



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 2

25th September 2026

The children are very busy in school, working hard and participating in lots of different activities. Please see the Class Pages on our website for more information about school routines and children's learning. <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=325> As we come to the end of September, I am so proud of every class for making such a positive start to the year.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents of children in Years 4-6 who attended Parents' Evenings this week, either in person or on the telephone. We really appreciate you making time to talk to staff about how children have settled into their new classes. Class teachers in Reception up to Year 3 are looking forward to meeting with parents next week.

Democracy: School and Eco-Council Elections

Our School and Eco-Council elections took place this afternoon for children in Key Stage Two. It was wonderful to see lots of children putting themselves forward for these roles, creating and presenting high quality manifestos. This takes real courage! Results will be announced next week following which we will be holding meetings with the Councillors and gathering their views and ideas about different aspects of school life.

Headteacher Award - Resilience

Being resilient gives children the ability to tackle challenges head-on, bounce back from any setbacks and have the best chance at succeeding. It allows them to learn and grow in all situations – two skills that are crucial to wellbeing and development. Class teachers chose children who have demonstrated resilience to receive the Headteacher Award this week and I loved hearing about the different ways they have shown this.

Rec S – Isaac D-A	1S – Tyson M	2S – Bojun H	
Rec P – Ben W	1P – Chloe J	2P – Alice A	
3S – Bethany B	4S – Ada R	5S – Emilia C	6S – Ruby M
3P – Benjamin M	4P – Oscar T	5P – Amy A	6P – Xingjun H

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a priority for all members of our school community and children have been learning about how they can keep themselves safe, including online. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/attachments/download.asp?file=490&type=pdf> for some useful information designed to support children staying safe within the digital world. All our staff undertake safeguarding training and follow Sefton Safeguarding Children's Partnership's policies and procedures to ensure that children receive appropriate and effective support and protection. A little reminder that we have a Designated Safeguarding Team in school (Mrs Halsall, Mrs Palmen and Mrs Shirley) who take a leading role in the event of any safeguarding concerns. If you need to contact the Safeguarding Team, please ring the school office (01704 225906) or send an email to dsl@stpatricks.sefton.school.

School Nursery

We are continuing to prepare for the opening of our school nursery in January 2027. This an exciting development for our school community and we are looking forward to welcoming children into the nursery after their third birthday. Families will be able to access 15 and 30 hour places each week. If you would like to find out more information about our nursery, please contact the school office.

Maths Workshop for Parents – Years 3&5

A little reminder 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!

Learn to Read – Read to Learn

Reading with confidence supports children in their learning across the curriculum. Children enjoy different opportunities to read and share texts every day. Last week, class teachers chose children who are working particularly hard with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award.

Rec S – Hunter B	1S – Toby H	2S – Lottie B	
Rec P – Anna G	1P – Alfie B	2P – Harley S	
3S – Alfie F	4S – Michelle L	5S – Kevin C-B	6S – Emme D
3P – Maia P	4P – Pheobe H	5P – Lucia M	6P – Felicity B

Reading with children at home has a significant impact on their reading progress and we really appreciate parents' support with this. Thank you.

With You Always

Lots of children in Year 4 are starting the With You Always programme this week 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.

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, 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

Harvest Fast Day – Friday 2nd October

Children will be learning about Harvest Fast Day next week and reflecting on different ways in which they can serve others in their Celebration of the Word sessions each day. As a school community, we will be collecting goods for the SVP on **Friday 2nd October**, as we have done in previous years. The SVP do a tremendous amount of work in the local and wider community to support families in need and would like to put hampers together to distribute locally. With this in mind, we are asking children to bring in a range of dried foods/goods, if at all possible.

Please see below:

Reception: breakfast cereals

Year 1: drinks - teabags, coffee, fruit cordial, long life milk

Year 2: biscuits/cakes/chocolate

Year 3: tinned or packet soup, beans, vegetables

Year 4: pasta, rice, noodles, pasta sauces

Year 5: spreads - jam, marmalade, peanut butter, chocolate

Year 6: toiletries - toothpaste, soap, bath or shower products

If you are unable to donate any goods, please don't worry. We recognise that the cost of living is continuing to rise and in no way want to make things more difficult for families. If you are struggling and would benefit from some support, please let us know and we will try to help in any way we can. Please be assured that any conversations of this nature would be confidential. There are lots of ways in which families can access support of different kinds in Sefton. Please see <https://www.seftonfamilylife.com/?smart=onboarding> for more information.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents for your support with children's attendance. It is important that children are in school as much as possible. So much happens within the school day and it can be hard for children to catch up following any periods of absence. The NHS have provided guidance for parents linked to school attendance which can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
Congratulations to 2P, 4P, 5S and 6S for all having 100% attendance this week. Fantastic job!

