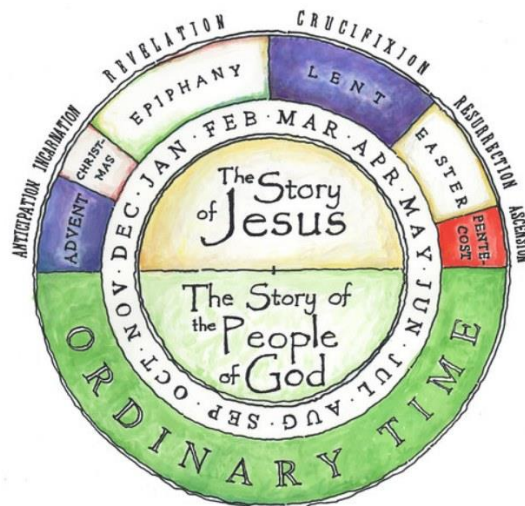




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 18th October

Catholic Life and Mission - Ordinary Time



Throughout this month of October, each class has focused upon praying to Mary with the Hail Mary and Rosary Prayers. Please feel very welcome to continue devoting prayers to Mary at home following this link: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

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

The week after half term word of the week is: **Accompaniment**

In the Catholic faith, we are called to care for the poor and to work to alleviate poverty. We are also called to be aware of the causes of poverty and to work to change them. Scripture reminds us that

we can be financially poor but we can also be poor in spirit and that as followers of Jesus we should show mercy to all people, especially those most in need.

Mission: Make a donation of money, items or time to a charity this week.

Mass in school

Our next mass in school is Tuesday 15th November at 9am which is for Y4/5/6 - all are welcome!

Harvest Thanks Giving

A fantastic £120 was raised by our recent non uniform Day

Homeless tins appeal

We were overwhelmed with the generosity of families during our harvest tins appeal. A big thank you to Mrs Hoskins who delivered these to the _____. They were very thankful to everyone for the collection.

Behaviour virtues

This year we are introducing the behaviour virtues to support the children in making the right choices.

Over the course of the year the following virtues will be introduced and reinforced with the children.

- Faith and Love
- Hope
- Temperance
- Justice
- Courage
- Solidarity

Last week, we introduced 'Faith and Love'. We shared ways that the children can live these out. Throughout this half term, children will be recognised and rewarded for living out these virtues.

After half term we will be introducing the next virtue of 'Hope'.

World mental health day

Last week, as a school, we supported world mental health day by encouraging children and staff to wear a symbol of yellow. Throughout the day children were given opportunities for calm and mindfulness and we will continue throughout the year to ensure that pupils mental health and wellbeing are at the forefront. Thank you to Mrs Lowe and Mrs Wightman for continuing to champion this area and ensuring that all pupils have areas in school which they can use when periods of reflection and quiet are needed.

Parents evening and SEND reviews

Many thanks for all the support we have received from yourselves as the very vast majority of parents/carers have attended their child's appointment. Your partnership with us is so valuable in supporting your child and we hope that this can be further developed throughout the year.

If you have not been able to attend a parents evening yet, please contact the school office to organise one.

Sporting events

Cross county


Miss Francis and Miss Thompson were extremely proud of the dedication, effort and encouragement shown by all of the cross country runners. They reported that the all the children tried their very best and pushed themselves really hard. Spectators from other schools passed on how supportive St Patrick's pupils were of other children which makes us so very proud.

Girls football festival

Well done to the group of Y4 girls who attended the football festival at West Notts College this evening. Mrs Brizz and Mrs Stevenson were very impressed with the children and how they tried.

A big thank you to all the staff for enabling these events to take place and to parents for supporting with collection.

School Calendar

 Advent term 2 4TH NOV TO 20TH DEC 2024	
4.11.24 WOW- Accompaniment	Mon : Children return to school Wed: Y1 Phonics workshop - 3.30pm Thurs: F2 Phonics Workshop - 3.30pm
11.11.24 WOW- Remembrance	Tues : Mass - Y4/5/6 - 9am- All Welcome
18.11.24 WOW- Youth	Thurs : Y1 Drop everything and read - 9am Fri : EYFS Stay and Play - 9am Fri: National Youth Fun day Fri: Come and see Assembly (Y4/5/6- 2.30PM)
25.11.24 WOW - Kingdom	Tues : Mass - Whole School - 9am - All Welcome
2.12.24 WOW - Hope	Mon: Celebration of the word- Y5/6 - 9am (Parents welcome) Tue - Mass - 9am - F2/Y1/Y2/Y3 - All Welcome
9.12.24 WOW - Peace	Mon: Celebration of the word- Y3/4 - 9am (Parents welcome) Mon: F2 and KS1 Nativity - 2.15pm (Parents welcome) Tue: F2 and KS1 Nativity - 9am (Parents welcome) Thurs: Nursery Nativity - 9am (Parents welcome) Fri: Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day
16.12.24 WOW - Joy	Mon: Celebration of the word- Y1/2- 9am (Parents welcome) Tues: Mass - Whole School - 9am - All welcome Fri: Christmas Carol Concert - KS2 - 9am - (Parents welcome) Break up for Christmas Holiday - Return to School Monday 6th January

Dates to note

Phonics workshops:

Please see the following dates for our Phonics workshops:

Wednesday 6th November 2024- **Year 1 3.30pm**

Thursday 7th October 2024- **F2 3.30pm**

The Phonics workshop is a chance for you to see how phonics is taught in school, with tips and ideas of how to support your child/children.

Tour of the school

On Thursday 7th November at 9 am and Thursday 14th November at 4pm, we are offering a tour of the school for F1 parent's and parents who would like their child to join F2 in **September 2025**.

Attendance and Punctuality

Equates to <u>2</u> days off a year.	99%	Excellent attendance
Equates to <u>5</u> days off a year.	97%	Good attendance
Equates to <u>10</u> days off a year.	95%	Slight concern
Equates to <u>20</u> days off a year.	90%	Concerned
Equates to <u>30</u> days off a year.	85%	Very concerned

Over the summer, there have been a number of changes made by the DFE regarding attendance. Our trust has incorporated these changes which commenced on 19th August 2024. Please see the attached letter explaining some of the key changes with particular regards to taking absence of leave during term time.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring everyone attends school as much as they are able to and therefore ask for your support in light of these changes.

Attendance data 4th September to 16th October

Whole school - 96%

F2 - 92.3%

Y1 - 95.9%

Y2 - 96.9%

Y3 - 96.5%

Y4 - 97.5%

Y5 - 96.1%

Y6 - 95.3%

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/>

In line with the Trust's Attendance policy, school is unable to authorise absences of leave during term time, unless the reason falls the exceptional criteria. Fines may also be issued as part of the Trust's attendance policy for absences of leave during term time which are unauthorised.

The Lime Trees Breakfast and after school club

The Lime Trees breakfast and after school club is now fully up and running.

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. For more information on how to register, book your place, make a payment and general FAQ's please visit our website www.thelimetrees.co.uk

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.

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am to 8.30am at a cost of £5.25.

After school club runs from 3.20pm to 6pm at a cost of £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 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.

RSHE

Across school, we are starting to cover the topic of me, my body, my health. During these sessions children will be taught how their bodies change and develop as they grow up. In key stage 1, they will be taught the scientific names of the parts of their bodies. In Year 3 and Year 4 they will be covering the topics of how to respect our bodies and what puberty is and in Year 5 and 6 they will cover puberty in more detail focussing on the changes that happen to girls and boys bodies.

<https://www.st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk/catholic-life/rshe/>

Further information related to the specific content and vocabulary can be found via the above link on the school website as well as in our RSE policy.

If you would like any additional information, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Book Bus



Thank for your generosity with 'The book bus', this gave the school £181 to spend on books for each classroom. We have enjoyed reading our new books during story time this week

Forest School

We are really pleased that Forest school will be starting after half. Y1 will be doing this on a Tuesday afternoon and Y2 on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves.

Year 6 — Secondary Applications

For parents/carers of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to apply for a secondary school place. It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of **Thursday 31st October, 2024**. Nottinghamshire applications can be made here. Nottinghamshire County Council have produced this factsheet to make the process easier for you. Add link to factsheet from NCC website

For the overwhelming majority of you who will be applying for a place at All Saints', please note that you must complete a Supplementary Form from All Saints' as well as the Local Authority application form. Information on admissions to All Saints' can be found here:
<https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information/admissions/>.

If you are having any difficulties, please speak to a member of the office team, Mrs Smedley or Mrs Pyatt who will be only too happy to help. It is important to note that if a late application is made,

then this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place in your preferred choice of school. Parents are notified of which school is assigned on **3rd March**, which is National Offer Day.

Parking in and around school

Please could we ask for everyone's support in showing consideration to our neighbours when parking. In particular, please can we ask that vehicles are not parked on bends of the road or across driveways. The Farm Foods car park is less busy on a morning so this may also be an option to consider. We are continuing to work with NCC to improve the issue of congestion around Ling Forest Road. Many thanks for your support.

Play Equipment

Please can we ask for everyone's support in supervising children once collected after school, as they should not be on the outdoor apparatus. We have shared this with all children and would really appreciate if this message could be reinforced by yourselves. Many thanks

Free events over the half term holiday

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Tootie-Fruitie – A Smoothie Symphony

Join the friendly BeatFeet team on an exciting early morning adventure in the Enchanted Woods! Grab a hand drum and make beautiful, rhythmic music with all of our awesome animal puppets as you sing your way to the Lions' big boogie bash. There's a huge birthday cake waiting for us! Who's coming along?

Venue
Mansfield Central Library

Date
Saturday 26 October

Time
10am-11am
with time for free play afterwards

Price
FREE

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Many thanks for all the wonderful support we continue to receive from this wonderful school community.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley