



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Nursery

We are absolutely delighted to share the news that work on our school nursery project is due to start on 26th May 2026. This project has been in the preliminary stages for some time, following the consultation process which was undertaken a few years ago. There has been lots of work to do in the background and we had our final pre-start meeting this week with the architect and contractor to confirm arrangements.

The initial part of the project involves the demolition of the old Parish Club, which is the building between the school and Church. The demolition is due to take place over half term. Following this, there will be some groundwork and then the construction of a modular building which will become a 26-place nursery provision. The project is due to be completed by the end of the summer holidays, with the nursery potentially opening in January 2027.

Sincere thanks to parents for your support and patience with this project. It is an exciting development for our school community and we are keen for things to get started. Inevitably, there will be some practical implications in terms of access to school from the Church car park at the beginning and end of the school day, after half term. We will be in touch regarding specific arrangements nearer the time.

Individual Liberty – Responsible Choices

Individual liberty is one of our British Values and with it comes a responsibility to make good choices. Class teachers selected children who do this on a regular basis in school and are a tremendous example to others. Congratulations children!

Phoebe W – Rec S
Margaret S - Rec P
Lola C – 3S
Georgia C – 3P

Ellis T – 1S
Grace D – 1P
Victoria K – 4S
Martins U – 4P

Theo R – 2S
Amelia M-K – 2P
Kacper M – 5S
Sapphire M – 5P

George G – 6S
Luca P – 6P

VE Day

Children have been celebrating VE Day this afternoon, 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.

Maths Workshop – Years 1&3

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Maths Workshop led by Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bedwell last week. We are currently involved with National Numeracy's Schools & Families Numeracy Champions programme which aims to increase pupils' confidence with numbers, promote positive feelings about Maths, and raise awareness of its value outside the classroom. The programme is also designed to enhance parents' confidence in supporting children with Maths at home too.

It was great to have lots of parents and children working on some practical Maths activities together throughout the workshop. Many thanks to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bedwell for organising and leading this session.

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 Trips

Children in Year 3 enjoyed their school trip to Blue Planet Aquarium on Wednesday and Year 2 are looking forward to visiting Knowsley Safari Park next week. School trips link to different areas of the curriculum and really bring learning to life. Thank you to all parents for your financial contributions to these trips. We recognise that the cost of living is ever increasing and do appreciate you making these trips possible.

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.

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. Two more groups of children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on the next two Sundays 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

School Photographer

Advance notice that the **school photographer** will be in school on **Monday 22nd June** to take photographs of different groups of children within school. These groups will include class photographs of children in Reception and Year 6, as well as children who have recently received their First Holy Communion.

Headteacher Award – Inspiring Each Other to Excellence

Our school mission statement underpins all aspects of school life and class teachers chose children who have been inspiring others in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children – keep up the good work!

Raina F – Rec S

Alicia K – 1S

Maisie H – 2S

Charlie H - Rec P

Eleanor H – 1P

Felicity G – 2P

Evelyn U – 3S

Jack B – 4S

Penny B – 5S

Darcy-Rose B – 6S

Ophelia L-J-C – 3P

Georgia R – 4P

Alfie R – 5P

Ethan B – 6P

Sports Days

We are looking forward to the upcoming Sports Days and are keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather. A little reminder of the times/ dates of each event:

Tuesday 19th May: 10.00am – Year 2 / 1.00pm – Year 1 / 2.00pm – Reception

Wednesday 20th May: 10.00am – Years 3&4 / 1.30pm – Years 5&6

We will be allocating 6 tickets per family for each event. Gates will be opened 15 minutes before the races are due to begin and then locked once the races start. Gates will be reopened at the end of each session.

Walk to School Week

The week beginning 18th 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.

World Bee Day

Advance notice that we will be supporting World Bee Day on **Wednesday 20th May** in memory of Bebe King and the wonderful work that Bebe's Hive are doing in her honour. Children are invited to wear something yellow with their school uniform/ P.E. kit and may make a donation if they wish to do so.

