



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy

Newsletter 05.09.25

Welcome back to our new school year!

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Summer holiday. I am delighted to welcome back our pupils and their families. We extend a very warm welcome to all our new families and starters. I hope you will soon discover the quality of welcome from our very supportive and generous school community and we look forward to working closely with you all during your time in our school.

May I also welcome Mrs Kowalenka , our new office assistant and welcome back from maternity leave our Year 3 teacher, Mrs Flaherty. Thank you for already making our new children, families and staff feel so welcome.

From speaking to teaching staff and children and visiting classrooms since we returned, there is a real sense of calm, purpose and joy, which is a wonderful start to the new school year.

Many thanks to yourselves for all your support with your child's return to school.

Word of the Week - WELCOME

We are all called to welcome others into our communities, to open our doors and bring people in. Being welcoming helps those new to our community to feel loved, supported and

included. We are all one body in Christ, everyone is welcome, and everyone has a part to play.

This week we have introduced our theme of the year,

'Shine your light'

Matthew 5: 14-16

"You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

This year we are encouraging all of our community to shine their lights brightly and notice when others are shining. This could be through an act of kindness, supporting someone else or simply living out our mission statement,

'Belonging, caring and sharing, safe in the arms of God's love'

Please feel very welcome to visit our newly created prayer stations and you are all very welcome to join us on Tuesday 16th September- 9am for our whole school Mass led by the pupil Chaplaincy team.

School Calendar

Please follow the link for school events

Events coming up in the next few weeks:

Tuesday 16th September- 9am- Whole school Mass led by Chaplaincy team.



EVENTS FOR ADVENT TERM 1

School reopens on Wednesday

3rd September 2025



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Week beginning 15th September - WOW - Patience

Week beginning 22nd September - WOW - Work

Monday 22nd Sept - Beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight and beginning of Recycling week

Week beginning 29th September - WOW - Prudence

Thursday 1st October - Beginning of Black History Month

Friday 2nd October - CAFOD Family Fast day and Harvest assembly (9am)

Week beginning 6th October - WOW - Rosary

Friday 10th Sept - Harvest Crafts EYFS (8:30 am)

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EVENTS FOR ADVENT TERM 2

School reopens on Monday

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Week beginning 3rd November - WOW - Counsel

Thursday 6th November - Celebration of RE Assembly (Y4, Y5 and Y6) @2.30pm

Friday 7th November - Celebration of RE Assembly (Y1, Y2 and Y3) @9am

Week beginning 10th November - WOW - Remembrance

Friday 14th November - Old Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week

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Friday 21st November - Closing Event for Jubilee Year (Pupils only event)

Week beginning 24th November - WOW - Kingdom

Week beginning 1st December - WOW - Hope

Monday 1st December - Celebration of the Word (Year 1 and Year 2) @9am

Week beginning 8th December - WOW - Peace

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Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day, Christmas dinner and mini market @2.15pm

Week beginning 15th December - WOW - Joy

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Tuesday 16th December - Nativity led by F2, Year 1 and Year 2 (2.15 pm)

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Thursday 18th December - Nursery Rhyme Nativity (9am)

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Break up for Christmas Holidays 20th December

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Attendance

We were delighted with the overall attendance and punctuality rates from the last academic year. Please can we continue to make every effort with your child's attendance. We understand that there are times when your child is too unwell to attend school. We will also contact you should your child be unwell in school. Please find attached

In line with the Trust's attendance policy, please note that requests for holidays in school time will not be granted unless for exceptional reasons.

Public Health Agency gives the following advice for self-care for minor illness:

The following illnesses can be managed safely with self-care and do not require to see a GP routinely.

The links below offer clinically approved information on how to recognise them.

- **Conjunctivitis:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis
- **Hand, foot and mouth disease:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease•
 - **Chickenpox:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox
- **Common cold:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold

Please also see the information sheet giving advice on minor illnesses from Public Health Agency.

Please note that staff are only able to administer medication that is prescribed 4 times a day.



Extra Curricula Activities

Please sign up for extra curricula activities via the school shop on Arbor.

This half term we have football on a Monday for Y2-Y6. Collection will be at 4.20pm

Home school Agreement

Please see the below link for the trust home school agreement.

[Home school agreement](#)

Please talk to your child about this and then complete the consent form on Arbor. We would like to bring to your attention a particular aspect of the home school agreement which is the use of social media.

Please know that we operate an open door policy and place the highest priority on our home-school partnership. Please feel encouraged to contact school via phone from 8am-4pm or via email which has a 48 hour working day turnaround response.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley