



St Patrick's School Newsletter: **September 16th 2022**

Remembering her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second

On Monday 19th September, school will be closed as a mark of respect to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and to allow everyone to mark this occasion in their own way.

This week, as a school, we have continued to pray for the family of Her Majesty and everyone who has been affected by her passing and on Tuesday, we will gather in prayer, following her funeral.



We recognise that for some families this has brought back memories of other losses in their lives and the Winston's Wish website may further support families, and provide guidance and support for those who need it, especially when the children are at home: [Winston's Wish](https://www.winstoneswish.org/).

Word of the Week: **Belonging**

This week, in school, we have been focussing on what it means to belong. We sometimes forget that being connected to The Catholic Church means we're part of something incredible. There are 2 billion people who call themselves Christian and 1.1 billion of them are Catholic. We have thought this week about what we belong to and how it feels to be part of something special, and the effect it has on our lives.

Our Lady of Lourdes Little Acts of Kindness Fund

Please use the link below to find out more about our Little Acts of Kindness Fund, offering financial support for all registered pupils and students attending our academies:

<https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund/>





Attendance



Please make every effort to support our attendance priority for every child to attend school as much as possible.

Attendance dates 2nd to 16th September

Reception	96.6%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	99.4%
Overall	96.98%

Medical information

We are aware that medical conditions may change. If your child has a change to an existing condition or a new medical condition, please contact the office to complete a new medical form.

Please also ensure that school holds an inhaler or Epi Pen in school if your child uses one.

Parent Voice Group

We are extremely pleased that some parents/carers have expressed their interest in attending the Parent Voice Group. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September at 9am. Please meet in the main entrance off the staff car park. This is meant to be an informal group where we can chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. The theme of the first session will be 'communication'. We are in the process of creating our Communication Policy and would love to get parents' views on this. We are aware that not all parents are able to attend but we want to make sure your voice is also heard. Please click on the link below to share your views:

<https://forms.office.com/r/OE7sHA2YYb>

Calendar

Please use this link to access the Parent Calendar. This will be updated throughout the year and this link will also be added to the school website:

[Parent Calendar](#)

Workshops and Meet the Teacher

Our workshops and Meet the Teacher sessions have been added to the calendar.

During these class sessions you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, gain information regarding the curriculum, assessments and the timetable in your child's class. You will also be given information about how you can support your child at home. Each session will be repeated at different times on the same evening to give as many parents as possible the opportunity to attend. Please use the links below to sign up for these sessions

Nursery- <https://forms.office.com/r/6vzLYfse6y>

Reception - <https://forms.office.com/r/jkTPaV7Lkp>

Y1- <https://forms.office.com/r/CeZQDLKT2C> *Has been moved to Monday 26th September*

Y2- <https://forms.office.com/r/gAPtkUBrZE> *Has been moved to Monday 26th September*

Y3- <https://forms.office.com/r/YSLY5QczQd>

Y4- <https://forms.office.com/r/OuaJ05gp7i>

Y5- <https://forms.office.com/r/Oc7nD937mw>

Year 6

Year 6 parents should now be able to access the booking form via ParentMail for the one to one session. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Miss Godfrey on the Y6 email address.

This week in school:

This week we have focussed on what a democracy is and yesterday we held our very first house meeting. During the house meeting, Y6 pupils used their persuasive skills to get their other house members to vote for them to be house captain. We were very impressed with the standard of speeches and will announce the results of the votes very soon.

Y3 and Y4 have taken part in their first singing lesson. The Choral Director at Nottingham cathedral is providing these singing lessons. The children were excellent and really enjoyed the session.



Extra Curricula Activities

We still have availability in our after school clubs, please book these via ParentMail.

After school

Extra Curricula Activities – Starting 12 th September until 14 th October			
Day	Club	Time (pm)	Price
Monday – Mansfield Town	Mansfield Town Football Y2-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 25 places
Tuesday- Miss Whelan and Miss Hufton	Cross Country Y1-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday - Miss Godfrey and Miss Francis	Dance/Cheerleading Y1-Y6	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday – Mr Kitchinson and Miss Caudwell	Electronic and Board games Y1-Y6	3.20 – 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places
Wednesday – Nottingham Diocese	Choir – St Phillip Neri Church (run by the diocese of Nottingham)- please see attached flier	4.30 - 5.45	Free of charge
Thursday – Miss Francis and Miss Caudwell	Ball Games	3.20 - 4.20	£3 per session Max 20 places

Lunchtime

Monday	Netball Y4-Y6	Lunchtime 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Monday	Skipping games Y1-Y3 Miss Francis	Lunchtime 12-12.30	Free of charge
Tuesday	Outdoor Garden activities Y1-Y3	Lunchtime – 12-12.30	Free of charge
Tuesday	Outdoor Garden activities Y4-Y6	Lunchtime – 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Wednesday	Football Y1-Y3	Lunchtime 12-12.30	Free of charge
Wednesday	Football Y4-Y6 Miss Francis	Lunchtime – 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Thursday	Outdoor Garden activities Y1-Y3	Lunchtime – 12-12.30	Free of charge
Thursday	Outdoor Garden activities Y4-Y6	Lunchtime – 12.30-1.00	Free of charge
Friday	Dodgeball Y1-Y3	Lunchtime 12-12.30	Free of charge
Friday	Dodgeball Y4-Y6 Miss Francis	Lunchtime 12.30-1.00	Free of charge



Admissions to school, Primary and Secondary applications.

Please see the information below for admission information for a place in school from September 2023.

All applications must be made via Nottinghamshire county council.

If you live in Nottinghamshire and require a school place for your child in September 2023 you must apply through Nottinghamshire County Council.

	Relevant age group	Application round open	National closing date
Children starting school for the first time	Reception: children born between 01 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	7 November 2022	15 January 2023
Children transferring from infant school to junior/primary education	Year 3: children born between 01 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	7 November 2022	15 January 2023
Children transferring from primary phase to secondary education	Year 7: children born between 01 September 2011 and 31 August 2012	8 August 2022	31 October 2022
Children applying to transfer to a school with an atypical age of admission	Year 9 or year 10 for studio schools or university technology colleges	8 August 2022	31 October 2022

Applications for school places at all other times (known as in-year applications) are dealt with differently. Please see www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk for information on how in-year applications can be made and how they will be processed.

Please use this link for the parents' guide to admissions:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/5066236/admissionsguideforparents2023-24.pdf>

Year 6 All Saints' visits. All Saints' Secondary School are offering visits to the school for prospective parents. The dates for the visits are:

- 27 September 2022 - Tuesday - 9:00am
- 11 October 2022 - Tuesday - 9:00am
- 08 November 2022 - Tuesday - 9:00am

Please see the ParentMail to book a place on one of these visits.



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Staffing updates

We are really pleased to share with you that Mrs Lowe is expecting a baby in January. It was also shared before the holidays that Mrs Wilson is also expecting a baby and she will commence her maternity in November. We know you'll share our joy at this happy news of new life.

We currently have two adverts on the OLOL website to recruit for teachers to cover their maternity leave. We additionally have an advert currently out for a temporary Teaching Assistant to work in our foundation stage unit.

Congratulations!

Mrs Gripton is enjoying her new role of motherhood and baby William, born over the summer, has already brought so much joy to the family. We know you'll share with us in congratulating them too.

Thank you for your continued support
In partnership and prayer
Mrs J L Smedley