ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter 4
23rd October 2026

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support this half term, it is very much appreciated. I am so proud of our children (and staff) who have been working incredibly hard. Everyone is definitely ready for a well-earned break.

I hope that you all have a wonderful week off and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes

Mrs R. Halsall

Music Sharing Assemblies

We have lots of talented musicians across school and children have been working hard in their music lessons throughout this half term. Children had the opportunity to showcase their work this morning during our sharing assemblies. It was wonderful to see what each class / year group has been doing – a real treat to conclude a busy half term. Class teachers chose children who have been embracing different musical activities to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations, children!

Mateo McN P – Rec S	Seamus T – 1S	Myla F – 2S	
Roman C - Rec P	Reggie Q – 1P	Sam K – 2P	
Berry C – 3S	Elliot J – 4S	Lottie G – 5S	Jordan C – 6S
Isabelle A – 3P	Logan M – 4P	Beth G – 5P	Pearl B-O'F – 6P

Year 5 – Trips to Martin Mere

Year 5 have recently enjoyed school trips to Martin Mere linked to their learning in History about Anglo-Saxons. Children spent time as villagers in their settlement learning different skills and experiencing life as an Anglo-Saxon. All the children were excellent ambassadors for our school, despite some wet weather for 5S which didn't dampen their spirits in the slightest. Photographs of the trips have been uploaded to the school's Instagram page.

Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who helped children take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at The Atkinson over the summer holidays. Helping children to develop a love of reading is a wonderful gift and something that we strongly encourage here at school. We were absolutely delighted to win the trophy this year and it currently has pride of place in the trophy cabinet. 76 children were presented with their certificates on Tuesday in a special assembly to celebrate all their efforts. Well done to everyone who took part in this.

Poetry Competition – Books Alive!

During the half term break, there is a festival taking place in Southport called Books Alive. The festival is designed to bring storytelling, creativity and fun to the town and there are a number of activities that families can take part in. Please see https://www.visitsouthport.com/whats-on/top-events/books-alive/ for more information.

As part of the festival, children in Key Stage 2 were invited to enter a poetry competition, alongside other schools from Southport. Mrs Walker had the difficult job of choosing the entries for St Patrick's as the quality of children's poems from every class was so high. We were absolutely delighted to hear that 3 of our children's poems have been chosen for the Festival of Stories and will be performed live on stage by theatre company, EggPeople. Well done to Bonnie R (3S), Kevin C-B (5S) and Elkie C (5P). A fantastic achievement!

Sustainability Assemblies

We welcomed Ollie and Anne-Marie (Energy and Environmental Project Officers) from Sefton, into school last week. They delivered assemblies to Key Stage 1&2 about the environment and ways in which we can make a difference. Children had lots of great ideas and we are looking forward to putting some of these into practice throughout the year.

Nursery

We are excited to welcome new children and families into our school community when our nursery opens in January 2027. Mrs Shirley has been working hard to get everything ready for opening and we are thrilled with the finished product. Photographs can be found on our Instagram page. A little reminder that our username is **@stpatricks_churchtown**

Mrs Shirley is hosting an open afternoon on **Friday 6th November** at **1.30pm.** If you would like to attend this, please get in touch with the school office (admin@stpatricks.sefton.school). If you are unable to attend the open afternoon but are interested in a place at the nursery for your child, please contact school and we can make alternative arrangements.

Events for Parents

We are keen to work in close partnership with parents and are hosting a number of sessions next half term to support this.
Monday 9th November – 6.00pm SATs meeting for parents of children in **Years 5&6**
Friday 13th November – 9.00am Workshop for parents of children in **Years 3&4** ahead of the Multiplication Tables Check that takes place in Year 4
Thursday 19th November & Friday 20th November – 9.30am Phonics Come & Share sessions for parents of children in **Reception.** Parents are invited to come into children's Phonics lessons to see how early reading and writing skills are taught in school. Mrs Grant and Miss Benson will be sending more information about these sessions after half term.

Poppy Appeal

Advance notice that we will be selling poppies and different merchandise in support of the Royal British Legion after half term. We will send information regarding items for sale when we return to school. Within the same week as Remembrance Day is Children in Need on **Friday 13th November**. Children like to celebrate this event so are welcome to wear mufti clothes for the day if they want to. Due to the Poppy Appeal taking place at the same time, we are not asking for money for Children in Need as well. We recognise that life is expensive and are keen not to put families under undue financial pressure.

