



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome back! It has been lovely to see everyone after the Easter break. The children have settled back into school life very quickly and have been enjoying a sunny start to the term. Please ensure that children bring in a water bottle each day so that they can remain hydrated, particularly in warmer weather.

Pope Francis

As a school community, we were deeply saddened to hear about the death of Pope Francis. He epitomised our school mission statement and was such a wonderful example to us all as he faithfully followed in the footsteps of Jesus. We give thanks for Pope Francis who touched the hearts and lives of so many people and pray for all those involved in making the difficult decision about his successor.

Class teachers chose children who have been following our Mission Statement to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Lily C – Rec S

Lucy R – 1S

Evie N – 2S

Sonny R - Rec P

Jack M – 1P

Mariella G – 2P

Nellie B – 3S

David G – 4S

Darcy-Rose B – 5S

Finn M – 6S

Sandra V – 3P

Jesse D – 4P

Lucy L – 5P

Matilda T – 6P

Key Stage 1 Playground

We are delighted that the project to replace the perimeter fencing has now been completed. There was great excitement in Reception & Key Stage 1 when children (and staff) discovered that they were able to use the playground again. Learning and playing outdoors has felt extra special over the last fortnight. Children have thoroughly enjoyed their time outside which has coincided with some glorious weather.

Earth Day

We celebrated Earth Day on 22nd April and talked about this year's theme: Our Power, Our Planet, in our assemblies. The Eco-Council suggested that we had an 'unplugged day' so each class had a day without technology in their classrooms. Children in Years 1-6 have created class pledges, thinking of ways in which they will be looking after our planet more carefully. Please see <http://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primarysite.net/news/detail/earth-day-class-pledges/> to see children's ideas.

SATs Week

Children in Year 6 will be participating in Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) during the week beginning 12th May. 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 as the week itself is getting closer. 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 Reception and Year 2 have enjoyed their school trips this week with Reception visiting Imagine That! and Year 2 going to Knowsley Safari Park. School trips are such a wonderful way to bring children's learning to life and the children in both year groups had lots of fun and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

We recognise that the cost of living is very challenging for lots of families and do appreciate parents paying a £12.00 contribution towards trips. Trips are increasingly expensive and the overall cost is heavily subsidised by school. School will be paying for the end of year trip for Year 6 as a reward for children's hard work throughout their time at St Patrick's.

Homework

A little reminder that children are given homework every Monday which reinforces their learning in school and provides an additional opportunity for children to practise and apply key skills. Children are also asked to read at home three times per week or more, if possible. Completing these tasks really makes a difference to children's progress, helping to improve both their confidence and their work. If you have any questions about your child's homework, please speak with their class teacher.

Class teachers chose children who consistently complete their homework and even bring in extra work from home to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations children!

Gabriel M – Rec S	Alfie F – 1S	Arlo C – 2S	
Benjamin S - Rec P	Edward C – 1P	Louis P – 2P	
Sofia S – 3S	Jordan C – 4S	Harry R – 5S	Grace K – 6S
Olivia S – 3P	Teddy F – 4P	Max R – 5P	Antoni K – 6P

With You Always – First Holy Communion

It is an exciting time for the children in Year 4 who have been participating in the With You Always programme as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Children will be making their First Holy Communion on either 4th, 11th or 18th May and these will be very special celebrations for all those involved. 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

Advance notice that children in **Years 3&4** will be attending Mass on **Thursday 19th June at 10.00am**. Children in **Years 2-6** will be attending the **Leavers' Mass** on **Friday 27th June** to give thanks for our Year 6 children and to celebrate the feast of St Peter & St Paul. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us for these celebrations.

Sports Days

A little reminder that we are having Sports Days during the week beginning 19th May at the following times:

19th May: Reception Sports Day – 2.00pm

20th May: Year 1 Sports Day – 1.15pm

Year 2 Sports Day – 2.15pm

21st May: Years 5&6 Sports Day – 2.00pm

22nd May: Years 3&4 Sports Day – 2.00pm

Sports Days will replace all PE lessons during the week beginning 19th May, with the exception of the swimming lessons which will be taking place on Thursday 22nd May as normal. **Year 3** have their final swimming lesson next week on **Thursday 8th May**. Children in **Year 6** will be starting their swimming lessons on **Thursday 12th June**.

Walk to School Week

The week beginning 19th May is also 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.

Attendance

Many thanks for ensuring that children's attendance remains high. Congratulations to 1S, 4S & 5S who all had 100% last week and also to 2P, 4S and 6S who had 100% this week. What a terrific start to the term!

