



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 21st March

Catholic Life and Mission





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

Next week second week of LENT: **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.

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

Almsgiving: giving to Charity

Almsgiving is one of the pillars of Lent. A time for giving towards those in need as part of our commitment towards looking after all in God's beautiful world.

The Big Lent Walk

As we support our Global neighbours, our school is taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. These walks will take place throughout Lent as children walk as 'Pilgrims of Hope' in and around school. Your child will bring home a sponsor form and any monies raised for this charity will be gratefully received.

St Patrick's Church Liturgy group

Everyone is very welcome to attend the liturgy group during the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Church so please feel very welcome to bring your child. The group follows the Diocesan Word of the week which is then followed up throughout the school week; providing a most valuable link to home-school and church.

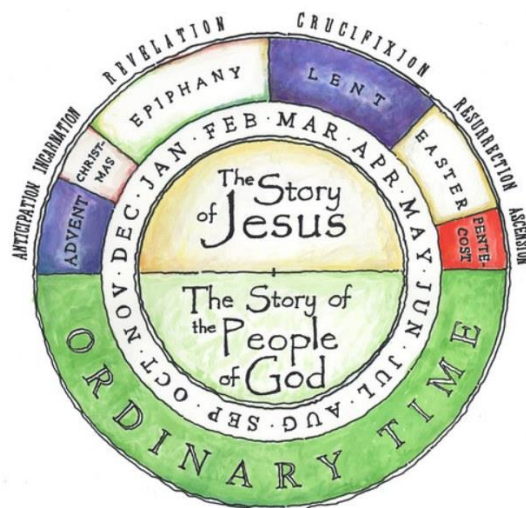
St Patrick's Day

Thank you to everyone for making this years St Patrick's day such a wonderful celebration of our patron saint. Mass was a perfect beginning to the special day and we thank Fr Liam and Chris Davis (Pianist) for celebrating this with us. Y6 completed their Lenten walk to St Patrick's church. It was wonderful to celebrate mass with our parish community.

We were overwhelmed with the support from parents during the mini market. It was wonderful to see the community gather together. Thank you to Mrs Gripton and the choir for starting the market off in song. The market would not have been possible without the support and time from our PTA. We raised a wonderful total of £698.20 which is going to be supporting the development of the outside environment at school.

Y6 Pilgrimage to St Philips Church

On Thursday of this week, Y6 made the journey to St Philips's church to take part in the Jubilee year of hope activities. St Philip's church is a dedicated pilgrimage church. The children took part in activities led by Clare and Luke the school chaplains.



Journey Through Lent



Week: 24.03.25

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

Mon 24th March – Celebration of the word @9am – Y3/4 (parents welcome)

Thursday 3rd April- F1 Easter crafts @ 9am (parents welcome)

Week: 31.03.25

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

Mon 31st March – Celebration of the word @9am – Y5/6 (parents welcome)

Thurs 3rd April – ‘The Donkey Easter Story’ – F2 and KS1- @ 2.30pm (parents welcome)

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

Calendar

The school calendar has been updated for your information.

Please use the link for the term dates for the year 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 - [Term dates](#)

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Monday 24th March – Y1 trip to Bestwood

Thurs 27th March – Y2 Trip to Bestwood

Week: 31.03.25

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Mon 31st March - Y4 trip to Bestwood lodge

Tues 1st April – Y4 Bikeability

Wed 2nd April – Y3 Bikeability

Thurs 3rd April – ‘The Donkey Story’ – F2 and KS1 (Parents welcome)

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Attendance

We send out a huge thank you for everyone's wonderful continued efforts with your child's attendance.

Current Whole school attendance is:

F2: 94.9% Y4: 97%

Y1: 96% Y5: 95.4%

Y2: 96% Y6: 95.8%

Y3: 96.7%

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 on each day that your child is absent.

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.

Y5 Hathersage Residential Visit

Y5 have had a wonderful couple of days at Hathersage. They have taken part in many outdoor activities and worked really well as a team. We would like to say a very big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to make this residential possible.

Book Fair

Thank you for all your support with the book fair. Your generosity has raised over £500 on books for our school. We will work with the children to select books that will develop their reading even further.

Gardening

We are developing our outside gardening space and we would love your help! If you have any compost, gardening resources (adult and children) we would be very grateful to use it in our outdoor space. Any keen gardeners or any willing volunteers, we would love some support in the future to create a garden space for our children. If this is something you would like to be a part of, please email the school office and we will send some additional details out closer to the time.

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher