



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy
Newsletter 12.09.25

Word of the Week - Encounter



This week's word of the week: Encounter

Our faith is full of encounters with God – in prayer, in the sacraments, and in the people we meet. These encounters can change us, challenge us, and bring us closer to God. When we open ourselves to encountering Christ in our daily lives, we allow His love to transform us and make us more like Him. We can encounter Christ in the Scriptures, in the Mass, and in the faces of those in need.

Mission: Make time this week to look at where you might encounter Jesus in those around you

This week in school, Miss Pearce led a lovely celebration of the word to introduce our word of the week and recall Sunday's gospel. Throughout the week children have been encouraged to find times when they have encountered Jesus.

Today, Mrs Smedley has led an assembly looking at why we need to care for creation and ways we can do this.

Up coming events

Sunday 14th September - Mass at 11am at St Patrick's church to celebrate Education Sunday - Mrs Smedley will be speaking at mass about how we are celebrating catholic education and ways in which the home, school and parish link together during this Jubilee year. Pupils and families are very welcome to attend Mass. Thank you to those pupils who have helped to prepare and lead the Mass.

Tuesday 16th September - Mass in school @ 9am to celebrate the start of the new school year. Everyone is very welcome!

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.

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| | EVENTS FOR ADVENT TERM I School reopens on Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 | |
| Week Beginning 1 st September - WOW - Welcome | | |
| Week beginning 8 th September - WOW - Encounter <small>Thursday 8th Sept - Season of creation for CAFOD event (pupils only)</small> | | |
| Week beginning 15 th September - WOW - Patience | | |
| Week beginning 22 nd September - WOW - Work <small>Monday 22nd Sept - Beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight and beginning of Recycling week</small> | | |
| Week beginning 29 th September - WOW - Prudence <small>Thursday 1st October - Beginning of Black History Month Friday 2nd October - CAFOD Family Fast day and Harvest assembly (9am)</small> | | |
| Week beginning 6 th October - WOW - Rosary <small>Friday 10th Sept - Harvest Crafts EYFS (8:30 am)</small> | | |
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| <p><i>Break up for Christmas Holidays 20th December</i></p> |

Calendar for Newsletter

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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.

Book Bus

We are very excited to welcome back 'The Book Bus' to school on Thursday 25th September. All children will get the opportunity to visit during the school day, but it will also be open after school if you would like to select some books with them. The price ranges from £5-10 per a book. The book bus takes **card or cash**. If you would like your child to purchase a book during the school day, we ask that you put cash in an envelope with your child's name and amount.

[The Book Bus - Come back ⚡](#)

Library visits

Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to go visit our local library (Forest Town). The children will be walking so we ask they bring comfortable footwear for this day.

Year 5 - Library visit 23rd September 9.15 until before lunchtime

Year 6- Library visit 30th September 9.15 until before lunchtime

Consent to attend will be available via Arbor next week.

Thanks,

Mrs Lowe

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