



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 7th March 2025

Catholic Life and Mission





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

Next week first week of LENT: **Prayer**

Prayer is a conversation with God. It is a way of opening our hearts to him and sharing our thoughts and feelings with him. Prayer can be done in many different ways, such as through words, music, or silence. During Lent, we can use prayer to reflect on our relationship with God, and to ask for his guidance and strength.

Mission

Take a moment this week to pray. Think about what you want to say to God and what he might be saying to you.

ASH Wednesday

On Wednesday, we began Lent with a lovely Ash Wednesday service led by our Y6 chaplains, Miss Pearce and Mrs Gripton. This service gave pupils and staff an opportunity to reflect on the pillars of Lent and Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Everyone has started Lent with choosing a way to make their own personal journey through Lent.

CAFOD Workshop

On Tuesday, Mrs Ann Neale from CAFOD, visited school and led workshops with pupils from Reception to Year 6. The workshops supported the children to learn more about CAFOD and their role, especially during this Jubilee year. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs

Neale for joining us for the day and sharing her knowledge. This year we will take part in the annual Lent sponsored walk to

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

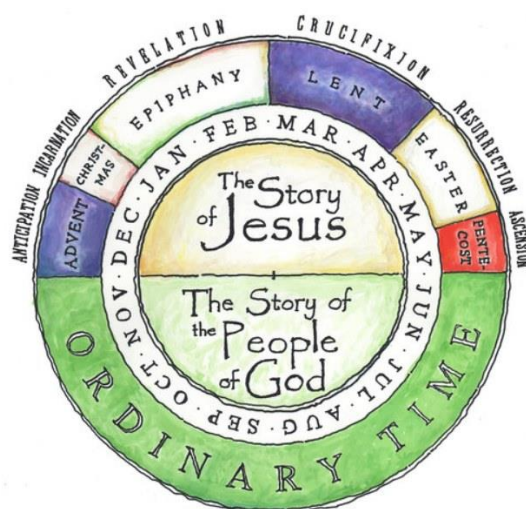
We are very much looking forward to celebrating St Patrick's Day on 17th March with a whole school Mass at 9am led by St Patrick's House group followed by a retreat. You are warmly invited to attend the Mass as well as the afternoon festivities. **This begins at 1.45pm** with a performance from the school choir followed by a St Patrick's fayre in which children and classes are invited to organise and run stalls.

Come and See Assembly

Thank you to Y4, Y5 and Y6 who will be sharing their learning in RE during the come and assembly this afternoon . I know they have a huge amount of knowledge and understanding to share with everyone.

Confession

Fr John and Sister Susan will be in school on Monday afternoon supporting our First Holy Communion pupils with their first confession. If any other pupils who have already made their First Holy Communion would like to attend confession they would be more than welcome.



Journey Through Lent



Week 10.03.25

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

Book Fair in school – all week

Monday 10th March – Celebration of the word @9am – Y1/2 (Parents welcome)

Wed 12th March - Non uniform day in exchange for Easter egg

Friday 14th March – Celebration of the word @9am – F1/F2 (Parents welcome)

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 (parents welcome)

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)

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 Story’ – F2 and KS1 (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 ¹

Lent Term 2

Week: 03.03.25

Word of the week –Temperance

Mon 3rd March - Y4 swimming begins

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)

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¹<https://www.st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk/parents/term-and-school-diary-dates/>

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

Monday 17th March – St Patrick’s day mini market (parents welcome)

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 – Y3/4 (parents welcome)

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th – Y6 Bikeability

Monday 24th March – Y1 trip to Bestwood

Thurs 27th March – Y2 Trip to Bestwood

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)

Mon 31st March - Y4 trip to Bestwood lodge

Tues 1st April – Y4 Bikeability

Wed 2nd April – Y3 Bikeability

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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: 94.6% Y4: 97%

Y1: 96.6% Y5: 95.6%

Y2: 96% Y6: 95.7%

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.uk² 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.

World Book Day and Book Fayre

Thank you for celebrating 'World Book Day' this week, we had a wonderful day reading and talking about our favourite books. We met in our house groups to take part in the 'masked reader' and enjoyed a whole school story with Mrs Smedley.

Tuesday 11th March to 13th March we have the World Travelling Book Fair returning to school, payment is cash or a QR code available on the day. The children will have the opportunity to visit it throughout the day, if you would like your child to buy a book in school, we ask that their money is in a named envelope please. It will also be open after school in the main hall if you would prefer to browse and explore with your child/children.

²<mailto:office@st-patricksrc.notts.sch.uk>

Y4 Athletics

Thank you to Mrs Brizzolara and Miss Thompson for supporting a group of Y4 pupils at the sports hall athletics competition yesterday. The children showed great determination, team work and support for each other.

PTA

Dear Parents and Carers.

The PTA are running a non uniform day on Wednesday 12th March in exchange for either a chocolate egg or chocolate. These will be used as prizes for our fundraising event the following week.

Everyone is invited to the St Patrick's Day fair, Monday 17th March. Further details are in the school newsletter, where there will be a number of different stalls run by the children as well as refreshments. All monies raised go directly back into school to fund additional resources and activities.

Many thanks

The PTA

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher