



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 1

11th September 2026

Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to see everyone returning safely after the summer break. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and I am so proud of them. A special welcome to our new children and parents who have joined our school family this year. We hope that your time at St Patrick's is very happy.

School Mission Day

*Faithfully following in the footsteps of Jesus,
we serve, love and learn together inspiring each other to excellence*

Our Mission Statement is at the heart of everything we do in school. We had a very special day yesterday during which each class explored the Mission Statement and enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate our school family. It was wonderful to see children and staff embracing the day in different ways. Children who have tried their best to follow our Mission Statement since coming back to school received the Headteacher Award this week. Well done everyone!

Lenny O – Rec S	Leo H – 1S	Myla F – 2S	
Riley E – Rec P	Margaret S – 1P	Edie C – 2P	
Edward P – 3S	Hugo C – 4S	Francis W-M – 5S	Darragh C – 6S
Orla H – 3P	Arthur J – 4P	Sofia S – 5P	Lucy G – 6P

Olivia S in 5P received a very special Headteacher Award today for donating some of her hair and raising over £200 for The Princess Trust during the summer holidays. What a fantastic thing to do – well done Olivia!

Maths Workshop for Parents – Years 3&5

Advance notice that Mrs Taylor is holding a workshop for parents on **Wednesday 30th September** from **9.00am until 9.40am**. This is a great opportunity for parents to come into school and find out more about children's Maths lessons and how parents can support children with Maths at home too. There will also be a chance to complete some activities with your child during the session. We hope to see lots of you there!

PTA

Thank you to the PTA who have already made a start with this year's fundraising. The PTA organised a quiz that took place at The Hesketh last week, raising £114.40. The PTA did a fantastic job last year and are hoping to raise funds for school again this year. They will be communicating with parents about different opportunities in which people can get involved over the coming weeks.

Christmas Cards - Fundraising

One simple way in which parents can raise funds for school and get organised for Christmas at the same time is by ordering Christmas cards and different merchandise that has been designed by the children and is available from Class Fundraising. Children will be creating their designs over the next couple of weeks. Following this, we will share more information about how parents can place orders.

Nursery

We are delighted with the progress of the nursery building and are looking forward to welcoming pre-school children into our school family from January 2027. Children will be able to join the nursery after their third birthday. There will be opportunities for families to visit the nursery in the coming weeks and have a tour of the building. If you would like your child to attend the nursery from January 2027, please email the School Office and we can add your child's name to our waiting list. We will be sharing more information about the nursery in terms of opening hours and applications in the near future.

Parents & Tots

St. Patrick's Toddler Group will begin on Wednesday 4th November and be held in St. Patrick's Church from 9.30am until 11am every Wednesday. It costs just £2 per child and refreshments for children and adults will be provided. Come along for a chat and play!

Attendance

It is very important that children are in school as much as possible so that they do not miss out on the wealth of activities and experiences that take place. So much happens within the school day and it can be very hard for children to catch up on missed learning and social interactions with peers. A little reminder that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time and taking children out of school to go on holiday could result in a fixed penalty notice for parents. We are only able to authorise absences in the most exceptional circumstances, in line with statutory guidance.

Parents' Evenings

We are having the first Parents' Evenings in a couple of weeks on the following dates:

Years 4 - 6: 23rd & 24th September

Reception – Year 3: 30th September & 1st October

These evenings provide an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss how children have settled into their new classes. Information regarding appointments was emailed to parents yesterday.

With You Always

Lots of children in Year 4 will be starting the With You Always programme soon at St Patrick's and St Marie's Churches. This programme prepares children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) later in the year. This is a very special time for our Year 4 children as they start this journey together. Information regarding the programme was emailed to parents in July. If you haven't received this information and would like your child to take part, please contact the School Office.

All our children love seeing Fr John in school and we are looking forward to taking them to Church throughout the year. If you would like to attend Mass at the weekend or on weekdays, 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

On **Sunday 20th September**, Archbishop John Sherrington is visiting our Parishes and will be celebrating Mass with Fr John at **St Marie's** at **9.30am** and **St Patrick's** at **11.30am**. It would be wonderful if lots of our children and families can join these celebrations.

Scaffolding

Advance notice that there will be some scaffolding up around parts of the Church building from 21st September. Work will be taking place to carry out some repairs and repointing. Please take extra care if you use the Church car park at the beginning and end of the school day and are walking near the Church building to get onto the school premises.

Coats

We have already experienced a variety of Great British weather since returning to school and it can change very quickly indeed. Please send children into school with a waterproof jacket or coat each day. We endeavour to take the children out to play every day so that they get some much-needed fresh air and exercise.

Contact Details

As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we require the contact details of at least two different adults per child. This is to ensure that we can reach someone quickly in the event of an emergency. If your contact details change, we ask that you let school know as soon as possible so that we have the correct details. Many thanks for your help with this.

