



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: May 9th 20205

Catholic Life and Mission - Eastertide



Word of the Week this week : Faith

Next week's word of the week: Vocation

A vocation is God's call to each of us. It is the unique way that God has designed us to serve him and others. Finding our vocation can take time and discernment but our vocation is a reminder that we all have a special purpose in this world, and we are all called to do something significant with our lives.

Mission: Spend some time talking to people about what you feel called to do with you life this week.

Month of May: Mary's Meals

May is the month of Mary. Our Y5 chaplaincy team have made our sacred space into a dedication to Mary. This area is now open to all the children to visit during break and lunchtimes. In addition to this, we have a grotto area outside dedicated to Mary and all children in school have contributed to this area.

On Tuesday of this week, we welcomed Mary's meals into school. They delivered assemblies to KS1 and KS2 and the followed this up with a Y3 workshop.

Diocesan visit

On Wednesday of this week, we welcomed David Quinn from the Diocese of Nottingham into school. The catholic life of our school was highly praised as was our RE books and lessons. What shone out was the behaviour and attitudes of all of our pupils.

VE Day

Yesterday in school, we celebrated VE day. Mrs Wilson led us in an assembly to explain the importance of this day and then children in classes had follow up activities. It was lovely to see some of the children parading around the hall with their flags they had made in celebration.

Pope Leo XIV

Yesterday a new Pope was elected to be head of the Catholic Church.

Please see the below statement from Bishop Patrick,

Following the election of Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, issued the following statement:

"I am overjoyed to hear of the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope but a missionary religious, an Augustinian, who has spent many years ministering in Peru. I wish to assure the new Pope of my prayers and good wishes, and that of Catholics throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, as he begins his ministry as the successor of Saint Peter. His wide

experience will be a huge blessing to the Catholic Church and to the wider world. May God bless and guide him”

Bishop Patrick McKinney Bishop of Nottingham

Attendance

We are delighted with our whole school attendance and would like to thank our children and yourselves for all your continued support.

F2: 95% Y3: 96.8% Y6: 96%

Y1: 96.5% Y4: 97.3%

Y2: 96.3% Y5: 96.6%

Our school follows OLOL Attendance policy which states that holidays should not be taken during term time as this has a detrimental effect upon your child's education and can also affect their friendships. School holidays will not be authorised and parents/carers may be fined.

Thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time as this prepares them to be ready for the day ahead.

Road Safety

A big thank you our local PCSO who visited our school last Friday. He delivered road safety workshops to all of our KS2 classes. We are now asking our whole community to work together to make sure our children are kept safe around our school grounds. Please make sure your child is kept close you when you are bringing your child to school or collecting them.

Statutory Assessments

On behalf of our school community, our very best wishes are sent to our wonderful Y6 pupils as they undertake their SATs assessments next week. The class has worked extremely hard showing an extremely positive attitude. We also send our very grateful thanks to the dedicated Y6 staff team, who have worked incredibly hard to prepare the class in a very calm and confident manner. A huge thank you to yourselves, for your continual support in working in partnership with the school.

In following statutory guidance, your child **MUST** take the tests on the allocated days next week. Therefore, please contact school from 8am on the day of the tests in relation to pupil absence.

On Friday 16th May and every Friday onwards your child is welcome to wear their 'leaver's hoodie' to school.

We are also very much looking forward to continuing your child's educational journey and have planned a range of activities to support with their transition to secondary school throughout the rest of the Pentecost term.

Year 6 SATs - 12th - 15th May

Y6 SATs will take place from Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May.

Year 4 multiplication tables check

Y4 MTP had to be completed between Monday 2nd June and Friday 13th June. The children in Y4 will not know which day it will take place but will be supported by the Y4 team.

Year 1 phonics screening

The Year 1 Phonics screening check has to take place between Monday 9th June and Friday 13th June. Each child will complete the screening check individually with a member of the Y1 team.

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](#)

Pentecost Term 1

Week: 12.5.25

Word of the week – Vocation

Mon 12th – 15th May – KS2 SATs

Tues 13th May – Mass @9am

Fri 16th May – Y1/2 Smoothie bike

Week: 19.05.25

Word of the week – Witness

Thurs 22nd – EYFS Coffee morning

Break up for half term 23rd May 2025

Return to school Monday 2nd June 2025

Pentecost Term 2

Return to school 2nd June 2025

Week: 02.06.25

Word of the week – Communication

Tues 3rd Jun – Mass @9am

Week: 09.06.25

Word of the week – Pentecost

Tues 10th Jun – Mass @9am

Week: 16.06.25

Word of the week – Trinity

Fri 20th June – Inset day

Week: 23.06.25

Word of the week – Eucharist

Tues 24th June – Mass @9am

Fri 27th June – EYFS sports day @9am

Fri 27th June – Y1 – Y6 Sports Day @ 1.30pm

Week: 30.6.25

Word of the week – Missionary Discipleship

Tues 1st July – Mass @9am

Wed 2nd – 4th July – Y6 Briars Residential

Week: 07.07.25

Word of the week – Support

Tues 8th July – Whole school transition

Tues 8th – Wed 9th July – Y6 transition to All Saints

Fri 11th July – St Pats Music Concert

Week: 14.07.25

Word of the week – Gratitude

Tues 15th July – Y6 Production 2pm and 4.30pm

Wed 16th July – Y5 Celebration of learning @2.30pm

Thursday 17th July – Y1 Celebration of learning @9am

Friday 18th July – F2 Celebration of learning @9am

Friday 18th July – Y2 – Celebration of learning @2.30pm

Week: 21.07.25

Word of the week – Celebration

Tues 22nd July – Leavers Mass @9am

Tues 22nd July – Y4 Celebration of learning @2.30pm

Wed 22nd July – Y3 Celebration of learning @2.30

Fri 25th July – Y6 leavers assembly @9am

Break up for summer holidays 25th July 2025

Return to school after the summer holidays: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

PTA Dates and events for the diary: Save the date!

- Wednesday 11th June- PTA Pilgrimage and picnic from 2.30pm onwards. Further details to be sent once confirmed.
- Wednesday 2nd July- Non uniform Day in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fayre
- Friday 11th July- Celebrating the Arts and PTA Summer Fayre- Afternoon with exact times to be confirmed.

The PTA would like to extend a warm welcome to parents/carers/grandparents etc to support the above events. If you have any suggestions or feel you would be able to offer your time and support before or at the event please do contact the school office with your details for the PTA to get in touch. The PTA raise a fantastic amount for school funds which all goes straight back into providing resources for our children so any support would be very much appreciated.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley