



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter December 22nd 2023

Catholic Life and Mission



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

St. Patrick's community spirit has shone brightly in so many beautiful ways during Advent and your children have been an absolute joy. During this most sacred season of the church's year, children have lived out the mission of the school in their prayers, actions. We thank you all for your support and partnership with our missions and projects. As we approach Jesus' coming, we do so in hope and love. We wish everyone a most holy and peaceful Christmas.

We would also like to offer thanks to everyone involved in the life of the school and to all those who have supported us in any way, sharing their gifts and talents in such a special way during Advent.

We are very blessed to have a very dedicated governing body and an industrious PTA who ensure that money is raised to support further developments of St Patrick's. We send our very grateful thanks to all who volunteer in our school community.

My grateful thanks to the teaching and non-teaching staff, whose efforts and commitment to nurturing the gifts and talents of every individual child is admirable. They have been absolutely marvellous in their dedicated roles, showing the utmost devotion to children and families.

We are also so blessed to have the very special support of our Hub Chaplains, Clare Lund and Luke Potter.

Finally, to yourselves, for all your support shown in a so many ways, each and every day - a heartfelt thank you from us all. We are so blessed to have such caring and giving pupils and families who work hand in hand with us. It is always a privilege to be part of the St Patrick's team.

Y1 and Y2 Nativity: 'Rock the Baby'

We are so very proud of the very special ways in which our children have retold the Christmas Story so very beautifully. Through song, word and action, the true meaning of Advent and Christmas has been revealed. Thank you so much to all the children and their staff for all their efforts and hard work.

Supporting others in need

As a Catholic school, it is our Christian duty to reach out to others, as John's Gospel reminds us: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Thank you to Y3 and the Howard family for organising and coordinating this year's shoe box appeal. Mansfield Soup Kitchen was so grateful to receive your boxes, which the Howards collected and delivered on Friday – a fantastic community effort so well done to all involved in this most valuable project.

Next week's word of the week is: Love

In the season of Advent, we are reminded of the great love that God has for us and the love we should have for each other. We know that Jesus Christ is the true example of love, and we celebrate this gift of love at Christmas time.

Think of someone who you love this week and make an effort to show and tell them that you love them.

Carol Concert

Thank you in advance to our Y6 and for leading our Carol Concert and to all who contributed to make this event such a special community event.

We return to school on Friday 5th January, we will be celebrating the feast of 'The Epiphany' which is Saturday 6th January.

When we return from the Christmas break the word of the week will be: Epiphany

Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world. It is a time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's birth and to renew our commitment to following him. For us, Epiphany is a time to recognise that Christ came for everyone and we see this reflected in the visit of the Magi and the gifts that they brought. What is a gift that you can give to others?

Think of a way to share your gift with your community.

Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR	
	CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 10.00am at St Patrick 10.00am at St Philip Neri
SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION Tuesday 19 December at 7.00pm at St Philip Neri	26 AND 27 DECEMBER 10.00am at St Philip Neri
SATURDAY MASSES 23 DECEMBER 10.00am at St Philip Neri 5.00pm at St Joseph 6.00pm at St Philip Neri	28 AND 29 DECEMBER 12.10pm at St Philip Neri
SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES 24 DECEMBER 9.00am at St Philip Neri 9.00am at St Teresa 11.00am at St Patrick 11.00am at St Philip Neri 5.00pm at St Joseph - Children's Mass 5.00pm at St Philip Neri – Children's Mass 7.30pm at St Teresa – Midnight Mass 11.00pm at St Philip Neri – Midnight Mass - Carols and Readings from 10.30pm	30 AND 31 DECEMBER Mass at usual times NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS 1 JANUARY 12.10pm at St Philip Neri

Christmas Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 24th December at 11am Mass at St Patrick's Church, children are warmly invited to attend, with the option of wearing a Nativity costume. Children will then be invited to set up the Nativity scene and sing the lullaby song during the next week's Sunday Mass at 11am.

Library Event in January

Multiply
WINTER CRAFTS
MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY
SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024
FREE
Drop in between 10am and 12pm

working with
Inspire
Growth Learning Libraries

Nottinghamshire
County Council

Education & Skills
Funding Agency

Attendance

Thank you for everyone's continued efforts with your child's attendance. Here is the class attendance from 1st Sept- 15h Dec2023: Thank you for everyone's efforts! Let's make a wonderful last week effort together.

F2: 93% Y4: 95%

Y1: 96% Y5: 94%

Y2: 95% Y6: 96%

Y3: 96% Total: 95%

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.

Please see the NHS Guidance for the latest advice regarding sending your child to school with the following medical conditions: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

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](#)

Extra Curricula Clubs - January 2024

Extra Curricular Clubs: We are pleased to share that the following clubs will run for the first half of the Spring term

Monday: Mansfield town football club Y1-Y6

Tuesday: Games Club Y1 - Y6

Tuesday: Drama Club: This will be led by Miss Pearce, Y5 class teacher Y1 - Y6

Wednesday: Multi skills club Y1 - Y6

These are all bookable via Arbor.

Please find an up to date calendar of events by following the below link.

[St Patrick's Calendar](#)

On behalf of the school community, we wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

We very much look forward to welcoming our children back on **5th January as we have an INSET on 4th January.**

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher