, Louis P, Theo R, Lula R, Annabelle S & Isabella W

4S: Flynn B, Nellie B, Jack B, Kevin C-B, Isla C, Layla G, Phoebe H, Lilah H, Leo K, Billy M, Florence P, Emil P, Madeleine R, Khaleesi S, Eddie T & Francis W-M

4P: Amy A, Sophie A, Winniemae C-K, Elkie C, Billy H, Elias H, Sophie H, Francesca H, Sam K, Alexander L, Ava M, Lucia M-L, Martins U, Sandra V & Lily W

5S: Benjamin A, Penny B, Oliver B, Darragh C, Jordan C, Emme D, Elizabetha D, David G, Ollie G, Alfie H, Finlay J, Ruby L, Kacper M, Leighton S, Holly S, Lucas T, Elliott T, Niamh T, Yves V, Margot W & Tyler W

5P: Pearl B-O'F, Felicity B, Imogen C, Miles C, Teddy F, Archie H, Regan K, Sapphire M, Mackenzie M, Teddy N, Alfie R, Natalia R & Bobby S

6S: Arthur B, Tony D, Lucas D, George G, Isaac H, Jaxon L, Lily-Rose U, Xavier W & Connor W

6P: Connie B, Lily B, Ethan B, Oscar H, Evie H, Eli J, Anya K, Leon K, Jack M, Luca P, Raphael P, Bella S & Jasmine V

