



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter 12.12.25

## Word of the Week - Peace

This week our word of the week is...

Peace

We are in the 2nd week of Advent.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

### **This week's word of the week: Peace**

In a world that's often filled with conflict and turmoil, we're called to be peacemakers. This doesn't mean simply avoiding arguments, but actively working towards reconciliation and understanding. In the season of Advent, we pray for peace in the world. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he calls us to follow his example and to be peacemakers too.

**Mission: Find a way to bring peace to a difficult situation or relationship this week.**

### **Next week's word of the week: Joy**

**On Monday Y5 and Y6 will lead us in our 3rd week of Advent assembly @ 9am; all are very welcome to join us.**

A big thank you to our Year 3 and Year 4 students for leading such a meaningful peace assembly! Your enthusiasm and dedication truly shone through as you shared the important message of peace during this Advent season. It is a time for reflection and kindness, and your efforts remind us all of the significance of spreading peace in our lives and communities.

Did you know that the word "peace" appears over 400 times in the Bible? This highlights how vital peace is to our faith and everyday lives. As we embrace this message, let us remember our mission to spread peace not only within our school but also to our families and friends. Every small act of kindness contributes to a more peaceful world.

Let's continue to inspire one another to be ambassadors of peace, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and respected. Together, we can make a difference, one kind word and action at a time. Thank you once again to our wonderful Year 3 and Year 4 students for leading the way!

### **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 Lunch**

Wearing our Christmas jumpers, children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch together. We send our warmest thanks to Mrs Miller, our fantastic cook and her fantastic kitchen and lunch time staff. They worked so hard to provide such a memorable experience for all to enjoy.

### **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas market**

As we reflect on the success of our recent Christmas market, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our amazing PTA, all the children families, staff and community members who contributed to this delightful event. Your enthusiasm and support truly made a difference, creating a warm and festive atmosphere that brought joy to everyone involved. From the beautifully crafted stalls to the delicious treats, it was a wonderful showcase of our school spirit and community collaboration.

We are incredibly grateful for the time and effort you dedicated to making the market a success. Your participation not only helped raise funds for charity but also strengthened the bonds within our community. It is this spirit of togetherness that makes our school such a special place for our children to learn and grow. Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We look forward to more exciting events in the future, where we can continue to celebrate our vibrant community together!

### **Christmas Cards**

The PTA also wishes to thank everyone for their support with the Children's Christmas cards which raised £104 for school funds.

You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Week during our third week of Advent: Joy

### **Week beginning 15th December - WOW - Joy**

Monday 15th December - Celebration of the word (Year 5 and Year 6) @ 9am to launch the closing of the jubilee year.

Monday 15th December- School choir to pilgrimage to Berry Hill Care home to sing to the residents.

Tuesday 16th December - Mass @ 9am.

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) tins and pennies for CAFOD and raffle/hampers appreciated.

Thursday 18th December - Nursery Rhyme Nativity (9am) tins and pennies for CAFOD and raffle/hampers appreciated.

Friday 19th December - Carol Concert Y3-Y6 (9am) tins and pennies for CAFOD and raffle/hampers appreciated.

**School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays on 19th December and reopens on Monday 5th January 2026.**

Tuesday 6th January 9am Mass in school to celebrate the Epiphany

## 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.

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](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis)
- **Hand, foot and mouth disease:** [www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease)•
  - **Chickenpox:** [www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox)
  - **Common cold:** [www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold](http://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.



Attendance per class

Reception - 94%

Year 1 - 93.6%

Year 2 - 93.9%

Year 3 - 95.7%

Year 4 - 96.4%

Year 5 - 96.3%

Year 6 - 96.1%

## 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.

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