



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 28.11.25

Word of the Week - Kingdom

A decorative graphic with a green and yellow watercolor background. It features a central text area framed by a thin black line with diamond-shaped ornaments at the corners. The text inside the frame reads: "This week our word of the week is..." followed by the word "Kingdom" in a large, elegant cursive script. Below this, it says "We are in the 34th Week of Ordinary Time." In the top right corner of the frame is a small version of the St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy logo. In the bottom left corner is a circular logo for "PILGRIMS OF HOPE" featuring a cross and the text "JANUARY 2025".

This week our word of the week is...

Kingdom

We are in the 34th Week of Ordinary Time.

JANUARY 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This week's word of the week: Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is not just a distant promise, but something we can experience here and now. It's a place where love, justice, and peace reign. We build this kingdom through our actions, our relationships, and our commitment to living out Christ's teachings. The Kingdom is a place of belonging, where everyone is valued and loved. When we work together, we can create a glimpse of heaven on earth, a place where God's love shines through in all we do.

Mission: Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the Kingdom of Heaven.

Next week's word of the week: Hope

On Monday, Year 1 and Year 2 will begin our season on Advent with celebration of the word @9am. All are welcome

Memory Mass

Thank you to everyone that joined us on Monday for the mass in memory of Miss Longden. I know not everyone was able to be there but your thoughts and prayers were felt. Thank you to Father Liam, Tom Baptist, Clare Lund and Luke Potter for supporting this mass. During Advent, we will continue to show our respect towards Miss Longden.

First Holy Communion

For any Catholic families with a child in Year 3 or above, please make a note of the date for this year's First Holy Communion celebration: Saturday 13th June at 10am in St. Patrick's RC Church, Forest Town.

In January, enrolment Forms will be sent out. Please note that we will need evidence of your child's baptism.

[**School Calendar**](#)

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas market

Thursday 11th December is our official Christmas jumper, dinner and market day. We know this is a very exciting day for everyone.

Each class will plan and run a stall, however, if any children in Y4 to Y6 would like to make anything at home to sell at the Christmas market they would be more than welcome to do so.

The PTA will additionally be running a stall and any volunteers of help would be warmly welcomed.

Week beginning 1st December - WOW - Hope

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

Tuesday 2nd December - Mass @9am (Y3/4 to lead) - CANCELLED

Week beginning 8th December - WOW - Peace

Monday 8th December - Celebration of the Word (Year 3 and Year 4) @9am

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

Week beginning 15th December - WOW - Joy

Monday 15th December - Celebration of the word (Year 5 and Year 6) @9am

Tuesday 16th December - Mass @9am (Whole school to lead)

Tuesday 16th December - Nativity led by F2, Year 1 and Year 2 (2:15 pm)

Wednesday 17th December - Nativity led by F2, Year 1 and Year 2 (9am)

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

Friday 19th December - Carol Concert (9am)

Break up for the Christmas Holidays 19th December

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/4c1d3e69>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 09/12/2025. The link will close on the 25/11/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

F2 Admissions

F2 Admissions – Now Open

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, it's time to start thinking about applying for a Reception school place for September 2026.



Key Information:

- Applications open: Tuesday 4th November 2025
- Applications close: Thursday 15th January 2026 (*Applications received after this date will be treated as late.*)

If you live in Nottinghamshire, you can apply online via the Nottinghamshire County Council website:

 [Apply for a School Place](#)


Alternatively, you can contact the admissions team on 0300 500 8080.

 Important Dates:

- National Offer Day: Thursday 16th April 2026
 - If you apply online, you'll receive your offer via email on this date.
 - All other applicants will receive their offer by 2nd class post.

★ Top Tips for Applying:


- Use all four preferences on your application.
- Listing only one preference may reduce your chances of securing a place at your preferred school.

 If You Are Applying for a Place at St Patrick's:

- Attendance in our Nursery does not guarantee a Reception place – you must apply through the local authority.
- If you would like your child to be considered under a faith criterion, please complete and return a Supplementary Information Form, along with supporting faith evidence.

 [SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM](#)

- If you do not have your child's baptism certificate or faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised to request a copy in good time.

 EYFS Open Evenings – Stay and Play Sessions

We would love to welcome you and your child to one of our EYFS open evening sessions for new F2 children:

- Wednesday 13th November 2025 at 4:00pm
- Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 4:00pm

These will be informal "stay and play" sessions, where your child can explore our EYFS environment and take part in activities, while you get the opportunity to speak with staff and learn more about what we offer.

If you have any questions about the admissions process or our school, please don't hesitate to contact us – we're happy to help.

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.



Parental Survey

At Our Lady of Lourdes Trust, we firmly believe that parental engagement is a foundation of our pupils' success. Your perspective, opinions, and feedback are invaluable to us in shaping the educational journey of your child and enhancing the quality of our school and wider Trust community.

To ensure that your views are listened too we launched an online survey last year. This survey was very successful and has helped us collect vital information from our parents across our trust. Due to its success we would like to again, provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts on various aspects of your child's education, the school environment, and areas where we can further improve.

By participating in this survey, you contribute to the continuous growth and development of our school community. Your insights will continue to help us:

- 1. Understand your needs and aspirations:** Your feedback will provide us with a deeper understanding of your child's experience at school.
- 2. Further strengthen communication and collaboration:** We are committed to encouraging open and transparent communication between our school and parents. Your input will help us identify ways to improve our communication channels.
- 3. Continue to enhance our strategies and initiatives:** Your feedback is important to us.

We value your time, and we have ensured that the survey is user-friendly and can be completed conveniently. The questions cover a range of topics and will only take 5 minutes to complete.

To access the survey: Either access the below QR Code: Or the below website address:



[St Patrick's Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy \(Mansfield\), parent survey 2025. – Fill in form](#)

We kindly request you to complete the survey by **19th December 2025**, as this will allow us to analyse the results and carry out necessary changes quickly. Your active participation in this project is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate your time and effort in providing us with your honest feedback. Together, we can create an even more enriching educational

experience for our students. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact your school.

Shoebox appeal

As a school we are committed to support those in need. Once again this year we are supporting the shoebox appeal in Mansfield.

This initiative we are undertaking is to support the homeless community in Mansfield. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and make a positive impact in the lives of those in need.

We kindly ask that you bring in items for the Shoebox Appeal by Friday, 12th December. Suggested items include toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, shower gel, shampoo), warm clothing, non-perishable food, and other essentials that can bring comfort during the colder months. Your contributions will be collected and distributed to a local shelter, ensuring that they reach those who need them most.

This appeal not only provides much-needed support to the homeless but also teaches our children the value of kindness and community spirit. If you have any questions or would like further information about the items we are collecting, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your generosity and support in making this initiative a success. We look forward to seeing the wonderful contributions from our school community!

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