



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 24th January 2025

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by Pope Francis. We are all invited to enter into a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, strengthening our relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. We have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our catholic faith during Jubilee 2025 - and we can do this in a variety of ways.

Today we have launched in school the start of the Jubilee year. The theme for the Jubilee year is **Pilgrims of Hope** - and we are those pilgrims. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew their hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone".

This special logo has been created which is full of significance.

The cross of Christ is that hope cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of hope.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely demanding a greater hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the world. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

Throughout the day, children have taken part in activities which have explored the trust based themes of the Jubilee Year. They have created 'Jars of hope' and develop displays in the classrooms.

The 6 themes chosen by the trust are:

Care for creation

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Justice and peace

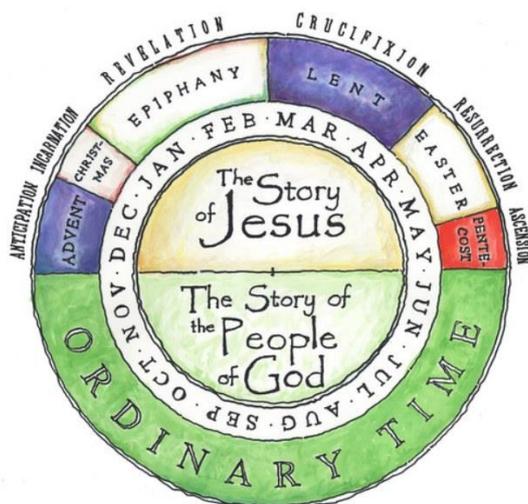
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Rest

Hope

We are excited about all the opportunities this Jubilee year brings.

Catholic Life and Mission



This week we have been learning about the word discipleship. Mrs Gripton and Miss Matthews led a beautiful celebration of the word and set the children the mission of thinking of someone in the community who they could help and support this week.

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

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

Scripture is the Word of God. It is a collection of sacred writing that tell the story of God's love for humanity. As we read scripture, we learn about God's plan for our lives and we are inspired to live a life of faith. Scripture can also be a source of comfort and guidance in difficult times and it speaks to us throughout our lives.

This week's Mission being set for all in our community: Find a passage from the Gospels that you've not read before - reflect on what it might mean to you.

Trust Synod

This week, a group of children, Mrs Brizzolara and Cath Henson, one of our governors, attended the 'Our Lady of Lourdes' trust synod in Lincoln. The children were extremely enthusiastic when they returned and wanted to share all of their learning and conversations. The synod was an opportunity to ensure that members across all of the communities were able to have their voices heard.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion mass this year will take place on Saturday 14th June 2025 @ 10am at St Patrick's RC, Church, Forest Town. The programme will be delivered by our school chaplains - Clare Lund and Luke Potter every other Tuesday after school until 4.15pm. More details will be confirmed once your child has been accepted onto the programme. Please

collect a form from the school office if you would like your child be enrolled on the programme. Please note that Children must be in Year 3 or above in order to be enrolled.

Mass

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

Calendar

We are very excited to share that we are hosting our first F1 and F2 parent coffee morning on 30th January at 8.50am . This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and get support/advice from Karen Wright (Family Hub) and Mrs Brizzolara (Our Family support worker). It is also a chance for you to sit down with a hot drink and biscuit.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Mrs Lowe and Mrs Brizzolara

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: 93.9% Y4: 97%

Y1: 96.7% Y5: 96%

Y2: 96% Y6: 95.3%

Y3: 96.8% Total: 96.27%

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.

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.

Enrichment

Bread making

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

Last week, Aspens worked with our Y5 children to teach them how to make bread. This is the second time Aspens, our catering team, have been into school and have provided all of the ingredients and recipes to teach children a new skill. James at Aspens was highly complimentary of the behaviour and attitude towards the session.

Aspens will be coming into school again in the Pentecost term to make smoothies using the smoothie bike with Y1 and Y2.

Year 5 Mansfield Museum

Yesterday, our Y5 children visited Mansfield Museum. They spent the day developing their knowledge and understanding of 'The Vikings'. A great day was had by all.

Sports hall Athletics

We were very proud of a group of Y4 and Y6 children who took part yesterday, in the Mansfield Sports Partnership Sports hall athletics event. The children all showed great sportsmanship, resilience and encouragement to others.

A big thank you to all the staff involved in these enrichment events which would not have been able to happen with them.

[Reading at home](#)



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 News

Mrs Gripton and Mrs Wilson would like us to share with the community the delightful news that they are both expecting babies in July. I know you will join us in sending warmest congratulations to them both and their families.

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher