



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 13 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### St Patrick's Day!

We celebrated St Patrick's Day in school on Tuesday, starting with a Mass with Fr John. Children from Years 2-6 attended Mass and it was a very special occasion for all involved. Children enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate our feast day. Singing hymns and joining in with prayers and responses is an important part of Mass and class teachers chose children who went above and beyond with this to receive the Headteacher Award last week, as we were preparing for our Mass. Well done children!

Molly F – Rec S	Evie P – 1S	Berry C – 2S	
Kiara C - Rec P	Tomasz G – 1P	Scarlett P – 2P	
William B – 3S	Phoebe H – 4S	Lucas T – 5S	Riley B-M – 6S
Logan M – 3P	Amy A – 4P	Lukas S – 5P	Amelia H – 6P

### Crazy Hair Day – Big Lent Walk

Thank you to everyone for your support with Crazy Hair Day today. It was brilliant to see everyone's different hairstyles and was such a fun way to conclude our Big Lent Walk. Over the last few weeks, children have been working hard to walk 200 km during the warm ups in their PE lessons. Each class completed their walk today – what an achievement! We raised £315 for CAFOD who do such tremendous work overseas. To find out more about CAFOD and the work they do, please see <https://cafod.org.uk/about-us>

### Respect

Respect is our school value for this half term and is such an important part of school life. Children are taught about the importance of respecting themselves and others as they prepare for life in modern Britain. This week has been Neurodiversity Celebration Week which is a global movement to value and celebrate the richness of diverse minds. Within school, children have been learning about different ways in which people's brains work. As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, children and staff embrace each member of our school family. Class teachers chose children who have shown the utmost respect to others to receive the Headteacher Award this morning. Congratulations children, you are a wonderful example to us all!

Rosie W – Rec S	Mila R – 1S	Darcy M – 2S	
Sadie L - Rec P	Thea P – 1P	Isabelle A – 2P	
Arlo C – 3S	Layla G – 4S	Teddy D – 5S	Daisy-Mae McC – 6S
Ellie L – 3P	Sophie A – 4P	Teddy N – 5P	Archie D – 6P

### Year 5: Cristal Palace & Easter Production

Year 5 have been extremely busy this week. On Monday, they filmed a one-minute video of their Charleston which they have been working on with Miss Jennifer. Children did a fantastic job and we are looking forward to seeing our children's performance in a video reel that will be shown in Southport town centre as part of the Cristal Palace event over the Easter weekend. <https://www.visitsouthport.com/whats-on/top-events/cristal-palace/>

A huge thank you to Miss Jennifer for choreographing and teaching the children this routine.

Year 5 have also been preparing for their Easter production and are looking forward to sharing this with families. A little reminder that the performances are on the following dates:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am

Children will be bringing home the tickets for these performances next week. They will be allocated 4 tickets for each performance.

### Lenten Reflections

Children in Years 1&2 visited Church last week for a Lenten reflection with Fr John and Linda. This was a lovely opportunity for children and staff to visit Church and enjoy the sense of peace that this brings. Thank you to Fr John and Linda for making time for these reflections which are very powerful.

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

### Year 4: Design & Technology Workshops

Children in Year 4 had an exciting morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March when they took part in some workshops as part of their Design & Technology lessons. Jo Hodge came into school with her 3D printer and children explored different Computer-Aided Designs. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing their designs come to life. Thank you to Jo for sharing her time and expertise. We look forward to welcoming Jo back into school in the summer term to work with children in Year 6.

### School Trips

Children in Year 1 had an exciting trip to Clitheroe Castle last week, bringing their History topic to life. Children enjoyed looking at the different features of the castle and were learning about how to defend a castle too. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were terrific ambassadors for our school.

Children in Year 4 are going to Brockholes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March as part of their work in Science and Geography. Children will be participating in a range of outdoor activities linked to map reading skills and the water cycle.

### Easter Raffle

Tickets for the Easter raffle will go on sale next week. There are a range of prizes to be won, including an Easter Hamper for each Key Stage and vouchers from a number of local businesses. Tickets cost £1 each or £4 per strip (5 tickets) and will be sold in class, each morning next week. Funds raised will be put towards the Summer Fair which will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. There are a number of costs involved in the organisation of the Summer Fair and we will be using the proceeds from the raffle to pay for the hire of the bouncy castles etc. Many thanks to all parents who have been involved in sourcing prizes for the Easter raffle and to those who have expressed an interest in helping with the Summer Fair. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

### Congratulations Footballers

The boys' football team did a tremendous job in their final league games last night. They played a number of matches and their conduct on and off the pitch was exemplary. We are very proud of everyone who took part. Many thanks to Mr Becker, Mr Kelleher and Mrs Farley who have given their time so generously to organise and attend matches in addition to running training sessions for the team.

### Attendance

Many thanks for your support with children's attendance. So much happens within the school day, academically and socially, and children miss out on lots of opportunities when they are not in school. Congratulations to 4P who had the highest attendance last week and to Reception and 4P who have had 100% attendance this week. If you feel that you would benefit from some support with your child's attendance, please contact school so that we work together to make the necessary improvements.

### Safeguarding

A polite request for everyone to work together to safeguard our children, including during school drop off and collection times. These are very busy times of the day, particularly on Radnor Drive and Marshside Road. Fr John is happy for parents to use the Church car park during these periods but driving onto the Church grounds directly in front of Church is not permitted and is very dangerous. We would ask that parents refrain from doing this. Thank you.

