



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 20th June

Catholic Life and Mission - Ordinary Time

Word of the Week this week : Trinity

Week after half term word of the week: Eucharist

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Eucharist is a powerful way in which we receive Jesus Christ into our hearts and are united with him as one body. The Eucharist is a source of strength and nourishment, and as we receive it, just as the disciples did at the Last Supper, we are reminded of God's love for us and of our call to love others.

Mission: Share a meal with the people you love this week.

First Holy Communion

Our warmest congratulations are sent to the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church. Our very grateful thanks to Fr Liam for such a special Mass, Chaplains Clare and Luke for delivering the programme so beautifully and for all the wonderful support the children received from their family and friends.

You are all most welcome to attend the First Holy Communion Mass in school on Tuesday 24th June at 9am.

£120 was raised for the children's chosen charity- 'Mary's Meals' as well as donations for the church during the offertory collection.

Pentecost Celebrations

Last week our word of the week was Pentecost. On Friday of last week, we had a whole school celebration which included pupils taking part in creative activities linked to Pentecost. It was a wonderful celebration to celebrate the birthday of the church.

St Patrick's Pledge Pilgrimage

What an amazing time was had by the school community to make their pilgrimage pledge and renew the Mission statement. The whole school made a magnificent contribution towards creating the pledge and we look forward to displaying the findings as part of this jubilee year of Hope. Thank you to all who contributed, to Canon John, Tom Baptiste- Trust Director for Chaplaincy, Chaplain Clare and to our wonderful children and staff who created the prayer stations. Our incredible PTA worked so hard to plan and organise such memorable occasions for families to enjoy their picnics and eat their hot dogs whilst on their pilgrimage!

Attendance

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

F2: 94.7% Y3: 96.7% Y6: 95.8%

Y1: 96% Y4: 97.4% Overall: 96.2%

Y2: 96.1% Y5: 96.7%

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.

Statutory Assessments

Y1 Phonics assessments

I am writing to say a 'huge well done' to all the Y1 children who recently completed their phonics screening tests. They approached this test so enthusiastically and eagerly showed all their wonderful phonics skills. We are all so very proud of the Y1 children and look forward to rewarding their efforts!

I would also like to thank the Y1 teaching staff; Mrs Hugh and Miss Francis, for preparing the children so thoroughly and with the utmost dedication.

Y4 Multiplication test

I would also like to say 'huge well done' to all the Y4 children who completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week. They approached this test so enthusiastically and eagerly showed all their wonderful skills. We are all so very proud of the Y4 children and look forward to rewarding their efforts!

I would also like to thank Mr Kitchinson and all the teaching staff involved for preparing the children so thoroughly and with the utmost dedication.

Finally, I would also like to thank yourselves; for all your incredible support. Our home-school partnership is so valuable and very much appreciated. For all the time and support you give to our school, it is so gratefully received.

The results of the tests will be shared with yourselves alongside your child's academic report.

Calendar

The school calendar has been updated for your information. Please find below the dates followed by an explanation of how to enter school during these events.

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

Please be aware some additional dates have been added which include meet the teacher transition sessions. As soon as we are able to, we will let you know the class teacher structure for the year 2025/2026.

Dates to which parents/carers are very welcome to attend:

Pentecost Term 2

Week: 23.06.25

Word of the week – Eucharist

National Sports Week Pupils to wear trainers each day for National Sports week.

Tues 24th June –First Holy Communion Mass @9am

Wed 25th June- Pupils invited to wear sports kit to represent their hobby/sports star, Bottle donations for the School fayre warmly appreciated. Bring into school any sporting certificates to share with their class and to discuss their chosen sport.

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

Mon 7th July - F2 to Y1 - Meet the teacher transition meeting @ 2.45pm

Tues 8th July – Whole school transition

Tues 8th July - Y2 to Y3 - Meet the teacher transition meeting @3.30pm

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

Wed 9th July - Y5 to Y6 - Meet the teacher transition meeting 2.45pm

Fri 11th July – St Pats Fes @ 2.15pm followed by PTA Summer Fayre

Week: 14.07.25

Word of the week – Gratitude

Mon 14th July - Y1 to Y2 - Meet the teacher transition meeting @ 2.45pm

Mon 14th July - Y3 to Y4 - Meet the teacher transition meeting @ 3.30pm

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

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

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

Thurs 17th July - Y4 to Y5 - Meet the teacher transition meeting @ 2.45pm

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 @2.30pm

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

Calendar for second half of Pentecost term 2025

You are warmly invited to attend the following events:

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Event	Date and time	Gates to be opened
First Holy Communion Mass in school	Tuesday 24 th June 9am	Farm Foods
EYFS Sports Day PE kits worn to school	Friday 27 th June 9am	Ling Forest and Farm Foods
Y1-Y6 Sports Day PE kits worn to school	Friday 27 th June 1.30pm	Ling Forest and FarmFoods
Whole school Mass lead by EYFS/KS1	Tuesday 1 st July 9am	Ling Forest
St Pats Fest! Whole school	Fri 11 th July at 2.15pm	Ling Forest and Farmfoods
PTA Summer Fayre	Fri 11 th July at 3.30pm	Ling Forest and Farmfoods
Y6 'The Wiz' play	Tues 12 th July at 2pm and 4.30pm	Ling Forest and Farmfoods
Y6 DaART Graduation	TBC	Ling Forest
Y1 Celebration of Learning	Thurs 17 th July at 9am	Farm Foods
F2 Graduation	Fri 18 th July at 9am	Ling Forest
Y2 Graduation	Fri 18 th July at 2.30pm	Farm Foods
Leaver's Mass	Tues 22 nd July at 9am	Farm Foods
Y4 Celebration of Learning	Tues 22 nd July 2.30pm	Farm Foods
Y3 Celebration of Learning	Wed 23 rd July 9am	Farm Foods
Y6 Graduation - leavers assembly	Fri 25 th July @ 9am	Farm Foods

Sports Day and National Sports week

Next week is National Sports Week. Throughout the week the children will take part in daily physical exercise. Children are allowed and encouraged to wear their trainers to school every day.

F1 and F2 - 9am

Families of children in foundation unit are warmly invited to attend this event. Your child should come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit with a water bottle. Please make sure your child has sun cream applied and a sun hat with them. Please use the Ling forest Road entrance only.

Your child will return to class after the event as part of their normal school day.

If your child attends F1 in an afternoon only. Please feel very welcome to bring them along to the event. However due to ratios of staffing we ask that you supervise your child.

Y1 to Y6 - 1.30pm

Families of children in Y1 to Y6 are warmly invited to attend this event. Your child should come to school in their full PE kit with 2 water bottles. Please make sure your child has sun cream applied and brings a hat to school with them. As per last year, children will be

organised into house groups which enables families to watch all of their children at the designated running track.

Our PTA will be selling refreshments after the sports day event (cash only).

Your child needs to remain with their class at all times and the normal end of day arrangements will be in place.

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

PTA Events

- **Wednesday 25th June- Non uniform Day** - sports wear - in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fayre
- **Friday 11th July- Celebrating the Arts and PTA Summer Fayre**- 2.15pm for the Arts Concert in the school hall followed by an art exhibition and Summer Fayre.

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.

Health and Safety

Our school building was inspected last week for its annual routine health and safety check. The report is very complimentary of the very high standards of health and safety. The inspector was also very impressed with the knowledge shown by our children in keeping themselves safe. My very grateful thanks to our wonderful site manager, Mr Holmes, who works so incredibly hard to ensure that everyone in the community is kept as safe and well as possible. It was noted in the report that our school is a very friendly and extremely well maintained and safe environment. Thank you to everyone who contribute towards our vigilant ethos.

Keeping Safe in the Sun!

During this hot weather, please may we remind you to send your child into school with a sun hat, extra water bottle and to apply sun cream before school. Sun cream (named) may be brought into school and your child can reapply the sun cream if required. During breaks, children will be supervised inside and outside to give protection against the hot temperatures.

Staffing

Mrs Smith- Retirement

We are sending our most heartfelt wishes to our one and only, Mrs Julie Smith, our most special office assistant, who is retiring at the end of this academic year after an incredible amount of service to this school. We will miss her so very much and dearly hope she will continue to be a very regular visitor within the school community. We look forward so fondly to thanking Mrs Smith for looking after so many children, their families and staff during her time at St Patrick's.

We send our very best wishes to Mrs Wilson and her family as she starts her maternity leave with Mrs Gripton maternity leave starting Thursday 2nd July. Year two will be taught Monday to Friday by Mrs Elliott with Thursday to Friday being taught by an experienced supply teacher M

The Y2 class will continued to be supported by Mrs Robinson, Miss Hoyland and Mrs Tomlinson throughout the week.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley