



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 4th October

## **Catholic Life and Mission - Ordinary Time**

This week we have celebrated '**Harvest Festival**'. We would like to say a big thank you for the support given through tins of food to our local community and through money for our global community. The food will be delivered to the Mansfield food bank and the money will buy a world gift through CAFOD. On Thursday, our Y6 pupils led a wonderful 'Celebration of the word' which helped us to reflect on the theme of Harvest and it was wonderful to share the offerings of all of the classes on our Altar.

**This week's Word of the Week this week : Solidarity**

**Next week's word of the week: Rosary**

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

**Mission: Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.**

### **St Patrick's Church Parish Autumn Fayre**

Donations and volunteers to run stalls are warmly appreciated for the upcoming parish fayre which is being held on Sunday 6th October after Mass. Please do feel very welcome to come to the Fayre with all proceeds raised for the church

### **Mass in school**

**Our next mass in school is Tuesday 15th October at 9am - all are welcome!**

## 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.

## School Calendar

On the 10th October to celebrate **World Mental Health Day**, we invite the children to come to school wearing school uniform and one item of yellow.

**'Wear yellow to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Because we stand brighter, together'.**

[Hello Yellow | World Mental Health Day | YoungMinds](#)

| St Patrick's Catholic Primary school  |   |
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| Calendar events 2024-2025   |   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Advent Celebration of the word – Y3 and Y4 – 9am ( <a href="#">Main hall</a> – parents welcome) |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Reception and KS1 Nativity – 2.15pm ( <a href="#">Main hall</a> – parents welcome)              |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Reception and KS1 Nativity – 9am ( <a href="#">Main hall</a> – parents welcome)                 |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Nursery Nativity – 9am (Nursery classroom- parents welcome)                                     |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day   |
| 16.12.24 WOW: Joy   |   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Advent Celebration of the word – Y1 and Y2 – 9am (Main hall- parents welcome)                   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Christmas Carol Concert – KS2 – 9am (Main hall- parents welcome)                                |
| Christmas Holidays<br>23.12.24<br>30.12.24<br>Return to school Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January |   |



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| Advent 1                                    |   |
| 09.09.24 WOW: Encounter – Bishop's priority |   |
| 16.09.24 WOW: Identify                      |   |
| 23.09.24 WOW: Understanding                 |   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept               | Whole school mass – 9am   |
| 30.09.24 WOW: Solidarity                    |   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct                | National Poetry Day   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct                | Harvest festival assembly – 9am – whole community welcome                     |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct                  | Book bus at school (more details to follow)                                   |
| 07.10.24 WOW: Rosary                        |   |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct                 | Y5 visit to forest town library   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct                 | Come and See assembly F2, Y1, Y2 and Y3 – 2.30pm (Main hall- parents welcome) |
| 14.10.24 WOW: Poverty                       |   |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct              | Y6 visit to Forest Town Library   |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct              | Parents evening (all classes)   |
| Half term<br>Week 21.10.24<br>Week 28.10.24 |   |
| Advent 2                                    |   |
| 04.11.24 WOW: Accompaniment                 |   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November             | Children return to school   |
| 11.11.24 WOW: Remembrance                   |   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November            | Remembrance Day   |
| 18.11.24 WOW: Youth                         |   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November            | National youth fun day  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November            | Come and See Assembly Y4, Y5 and Y6 – 2.30pm (Main hall- parents welcome)     |
| 25.11.24 WOW: kingdom                       |   |
| 02.12.24 WOW: Hope                          |   |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec                  | Advent Celebration of the Word – Y5 and Y6 – 9am (Main hall- parents welcome) |
| 09.12.24 WOW: Peace                         |   |

## Attendance and Punctuality

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 4th October

Whole school - 95.6%

F2 - 91%

Y1 - 96.4%

Y2 - 96%

Y3 - 95%

Y4 - 97%

Y5 - 95%

Y6 - 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:enquiries@thelimetrees.co.uk).

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

## Home school agreement

If you haven't already done so, please can you make yourself familiar with our home school agreement and sign the consent to follow this via Arbor.

## 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.

## Family Hub

In September 2024 the 1st family hub for Mansfield was opened to provide a range of services to families with children aged birth to 19 years! This will be open in the Ravensdale, Forest Town, Oak Tree and Bellamy areas at first with plans to expand across the whole of Mansfield within the next 12 months.

We want to hear from you! Family hubs are tailored to meet the needs of the local community providing a one stop shop where you can get all the information in 1 place, so we need to hear from local parents – what is it that is needed locally?

Join Karen on **Thursday 10th October 2024** to find out more about this and the range of services available to you and your family and have your say in how your local family hub develops in the next few months (**This event has been rescheduled from the 26th September**)

## 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.

## Sporting success

### **Cross Country and Football tournaments**

Well done to a group of children who did so well in representing our school so brilliantly, displaying great sporting skills and a fantastic attitude.

## Parents evening

Parents evening for F1, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will take place on Wednesday 16th October between 3pm and 5.45pm. This is a valuable opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and to discuss how they have settled into their new class.

Bookings will open on Friday 4th October at 4pm via Arbor.

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

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley