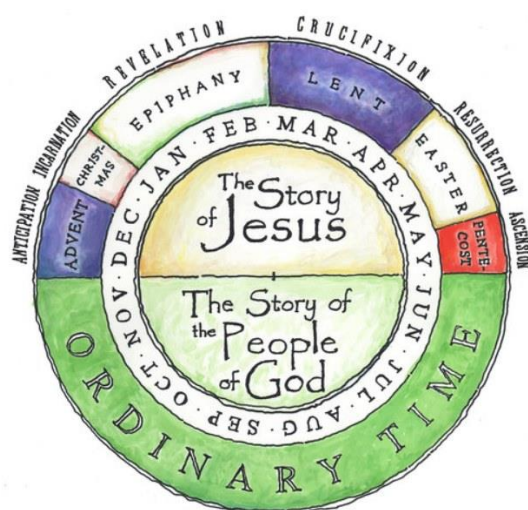




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy
Newsletter: Friday 10th January 2025



Catholic Life and Mission



Happy new year! A very warm welcome back to everyone in our community and warmest wishes for the Lenten term.

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

This week in school we have celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. We began as a whole school in 'Celebration of the Word' where we thought about the long journey the Magi made to visit baby Jesus. We thought about the gifts they gave to the new and then started to think about how we could spread gifts to everyone this week. Some of these ideas were for example: gifts of friendship, kindness or care.

On Monday afternoon, Y4/Y5 chaplains led a beautiful prayer retreat where pupils in KS2 were given further opportunities for reflection, meditation and prayer.

Next week is the beginning of ordinary time and our cloths and displays around school will turn back to green.

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

Baptism is a sign of God's love and forgiveness, it marks a fresh start and a new beginning. When we are baptised we are welcomed into the Church community of believers who love us, support us and help us grow. During baptism we are anointed as priest, prophet and king and called to live like Jesus did.

Mission this week: Think of one way you can be more like Jesus this week.

Mass

Our next mass in school: Tuesday 28th January @9am

Calendar

Lent Term 1

Week: 13.01.25

Word of the week – Baptism

Thurs 16th Jan – Y1 and Y2 Drop everything and read - @9am (parents welcome)

Friday 17th Jan – Y5 Bread making

Week: 20.01.25

Word of the week – Discipleship

Thurs 23rd Jan – Y5 Museum Trip

Friday 24th Jan – Jubilee Launch

Week 27.01.25

Word of the week – Scripture

Tues 28th Jan – Mass @9am (parents welcome)

Thurs 30th Jan – Y6 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Week: 03.02.25

Word of the week – Humility

Tues 4th Feb – Mass @9am (parents welcome)

Friday 7th Feb – Come and see assembly,
F2,Y1,Y2.Y3 @2.30pm (parents welcome)

Week: 10.02/25

Word of the week – Diversity

Tue 11th Feb – Safer Internet day

Thurs 13th Feb – Parents evening (booking times
to be sent out via Arbor)

Thurs 13th Feb – Break up for half term

Friday 14th Feb – Inset day

Half term 17th to 21st February

Return to school Monday 21st February

Lent Term 2

Week: 24. 02.25

Word of the week – Belonging

Tuesday 25th Feb – Mass @9am (Parents welcome)

Week: 03.03.25

Word of the week –Temperance

Wed 5th March – Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent

Thurs 6th March – World book day

Friday 7th March – Come and see assembly, Y4, Y5 and Y6 @2.30pm (Parents welcome)

Week 10.03.25

Word of the week – 1st Week of Lent - Prayer

Week: 17.03.25

Word of the week – 2nd Week of Lent - Fasting

Monday 17th March – St Patrick’s Day mass @9am (parents welcome)

Monday 17th March – St Patrick’s day mini market (children only)

Thurs 20th and 21st March – Y5 Residential

Week: 24.03.25

Word of the week – 3rd Week of Lent – Almsgiving

Mon 24th March – Celebration of the word @9am – Y5/6 (parents welcome)

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th – Y6 Bikeability

Week: 31.03.25

Word of the week - 4th Week of Lent – Sacrifice

Mon 31st March – Celebration of the word @9am – Y3/4 (parents welcome)

Tues 1st April – Y4 Bikeability

Wed 2nd April – Y3 Bikeability

Friday 4th April – Stations of the cross – KS2 - @9am (Parents welcome)

Fri 4th April – School closes for Easter

Easter holidays – 7th April to 21st April

Return to school 22nd April

Attendance

Thank you for everyone's wonderful continued efforts with your child's attendance.

F2:93.5% Y4:97%

Y1:96.3% Y5:96%

Y2:95.7% Y6:95%

Y3:96.7% Total:96%

To report your child's absence please can we ask that you email the school office on office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk¹ 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 2025

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.

¹<mailto:office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk>

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]²

Extra Curricula Clubs - January 2025

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 Y2-Y6

Wednesday: Multi skills club Y1 - Y6

These are all bookable via Arbor.

Limetrees Wraparound Provision

Subject: Claim Your Free Taster Session - The Lime Trees Breakfast & After-School Clubs!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to share an amazing opportunity from The Lime Trees, who provide high-quality Breakfast and After-School Clubs designed to support families just like yours.

They are offering 30 FREE taster sessions³ to introduce their Breakfast and Afterschool clubs to our school community!

²<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/pebf0jmy/admissions-to-schools-guide-for-parents-2025-2026-2.pdf>

At Lime Trees, children are offered more than just care before and after school – they enjoy a space where they can grow, learn, and have fun. The clubs are designed to complement your child's school day, with activities that support their development, healthy meals, and a safe, friendly environment.

Why are these taster sessions being offered?

These free sessions will give you and your child firsthand experience of how The Lime Trees can enhance your child's daily routine, whether through a productive start to their day at the Breakfast Club or a relaxing, enriching end to their day at the After-School Club.

How to Claim Your Free Taster Session:

- Register your interest using the link below, please select our school name from the drop down list.
- The first 30 families to register will receive a special code to book their free session.
- Free sessions must be used between 1st December and 31st January.

If you do not hear back from The Lime Trees by the 20th December, it means all 30 slots have been filled.

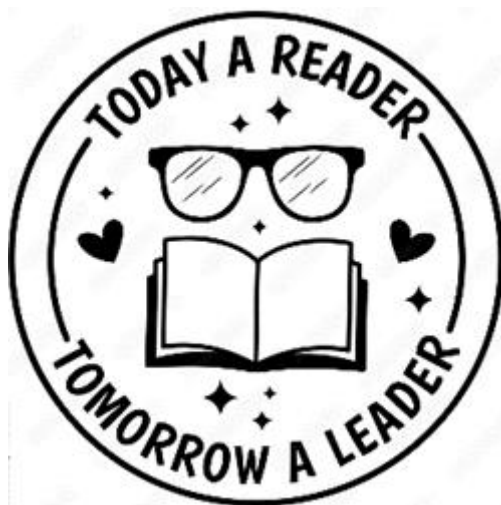
Be sure to register early to secure your child's FREE taster session!

Form Link - <https://keap.app/contact-us/1442578764257857>

Best regards,

St Patrick's on behalf of The Lime Trees

[Reading at home](#)



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At St Patrick's, we have high expectations for reading as we know that research shows pupils who read for pleasure have a higher academic success across the curriculum.

We also know that the more fluently a child can read the more pleasure it is for them to read. The only way to improve reading is through consistent practice.

Our expectations

At St Patrick's we expect all children to read 4 times a week (in addition to the reading they do at school); however, we always strive for all children to be reading for 20 minutes daily at home.

Recording and monitoring reading

Children must record all reading in their reading diary, which should travel to and from school daily (or as directed by your child's class teacher). We ask that children in KS1 have all reading signed off by an adult (including the date, book title and a comment). We encourage KS2 children to do this independently, but we kindly ask for your support and monitoring of this at home. A member of staff will check reading diaries every Monday. It is important that we can monitor reading, so if your child does not have their reading diary in school every day or does not record reading regularly, the class teacher may be in touch to find ways to support with this.

Rewarding reading

- If your child has read 4 times in the week and recorded it in their reading diary, they will receive a sticker to go on their bookmark, as well as a golden ticket to go on the class recognition board.
- For every 3 stickers they receive (a full row on the bookmark) they will choose a prize from the class Reading Wow Box.
- When a full bookmark is complete, children will receive a reading badge to wear on their tie as well as a reading certificate

Staff Car park

We would like to politely remind all in our community that the staff car park should not be used by parents or carers for dropping off or picking up from school or from breakfast and after school club. The school car park is very small and there is no space for turning around. Over the past half term there have been a few bangs and near misses between cars.

During the hours of 8.30-8.50am and 3.15 - 3.30pm, the carpark is out of use to all vehicles to ensure the safe entry and exit of the community.

Our local PCSO's are continuing to offer their support and physical presence with regards to the traffic on Ling Forest Road.

Young Voices

We were incredibly proud of the children who attended the Young Voices concert on Wednesday at Sheffield Arena. Their behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm during the rehearsal and concert was amazing. It was a very long and exciting day but the children did not stop singing and dancing until they arrived back to school. A big thank you to Mrs Gripton, who has spent many hours organising and preparing the children over the past couple of months. We also say thank you for time given by Miss Pearce, Mrs Pyatt and Mrs Smith in attending the concert and keeping everyone safe.

Feedback from parents and carers who attended was extremely positive. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher