



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 1st March 2024

Catholic Life and Mission

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

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

Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need this week.



Journey through lent

This Lent we are working as a school to raise money for CAFOD during CAFOD's Big Lent walk and also for our house charities at our St Patrick's Mini Market.

We know you will join us in working together during lent to ensure that we support those in need through the three pillars of Lent: Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting.

Lenten Events in School

Week 3

Word of the Week: Almsgiving

Celebration of the word in school – Y3

Tuesday 5th March – Liturgy of the Word – 2.45pm – Y4, 5, 6 – Y6

Week 4

Word of the Week: Sacrifice

Celebration of the word in school – Y2

Tuesday 12th March – Liturgy of the word – 2.45am – Y1, 2, 3 – Y3 to lead

Thursday 14th March – Come and See assembly Y1, Y3 and Y5 - 2.45pm (Parents invited)

Friday 15th March – St Patrick's Race night – Time TBC

Week 5

Word of the Week: Journey

Monday 18th March – Whole school mass to celebrate St Patrick's Day (Parents invited)

St Patrick's Day of Retreat including Children's mini market

Week 6

Word of the Week: Passion

Celebration of the word – St Oscar Romero house to lead (St Oscar Romero Feast day)

Tuesday 26th March – Easter Presentation – EYFS – Y2 – 2.30pm (Parents invited)

Wednesday 27th March – EYFS Easter bonnet parade – 2.45pm (Parents invited)

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Fayre – 3.30pm (Parents invited)

Wednesday 28th March – Easter Presentation – Y3 – Y6 – 9am (Parents invited)



School Calendar

Please use the below link to access the school calendar.

[School Calendar](#)

Upcoming events

9th February - Inset Day

Residential

Year 4 - The Mill - 7th - 8th May 2024

Year 5 - Hathersage - 25th - 27th March 2024

Year 6 - The Briars - 8th- 10th July 2024

You should have now received information regarding the residential for your child. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion programme begins on Sunday 3rd March at 11am mass at St Patrick's Church. The group will be enrolled into the programme which then continues in school with the first session on Tuesday 5th March from 3.30pm to 4.15pm.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for everyone's continued efforts with your child's attendance. We would like to remind everyone of the importance of being punctual to school everyday. The gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. If your child arrives after this time then they need to report to reception from the Ling Forest Road site.

Here is the class attendance for this week.

F2: 94% Y4: 95%

Y1: 95% Y5: 94.5%

Y2: 96% Y6: 97%

Y3: 96% Overall: 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.

Reading and World Book Day

World Book Day

We are really looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March**. World Book Day celebrates that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.

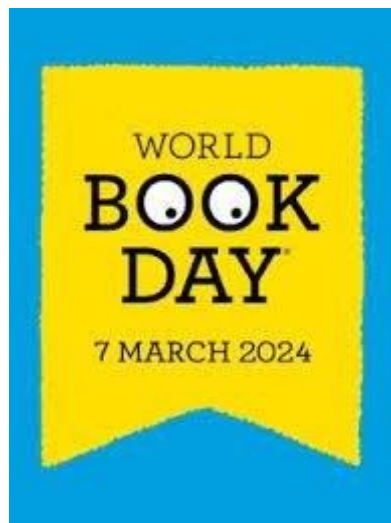
Reading for pleasure improves children's life chances across a range of social, educational and well-being measures. There are six evidence-based principles that can be implemented by families to support children in adopting a life-long habit of reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and at school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading fun!

This year, our theme is '**Bedtime Stories**'. We would like to invite the children to come to school in their comfiest PJ's and dressing gowns, as well as bringing along their favourite teddy and their favourite bedtime story. Throughout the day we will be completing lots of fun activities as a whole school, in classes and in our house groups to encourage reading for pleasure!

Travelling Book Fair

To celebrate World Book Day and our love for reading, we will also be welcoming the Travelling Book Fair into school. The book fair will be open daily afterschool from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March. Each child will receive a World Book Day voucher which they can spend at the book fair or at participating retailers. After half term, we will also be running a reading competition to win up to £25 worth of World Book Day vouchers to spend at the book fair. More details to follow soon!





February 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

We are delighted to announce that [The Lime Trees](#) will be working in partnership with St Patrick's Catholic Primary School from 15th April 2024. Launching Breakfast & After School club on the school site.

The Lime Trees

The Lime Trees story is rooted in helping and supporting each individual family. Our aim is to deliver a service that we, as parents, would be proud to use. Putting parents and families first, we realise that flexibility of childcare is essential for meeting the needs of modern family life. We allow parents to manage the care of their children around their schedule and not the other way around.

We provide a flexible service where you can book the sessions that work best for you our online booking system located on our website www.thelimetrees.co.uk. You will need to register your child/children before you are able to make a booking, which will be open from the 26th February. For more information on how to register, book your place, make a payment and general FAQ's please visit our website or click here to access our [Parent Guide](#) doc attached. |

Times/Prices

We are delighted to be able to confirm that the Breakfast club will now be available from 7.30am and the after school club available till 6pm. please see below for a breakdown of costs.

	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Time	7.30 – 8.30am	3.20 – 6.00pm
Cost	£5.25	£9.80

*Parents will also be able to use childcare vouchers and the governments Tax Free Childcare scheme.

How to find us.

The clubs will be located in the dining hall within the school.

Keep in touch & stay up to date.

If you have any immediate questions, please refer to our website or 'Parent Guide' alternatively you can contact us on 0115 9313 562 or email enquiries@thelimetrees.co.uk.

For up-to-date news and promotions follow us on Facebook and Instagram, just search for The Lime Trees.

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Thank to everyone for attending parents evening, we had a record number of parents attending and thank you for the strong home-school supportive, partnership.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley