



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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It has been lovely to see some sunshine over the last two weeks. Children in KS2 are enjoying playing on the field at breaktimes and it is starting to feel like summer. To find out more about children's learning and the activities they are enjoying this term, please refer to the Class Pages on our website: <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/class-pages-1/> .

### **Mass – Ascension of the Lord**

Yesterday, children in Years 2-6 attended Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. School Masses are very special occasions and are thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff. Many thanks to Fr John for providing these opportunities for our school community. Fr John is so generous with his time and this is greatly appreciated. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/mass-ascension-of-the-lord/> for some photographs.

### **With You Always – First Holy Communion**

A number of children from Year 4 received the Sacrament of the Eucharist last weekend as they made their First Holy Communion. The celebrations at St Patrick's and St Marie's Churches were both wonderful and it was lovely to see so many families at the Masses. The final group of children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday at St Patrick's. We are keeping the children and their families in our prayers at this time.

Our children love going to Church, enjoying the sense of reflection and peace that this brings. If you would like to attend Church too, please see below for the Mass times at St Patrick's and St Marie's:

**St Marie's:** 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday, 8.30am and 10am on Sunday

**St Patrick's:** 10am Thursday, 6pm Saturday, 11.30am Sunday

### **Prayer & Liturgy**

Prayer & Liturgy (formally known as Collective Worship) takes place every day in school, enabling children to listen to scripture and then reflect and respond in different ways. Class teachers chose children who really shine in Prayer & Liturgy sessions to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations children!

Edward P – Rec S

Elliot J – 1S

Lottie G – 2S

Theo R - Rec P

Adaline K – 1P

Amy A – 2P

Jordan C – 3S

Logan W – 4S

Macie T – 5S

Heidi O'M – 6S

James B – 3P

Archie D – 4P

Matilda T – 5P

Annabelle D – 6P

### **School Trips**

Children in Reception and Year 2 have recently enjoyed school trips to Imagine That! and Knowsley Safari Park. School trips link to different areas of the curriculum and really bring learning to life. Well done children for being excellent ambassadors for our school on these visits. Children in Year 1 enjoyed a walk to Botanic Gardens last week where they were looking at different kinds of plants as part of their Science work. They will also be visiting Mere Sands later in the term.

### **Thank You HSBC**

Staff from HSBC have been coming into school to deliver financial education sessions to different classes. Managing finances and making sensible financial choices are important life skills and form part of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum. Many thanks to Claire and her colleagues for working with our children, sharing key messages at age appropriate levels.

### **School Photographer**

Advance notice that the **school photographer** will be in school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** to take photographs of different groups of children within school, e.g. Holy Communion children, football teams etc.

## Headteacher Award – PE

We teach children in all year groups about the importance of being active to support their physical and mental health. Over time, children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports within PE lessons and through After School Clubs. Class teachers chose children who have been working hard in their PE lessons to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children!

Harriett R – Rec S	Xian V – 1S	Leo K – 2S	
Maia P - Rec P	Marianne L – 1P	Ava M – 2P	
Ruby M – 3S	Nicola Z – 4S	Yesmika V – 5S	Billy H – 6S
Sapphire M – 3P	Connie B – 4P	Adam K – 5P	Ella G – 6P

## SATs – Year 6

Children in Year 6 will be participating in Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) next week. The children have been working very hard to prepare for SATs and we are incredibly proud of them. We are aware that some children might be feeling a little apprehensive but please be assured, children have no need to worry. The most important thing is that children are in school and try their best. Please help them by ensuring they are in school on time each day, refreshed and ready to start. Thank you for your support with this.

## School and Eco-Councils

Our School and Eco Councillors do a terrific job throughout the year and have recently had meetings to discuss actions and events for the summer term. Eco Councillors created a newsletter following Earth Day to share ideas from each year group about how to look after our planet. (See <https://primariesite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/st-patricks-catholic-southport/UploadedDocument/d28c6dfa-0a1a-48c7-8e9c-25610bd5780f/earth-day-newsletter.docx.pdf> ) The School Councillors have been sharing information with their classes about a KS2 Musical Talent Show. This will be taking place during the week of **20<sup>th</sup> May**. Councillors have also been thinking of different ways to raise money to support Southport Foodbank, the charity selected this year by local schools. With this in mind, children are keen to sell ice pops during break time on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. Ice pops will be 20p each and will be a refreshing treat at the end of a busy week in school.

## Walk to School Week

The week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May is Walk to School Week, a great way to encourage us all to be a little more active on our journeys to school. Throughout the week, children are encouraged to either walk, ride or scoot to school. Children will be keeping a record of this in class so that they can celebrate their collective efforts. For families who live further away from school, we are suggesting that you might be able to park your car a short distance from school so that children could perhaps walk part of the way.

## VE Day

Children have been celebrating VE Day this week, learning more about the celebrations on VE Day in 1945 across the country and specifically in Southport. Children enjoyed a range of activities in each class and wholeheartedly embraced the essence of this momentous day. Photographs from children's activities will be uploaded to the school website next week.

## Attendance

Well done to the following classes who have had 100% attendance this week: Rec P, 1P, 3P and 6P. It is great to see children in school every day. Children miss so much when they are off school, not just in terms of their learning but also with regards to social interactions and relationships with peers.

## PTA

Many thanks to people who have offered to help with events led by the PTA this year. We recognise that everyone is busy and do appreciate people giving their time to support school. As we look ahead to the Summer Fair on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, a polite request from the PTA. If you or anyone you know are able to donate a prize for the raffle, it would be much appreciated. Sourcing raffle prizes has been a little challenging to date and some additional prizes would be very welcome.

The PTA will be selling ice pops after school each Friday from **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** and are also hoping to sell some refreshments for parents on each of the Sports Days which are scheduled for the week beginning **20<sup>th</sup> May**. We were delighted to receive the total raised in commission from selling Christmas cards and gifts in the autumn term. We raised £397.40 which is a terrific sum – thank you!