PE Days – Autumn 2

Children will be having PE on the following days after half term:
Reception – Tuesday
Year 1 – Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2 – Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3 – Wednesday & Friday
Year 4 – Thursday Swimming & Friday
Year 5 – Monday & Thursday
Year 6 – Wednesday & Thursday

Visits to Church

We are looking forward to taking children to Church later in the term as we approach the season of Advent. Children and staff enjoy these opportunities and gain a lot from them.

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

Anti-Bullying Week

Advance notice that we will celebrating Anti-Bullying Week during the week beginning 16th November. The theme for this year is 'Break the Silence'. As part of the week, children are welcome to come into school in odd socks on **Monday 16th November.** Wearing odd socks is a symbol that everyone is unique and is designed to promote acceptance of diversity.

PSHE Curriculum

This year, we have joined The Story Project to support our children's PSHE education across the school. The Story Project uses the magic of stories to improve children's wellbeing and literacy. Each class will learn about topics including friendship, health, emotions and lots more all through a diverse range of popular children's books.

Each year group has received 6 books and will study one per half-term. As they move through the programme and eventually leave school in Year 6, children will have developed skills and knowledge to support healthy, safe and happy lives as they grow up. RSE will continue to be taught through A Journey in Love, as recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Please contact the school office for a copy of our RSHE Policy if you would like further information. We also have a short survey available if you would like to share your views. In addition, parents and carers are welcome to view a selection of The Story Project books and see some of the children's work in floor books on **Wednesday 4th November** at **9am**. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Many thanks for your support ensuring that children are in school each day. Congratulations to 2P & 5P who have had the best attendance since September at 98.9%.
So much happens within the school day and children miss out socially and academically when they are absent. In line with statutory and local authority guidelines, we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time and taking your child away during school time could result in a fine.

This week, the following children received the Headteacher Award for 100% attendance. What a fantastic start to the year – well done children!

Rec S: Nicholas C, Theo H, Arthur H, Mateo McN P, Lenny O, Olivia P, Ruby R, Deklan W & Adam Y
Rec P: Ariella A, Grace B, Roman C, Xavier C, James C, James F, Freddie H, Felix K & Benjamin W
1S: Otto B, Ethan C, Cloda C, Molly F, Toby H, Leo H, Tyson M, Jasper McL, Vincent M, Henry S, Amelie S, Seamus T, Evie W, Rosie W & Phoebe W
1P: Iris B-O'F, Alfie B, Kiara C, Theodora F, Charlie H, Sully H, Chloe J, Sadie L, Max M, Alfie O'S, Ariella R, Henry R & Margaret S
2S: Charlie B, Flora B, Lottie B, Lily C, Oscar D, Leo D, Myla F, Blaine M, Xanthe M, Gabriel M, Evie P, Alice P, Emily T, Toby T & Ellis T
2P: Alice A, Isaiah A, Grace D, Micah E, Tomasz G, Eleanor H, Archie H, Finley K, Cecilia L, Ronnie O'S, Iris P, Thea P, Lennon S, Harry S & Rory S
3S: Bethany B, Berry C, Amelie F, Maisie H, Rory J, Peyton M, Darcy M, Millie M, Grace M, Theo R, Harriett R & Harper U
3P: Isabelle A, Gabriel B, Aubrie C, Edward C, Felicity G, Alicia H, Amelia M-K, Theia McC, Charlotte McL, Jack M, Harrison O'S, Maia P, Callum R, Rosie T, Sebastian W & Poppy W
4S: William B, Hugo C, Elliot J, George L, Evie N, Charlotte S & Olivers U
4P: Freddie B, Georgia C, Gabriella G, Mariella G, Pheobe H, Arthur J, Isla J, Marianne L, Billy N, Louis P & Lula R
5S: Nellie B, Jack B, Emilia C, Kevin C-B, Isla C, Layla G, Phoebe H, Lilah H, Leo K, Billy M, Florence P, Madeleine R & Francis W-M
5P: Jack A, Amy A, Sophie A, Olivia B, Elkie C, Beth G, Billy H, Elias H, Alexander L, Ava M, Herbie M, Lucia M, Georgia R, Josh S, Sofia S, Olivia S, Martins U & Sandra V
6S: Benjamin A, Oliver B, Jordan C, Elizabella D, Alfie H, Finlay J, Ruby L, Charlotte M, Ruby M, Kacper M, Josh M, Lucas T, Elliott T, Niamh T, Margot W & Tyler W
6P: Pearl B-O'F, Felicity B, Imogen C, Miles C, Teddy F, Lucy G, Regan K, Patrick K, Sapphire M, Teddy N, Alfie O, Natalia R, Lukas S, Bobby S & Ruth W

We have the Headteacher Award for attendance each half term to ensure that children get lots of opportunities to achieve this. We are looking forward to seeing how many children will achieve the award next half term.