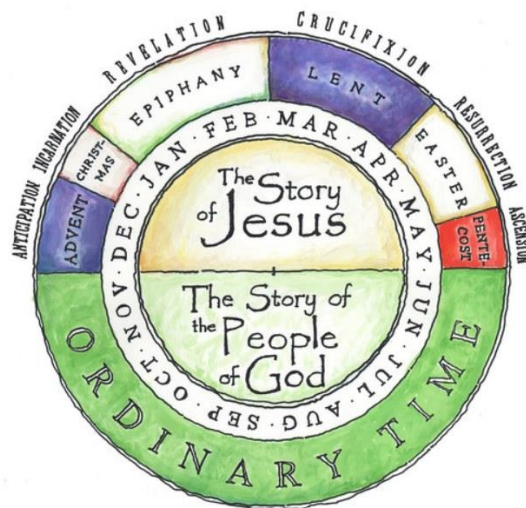




# St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 22nd November

## Catholic Life and Mission - Ordinary Time



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

Next weeks word of the week is: **Kingdom**

The Kingdom of God is not just a distant promise, but something we can experience here and now. It's a place where love, justice, and peace reign. We build this kingdom through our actions, our relationships, and our commitment to living out Christ's teachings. The Kingdom is a place of belonging, where everyone is valued and loved. When we work

together, we can create a glimpse of heaven on earth, a place where God's love shines through in all we do.

**Mission: Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the Kingdom of heaven.**

### **National Youth Funday**

**Today in school the children have taken part in National Youth Fun day. This years theme was “let your kingdom come”. This day is a call to action inviting the youth of the church to be active participants in building God’s Kingdom here on earth. It challenges pupils to reflect on how they can embody Christ’s love, justice, and peace in their daily lives.**

**Sunday is the feast of ‘Christ of the King’. This is a day to remember that Chris is their spiritual leader in heaven.**

## 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 half term, 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.

This half term we are focusing on the behaviour virtue ‘Hope’.

Hope isn't just wishful thinking, but a confident expectation of God's promises. Hope is a powerful virtue that can give us strength to persevere, even when things get tough, and to trust that God is always with us, guiding us towards a brighter future.

“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Ways that children can show hope:

I have hope when:

- I am positive
- I believe that God had a plan for me
- I don't give up when things are hard
- I have hopes and dreams for the future
- I try my best in all that I do
- I support others to be the best they can be

## Sporting events

### **Golf Y6**


A big well done to our group of Y6 pupils who attended and won an indoor Golf tournament at West Notts College yesterday. We say a big thank you to Mrs Stevenson who accompanied them. Mrs Stevenson was extremely proud of all of their efforts and highly praised the exemplary behaviour of the children.

## School Calendar

**Advent events in school 2024**

**Advent Week 1 - Word of the Week - Hope**  
**2nd Dec 2024**

Year Group (s)	Event	Date place and time
Y5 and Y6	Celebration of the Word	Mon 2nd Dec @ 9am in hall
F2, Y1, Y2 and Y3	Mass	Tues 3rd Dec @ 9am in hall
Y2	Trip to Mansfield Museum	Wednesday 4th
Y3	Celebration of the Word	Thurs 5th Dec@ 2.30pm in classroom
Y4	Celebration of the Word	Thurs 5th Dec @ 2.30pm in classroom
Whole school	Non Uniform Day In exchange for selection box.	Friday 6th Dec



**Advent events in school 2024**

**Advent Week 2 - Word of the Week - Peace**  
**9th Dec 2024**

Year Group (s)	Event	Date, time and place
Y3 and Y4	Celebration of the Word	Mon 9th Dec @ 9am in school hall
F2, Y1 and Y2	Nativity:	Mon 9th Dec @ 2.15pm in school hall
F2, Y1 and Y2	Nativity:	Tues 10th Dec @ 9am in school hall
Y6	Celebration of the Word	Tues 10th Dec@ 2.30pm in classroom
Y5	Celebration of the Word	Tues 10th Dec@ 2.30pm in classroom
Y3 and Y4	Carol Concert	Wed 11th Dec @ St Philip's Neri Church 5pm
F1 (Nursery)	Nativity	Thurs 12th Dec @ 9am in EYFS
Whole school	Christmas jumper, dinner and market day	Thurs 12th Dec @ 2.15pm in school hall
Y1	Celebration of the Word	Y1 classroom Friday 13th Dec @ 2.30pm
Y2	Celebration of the Word	Y2 Classroom Friday 13th Dec @ 2.30pm





Please see the posters which show the events during Advent

### Upcoming events

**Next week 25.11.24**

Word of the week: Kingdom

### PTA Event

The PTA Christmas Disco is on Monday 9th December

Foundation stage 1 and Key stage 1 - 4 - 5.15 (An adult must attend)

KS2 - 5.15 - 6.30 (Adults can drop off and pick up)

Further information regarding tickets for the Disco will be shared soon

## 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

1 - F2: 92.6%    Y1: 95.7%    Y2: 96.9%  
Y3: 96.7%    Y4: 97.9%    Y5: 96.6%  
Y6: 95.2%    Total: 96.5%

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.

**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.

## 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.

## Dropping off and collecting children.

Please can we ask for everyone's support in supervising children during the dropping off and collecting of children 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. Could we also ask for everyone's support whilst parking their vehicles on Ling Forest Road; please avoid blocking driveways and consider parking further away from school to help with congestion. Many thanks

## First Admission to school

### **First Admissions to Primary School September 2025**

Please see the admissions information below regarding applying for a place in school for September 2025.

### **Applying for a place in school for an F2 place.**

If you live in Nottinghamshire and **require a school place for your child in September 2025**, you will be contacted by Nottinghamshire County Council with further information and their Admissions form which must be completed so an F2 place can be allocated.

If you do not receive any information from Nottinghamshire County Council, please call the Admissions Team on this number: 0300 500 8080.

If you are applying on faith grounds you will also need to complete our supplementary form which is available from the school office or via school website.

**An allocation of a place in Nursery does not grant a place in Main School.**

All applications must be made via Nottinghamshire County Council.

**First admissions dates to remember:**

Children starting school for the first time. Relevant age group: Reception: children born between 01 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

**National open date for applications: 4th November 2024**

**National closing date for applications: 15th January 2025**

It is extremely important that you complete your application on time.

Applications received after the closing date will be ranked and considered as late applications.

Please use this link for the parents' guide to admissions:

[admissions to schools: guide for parents \[PDF\]](#)

## Communication with school and staff

Following consultation with staff we have made the decision to move from using class email address to the staff named email address. After today, the class email addresses will no longer be in use and will not be checked.

If you have a message that needs to be shared the same day please contact the office on 01623 478090 or email via [office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk). Messages can then be passed on to the relevant member of staff. Our phone lines are open from 8pm to 4pm and the office email is also monitored during these times.

If you email specific staff, there is a 48 hr turn around for a response.

Please see below for staff email addresses.

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Have a lovely weekend,

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley