



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter May 26th

Pentecost

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During half term is the special feast of Pentecost. This is when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and went out onto the streets and started spreading the good news in many different languages. They found a new courage and a new mission to spread Jesus' message.

On return from half term, the pupils will spend time celebrating this special day and completing a special art mission.

Word of the Week



Word of the week 5th June: "Piety"

On Sunday 4th June we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity which celebrates God in three persons. One of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit - piety- reminds us to show reverence and respect for God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit at all times and we can do this in many ways. One way is by following the second of the Ten Commandments and never talking about God disrespectfully but we can also show reverence through prayer and the way that we behave. Make an effort this week to be reverent and to show respect to God and to those around you.

Diocesan News:

Belief in Brief

I am very pleased to announce that in collaboration with Joe Hopkins, our diocesan Director of Adult Formation for Mission, the diocese shall be hosting a series of sessions aimed specifically at parents and carers next year called 'Belief in Brief'. The aim of the virtual sessions is to provide an exploration of the Catholic faith in a relaxed and informal way. Further information about this (which also includes a link which parents may use to book a place) can be found below.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham

Please see below a leaflet regarding the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham



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Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 17th June 2023



Encounter - Discipleship - Mission

Join with Bishop Patrick on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady to pray for vocations & evangelisation
Transport to Walsingham— individually organised or encourage your Deanery parishes to organise a coach or minibus together.

- 11:00 am Arrivals at the Catholic Shrine
- 12:00 pm Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick
Followed by picnics, visits to the Slipper Chapel, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 3.00 pm Holy Mile Procession departs
Coach provided for those who cannot walk the Holy Mile
Benediction in the Abbey Grounds
- 5:00 pm Depart for home
Buses will be at the Village Coach Park

For more information and details contact
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The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

BELIEF IN BRIEF

An online course for **parents and carers** to explore the Catholic Faith and Parenthood.

Discuss | Learn | Share | Grow



A different aspect of our faith to explore each session. For example, God, the Saints, prayer, sacraments and living out faith.



Meet parents from across our diocese who share your desire to know more about the Catholic Faith.



10:00am–11:15am
on Tuesdays
12th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec,
16th Jan, 6th Feb, 27th Feb, 19th Mar,
23rd Apr, 21st May, 11th June, 25th June.

www.bookwhen.com/nrcdes



Forest school update



We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Holmes and the Trust Maintenance team for their hard work within our Forest School Garden. We are delighted that we are now in a position to be able to fully use this area to enhance our outdoor curriculum.

After half term, each class will have an afternoon taster session in readiness for next academic year.

Please see the dates below for when your child's class will have their forest school experience. On this date, your child needs to attend school in their PE kit with suitable trainers. Please also make sure your child is suitably prepared for the weather on the day e.g suncream, sun hat, waterproof.

Year group	Date
Year 6	6 th June 2023
Year 5	15 th June 2023
Year 4	22 nd June 2023
Year 3	27 th June 2023
Reception	4 th July 2023
Year 2	13 th July 2023
Year 1	20 th July 2023

From September, each class will have a half term block of forest school learning. We are really pleased to have Mrs Brizzolara, Child and Family Support Worker leading our forest school adventures with each class teaching team.

Upcoming dates and events for your diary

5	6	7	8	9
Multiplication Tables Check Y4 ALL DAY	Multiplication Tables Check Y4 ALL DAY	Multiplication Tables Check Y4 ALL DAY	Multiplication Tables Check Y4 ALL DAY	Multiplication Tables Check Y4 ALL DAY
WOW: Reverence and Respect	Mass- Y2 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm			

Please use the link below to access the school calendar

[School calendar](#)

We hope you have also found the class newsletters useful which were sent out earlier this week as they contain dates and events specific to your child's class.

Additional Calendar dates and events added

Y5/6 Safety Zone - 26th June - North Ashfield Fire Station

Please be aware of a few changes of dates to previous calendar events

Mass which was scheduled for 27th June has now been moved to 29th June as this is the feast of St Peter and St Paul and therefore a holy day of obligation. This mass will be led by the Y6 pupils.

First Holy Communion





Communion practice in church - Monday 5th June

First Holy Communion: St Patrick's Church, Forest Town, Saturday 10th June at 10am- all very welcome

Tuesday 13th - First Holy Communion celebration mass in school - 2.15pm

Swimming



After half term, Y5 will continue their block of swimming. Please make sure our child has their swimming kit in school on Monday 5th June.

Term dates 2023-2024

We are now in a position to share with you the term dates which includes the Inset days for 2023-2024. By providing this information at the earliest opportunity, we hope this will help in planning holidays outside of term time.



September 2023 to July 2024



Attendance



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We are delighted with the attendance from each class during this half term. Well done to everyone for trying to attend school as much as possible. It's great to see all classes having at least satisfactory attendance with four classes having outstanding attendance! Thank you so much to our pupils and parents/carers for working so closely with us on attendance and punctuality.

F2: 97.1%

Y1: 95.86%

Y2: 95.74%

Y3: 97.16%

Y4: 95.64%

Y5: 97.1%

Y6: 97.72%

In line with the Trust's Attendance policy, may I remind you that family holidays should not be taken during term time and will not be authorised, unless for exceptional reasons. In line with NCC's guidelines, a penalty notice (fine) can be issued if an unauthorised holiday is taken in excess of 3 days/6 sessions (over a 6 week rolling session).

Traffic Congestion

Please can I ask for everyone's support and co-operation in respecting our surrounding neighbours when parking vehicles. Please avoid parking across resident's driveways and zig zag lines. We continue to educate our children upon keeping safe on the roads and appreciate if this message could be reinforced at home.

Collecting children during the school day

If your child needs to be collected during the school day for an appointment or other reasons, we would like to remind you that collect your child using the Ling Forest Road entrance. This is to ensure the safety of pupils who may be taking part in PE on the playground or outside for breaktime. We appreciate your support with this.

Well done Y2

We would like to say a huge well done to our wonderful Y2 pupils who have now completed their KS1 SATs. All of the children took tried so hard and showed great resilience. Thank you to their families for all their support and encouragement and the wonderful Y2 staff team for preparing the children so thoroughly.

Things to do over half term



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<p>Nottinghamshire Days Out</p> <p><u>Bonington Gallery, Nottingham Trent University</u> Free Founded in 1969, Bonington Gallery has been at the forefront of Nottingham's rich and vibrant visual arts community for over fifty years.</p> <p><u>Curious About - Self Guided Walks, Nottingham</u> £7.49 per trial booklet (suitable for 4 -5 people) Explore the towns and cities in Nottinghamshire, in a unique and fun way.</p> <p><u>Knights vs Pirates Trail, Rufford Abbey Country Park</u> £3.50 per trial sheet Your quest is to find the shield and jolly rogers and restore peace between the Pirates and Knights of Nottingham. You are sure to find your very own treasure at the end!</p> <p><u>Paleontology Bone Trial, Caswell Craggs</u> £3 per trial sheet Become a Palaeontologist and discover the bones hidden around the site to complete Mary Anning's Plesiosaur.</p> <p><u>Stone Soup Stories, Nottingham Contemporary</u> Free Delve into Object Theatre, as you explore everyday items to create a mix of imaginary tales inspired by current exhibitions.</p>	<p>Lincolnshire Days Out</p> <p><u>Bransby Horses Rescue Centre, Lincolnshire</u> Free entry, activities £3.50 per child An equine rescue and welfare charity based just a few miles north of Lincoln, perfect for a family day out and picnic venue.</p> <p><u>Lincolnshire Road Transport Museum</u> £5 per adult, accompanied under-18s free Learn how people used to travel, see how engineering has developed and learn how public transport has changed and shaped the way we live today.</p> <p><u>Museum of Lincolnshire Life</u> Free The museum celebrates the culture of Lincolnshire from 1750 to the present day. Exhibits illustrate commercial, domestic, agricultural and community life</p> <p><u>Whit Week: Insect Spotter Trail, Whisky Nature Park</u> Free Collect an insect spotter sheet from the Natural World Centre see how many species you can find from the list.</p> <p><u>Woodhall Spa Secret Spy Mission Trail</u> £9.99 per trial booklet (suitable for 4 -5 people) Can you solve the sneaky clues to crack the code and complete the mission just like a true secret agent?</p>
<p>Eating Out</p> <p><u>Beafaatar</u> Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult</p> <p><u>Bella Italia</u> Children eat for £1 with every paying adult Monday-Thursday 4pm-6pm</p> <p><u>Brewers Fayre</u> Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult</p> <p><u>Dobbies café</u> Children eat free with every paying adult</p> <p><u>Dunhelm Pausa Cafe</u> Free child's meal for every £4 spent by an adult</p> <p><u>Hungry Horse</u> Children eat for £1 on Mondays with every paying adult</p> <p><u>IKEA</u> Children eat for 95p</p> <p><u>Morrisons Café</u> 1 free child's meal with any paying adult</p> <p><u>Sizzling Pubs</u> Children eat for £1 Monday - Friday all day</p> <p><u>Yo Sushi</u> Children eat for free with any paying adult</p>	

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend the celebration of learning over the past couple of weeks. We know that not all parents were able to attend due to other commitments and would like to encourage you to contact your child's class teacher should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

Thank you all so much for your support this half term. School closes today for half term and reopens on Monday 5th June.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley