



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 17th November

Catholic Life and Mission

This week's word of the week was: **Remembrance**

Next week's word of the week is: **Youth**

Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. We are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude and we can see in young people an example of how to live life to the full.

Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations

Remembrance

This week we held remembrance liturgies in classes. Our Y6 house teams planned the liturgies and led them beautifully. All the pupils showed a great understanding and respect of this special remembrance week. We would like to say a big thank you to our teams for their leadership in this area of school life.

Buddy Mass

On Tuesday, Y5 and Y2 celebrated a special buddy mass on the theme of remembrance. It was lovely to see so many members of the school and parish community attending.

Upcoming Masses

Tuesday 28th Nov- Y3 and Y6 Buddy Mass @ 9am

Tuesday 5th December- Y1 and Y4 Buddy Mass @ 9am

Tuesday 19th December- Whole School Mass @ 9am

Y3 and Y4 School Singing Project

Y3 and Y4 have been invited, as part of the school singing project, to take part in the Christmas Carol Concert at St Philip Neri church on Monday 11th December. Your child will need to be taken to St Philip's Church for 3.45pm for rehearsals and they should bring a drink and snacks with them. The concert will begin at 6pm and you are more than welcome to attend. Children should then be collected following the concert which will be approximately 7pm. This is not a compulsory event but is a great opportunity for pupils to perform. If you would like your child to take part please sign the consent form via Arbor.

School Calendar

Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

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House Charities

Each house met this week to vote for their charity which the children will take part in fundraising activities throughout the year.

St Patrick's House Charity

RSPCA

St Therese of Lisieux's House Charity

Team Seas

St Bernadette's House Charity

CAFOD

Oscar Romero's House Charity

Great Ormond Street Hospital

Our Lady of Lourdes House Charity

World Wide Fund for Nature

St George's House Charity

Dog's Trust



Attendance

Thank you for everyone's wonderful efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept- 17th Nov 2023: Thank you for everyone's efforts!

F2: 94.6%	Y4: 94.6%
Y1: 96.7%	Y5: 95%
Y2: 95.4%	Y6: 97%
Y3: 96.3%	Total: 95.7%

To report your child's absence please can we ask that you email the school office on office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk or ring school on 01623 478090.

It is fantastic to see how happy and eager our children are to start the school day, such a wonderful atmosphere. Again, we are so grateful for everyone's effort with punctuality as this really does help to settle your child into the school day.

Below is a table of how school absence could affect your pupil's ability to access the curriculum.

Above 97%	Above 97%. Less than 6 days' absence a year: Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should have access to the majority of the taught curriculum.
95% and below	95%. Less than 10 days' absence in a year: Attendance needs to improve! Pupils with this attendance are likely to access the majority curriculum but will miss out on important educational experiences.
90%	90%. 19 days' absence over the year: Pupils with this attendance are missing <u>1 month</u> of school per year and will miss key curriculum areas; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	85%. 29 days' absence in a year: These pupils are missing <u>6 weeks</u> of school per year, it will be very difficult for them to access the curriculum and achieve their best.
80% or below	80%. Pupils with this attendance are missing the equivalent of <u>1 day for every week</u> of school. It will be almost impossible to access all of the curriculum.

PTA Events

Please put these events in your diary with further details to follow:

Fri 1st Dec: Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate/selection boxes etc

Mon 4th Dec: School disco (times to be confirmed)

Fri 8th Dec: Christmas Jumper and lunch with PTA Festive Market

Trust Capital Projects

Development of a sensory room and the staff room

Throughout this term, school building works will start on a number of projects which will further enhance the quality of our learning environment. Underneath the canopy will be made into a compound for the building equipment and will therefore be made secure and out of use. There will additionally be a skip near the Y2 and Y4 classrooms. We would appreciate you making sure that your children are kept away from these areas at the end of the day. These projects include renovation of a room into a sensory room and renovation of the stage to include lighting and sound! Very exciting!

Playground

As well as indoor areas, we are delighted that our playground and Foundation Unit playground will be enhanced with purpose built obstacles and outdoor gym equipment the initial ground work for these will also begin in the next couple of weeks.

Plans are available to view from the Y3 classroom window.

Anti-Bullying Week

As part of National Anti-bullying week, each class have been exploring the anti-bullying policy and taking part in linked activities. Our anti-bullying lead is Mrs Lowe. Our overall aim is for children to always feel happy and safe in school as part of our school mission.

Admissions - Apply for a Reception place for September 2024

If your child turns 5 between 1st September 2024 and 31 August 2025 and you require a school place for September 2024, you can now apply for their place.

The application window will be open from **Monday 6th November** and the closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**. Applications can be made quickly and easily through the Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Hub.

Please also remember to submit a Supplementary Information Form if you wish for a school place to be considered under a faith criterion. Please note that you **must** include the supporting evidence with this form. If you are unable to locate the required faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised in good time for a 'copy' certificate to be supplied.

All the details and relevant forms can be found on the Admissions section of our website.

[Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions](#)

School Photographer

The school photographer has been in school today. Once the proofs arrive in school, these will be given out to children. All orders are placed directly with Wrates and therefore communication should also be directed to Wrates. Orders can be delivered to school and will be distributed via classes once they have been delivered.

Thank you for your continued support

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley