



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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There has been lots of different things happening in school over the last fortnight. Please see the Class Pages on our website <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=325> to find out more about children's learning. We will also be posting updates on our new Instagram page. Our username is @stpatricks_churchtown, and we hope that lots of parents follow us as we share the wonderful achievements, learning, and vibrant faith life of our school community.

Parents' Evenings

A huge thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening meetings over the last fortnight, either in person or on the telephone. Building strong relationships with children and parents is a priority for us all and class teachers really appreciated having the opportunity to discuss with parents how children have settled into their new classes. Many thanks to all parents who completed the Parental Questionnaire. We were delighted to receive so many responses. The results were very positive and included the following:

- 99% of questionnaires strongly agree / agree that children are happy at school
- 99% of questionnaires strongly agree / agree that children feel safe at school
- 98% of questionnaires strongly agree / agree that children do well at school and that parents are kept informed about how children are doing

Sincere thanks on behalf of staff and Governors for your tremendous support. Your children are amazing young people and having a close partnership between home and school is the best way to help them thrive.

School and Eco-Councils

Children in Key Stage 2 have been learning about Democracy and were all given the opportunity to put themselves forward for the role of School or Eco Councillor. Following the children's presentations, each class voted for the councillors to represent their views. It was fantastic to see so many children putting themselves forward and preparing excellent manifestos. Congratulations to all those who were elected. I am very much looking forward to working closely with both councils throughout the year.

School Council

Year 3: Amelie F, Edward P, Poppy W & Wilfred P

Year 4: Evie N, Arlo C, Adaline K & Billy N

Year 5: Nellie B, Florence P, Elkie C & Herbie M

Year 6: Niamh T, Elizabella D, Imogen C & Teddy N

Eco Council

Harper U, Harriett R, Theia McC & Jack M

Alex R, Evelyn U, Gabriella G & Arthur J

Isla C, Kevin C-B, Beth G & Josh S

Penny B, Lucas T, Mason O'B & Teddy F

Hello Yellow! – World Mental Health Day

We celebrated World Mental Health Day in school today with children (and staff) wearing yellow accessories with their school uniform. This year marks the tenth anniversary of Hello Yellow and the tremendous work that has been put into increasing awareness and starting conversations about mental health. All classes enjoyed a range of activities and explored different ways to stay mentally healthy.

Harvest Fast Day Collection

We were absolutely delighted to receive so many donations for the Harvest Fast Day collection last week and are very grateful for people's support with this. Your generosity will enable the SVP to create hampers that can provide much needed support to a significant number of families. Our Year 6 School and Eco-Councillors helped members of the SVP pack up all the donations earlier in the week ready for delivery.

School Values - Helping Others

Serving others was the theme of our Celebration of the Word sessions last week and class teachers chose children who have been doing this in a number of ways to receive the Headteacher Award in our assemblies. Well done children – keep up the good work!

Rec S – Vincent H	1S – Henry S	2S – Evie P	
Rec P – James C	1P – Charlie H	2P – Thea P	
3S – Maisie H	4S – Nancy G	5S – Layla G	6S – Niamh T
3P – Callum R	4P – Georgia C	5P – Herbie M	6P – Bobby S

Maths Workshop

It was wonderful to see lots of parents of children in Years 3&5 attending the Maths Workshop led by Mrs Taylor last week. Many thanks to everyone who was able to come to this event. We recognise that life is very busy and do appreciate people making time to attend. Thank you also to Mrs Taylor for leading Maths across our school and for running different events to support parents and children.

Advance notice that there are 2 more events for parents scheduled for the autumn term:

Monday 9th November at 6.00pm – SATs meeting for parents of children in **Years 5&6**

Friday 13th November at 9.00am – Times Tables Workshop for parents of children in **Years 3&4**, linked to the statutory Multiplication Tables Check. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these events. For information regarding upcoming events, please see

<https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/calendar/?calid=10,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9&pid=313&viewid=5>

Headteacher Award – Maths

As a core subject, children have Maths lessons every day and they have already made good progress since September. Class teachers chose children who have been working particularly hard in Maths to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Fantastic job children!

Rec S – Olivia P	Otto B – 1S	Gabriel M – 2S	
Rec P – Ember S	Henry R – 1P	Rory S – 2P	
Peyton M – 3S	Alex R – 4S	Emil P – 5S	Tyler W – 6S
Harrison O'S – 3P	Poppy C – 4P	Ava M – 5P	James B – 6P

Forest School – Reception

Children in Reception have settled into school brilliantly and are enjoying making new friends and learning new skills. Every Wednesday afternoon, children are taking their learning onto the school field where they are exploring different forest school activities. This has been a fantastic addition to the Reception curriculum and is thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all parents for sending in children's wellies each week so that they can enjoy this experience whatever the weather.

Christmas Merchandise – Fundraising

We sent home children's Christmas designs on Monday with instructions of how to order Christmas cards and other festive merchandise online. School receive commission on all cards and products ordered which is a simple way in which we can raise funds. If you would like to place an order online, the closing date and time is **12.00pm on Friday 16th October**. Cards and other merchandise will be delivered to school nearer to Christmas and then distributed accordingly.

PTA Meeting

The PTA did a fantastic job last year, raising over £5,000 for school. This money will be used in a number of ways to enrich children's experiences in school this year, including a Christmas Pantomime theatre production that has been booked for later in the term. The PTA are having their first meeting of the year on **Monday 19th October at 5.00pm** and are keen for people to come along and share their ideas for the year ahead. We recognise that people already have lots of commitments but if you would like to support school and are able to attend the meeting, it would be great to see you there.

Nursery

We are looking forward to welcoming new children and families into our school community when our nursery opens in January 2027. We've already started accepting applications for nursery places and tours will be taking place after October half term. If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please contact the school office.

Parents and Tots

A little reminder that 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.

With You Always

Lots of children in Year 4 have now started the With You Always programme. 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 and we are keeping children and families in our prayers as they undertake this journey.

All our children love seeing Fr John in school and we are looking forward to taking them to Church where they feel very much at home. 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

Congratulations Footballers

The schools' football league has started in earnest and our team have made a great start. They have been working together and have given their all in each match. Well done boys! Thank you to Mrs Farley and Mr Kelleher for coaching the team and supporting them in each match.

Attendance

School attendance has a significant impact on children's progress, academically and socially. It can be very difficult for children to 'catch up' if they regularly miss days in school and this puts them at a disadvantage to their peers. As a school, we adhere to statutory guidance and work closely with the local authority to ensure that children are in school as much as possible. A little reminder that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time and absences of this nature could result in parents receiving a penalty notice from Sefton. As we enter the season of coughs and colds, the NHS has provided guidance for parents regarding when children can come into school and when it is best to keep them at home. Please see

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?es_c=78F61AE5D7820A26909A3A9FB8FA727B&es_cl=4752CB2B6311FF3A3ECB3F4B0BD0D00B&es_id=ph7%2c2%a3o1

Congratulations to Rec S and 2P who have both had 100% attendance this week. Fantastic!

Coats

Getting some fresh air and exercise is an important component of the school day but, as we have seen over recent weeks, the weather can be very changeable. Please send children into school with a waterproof jacket or coat, even if the weather seems fine in the morning. We endeavour to take the children out to play every day and appreciate your support with this.

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.

