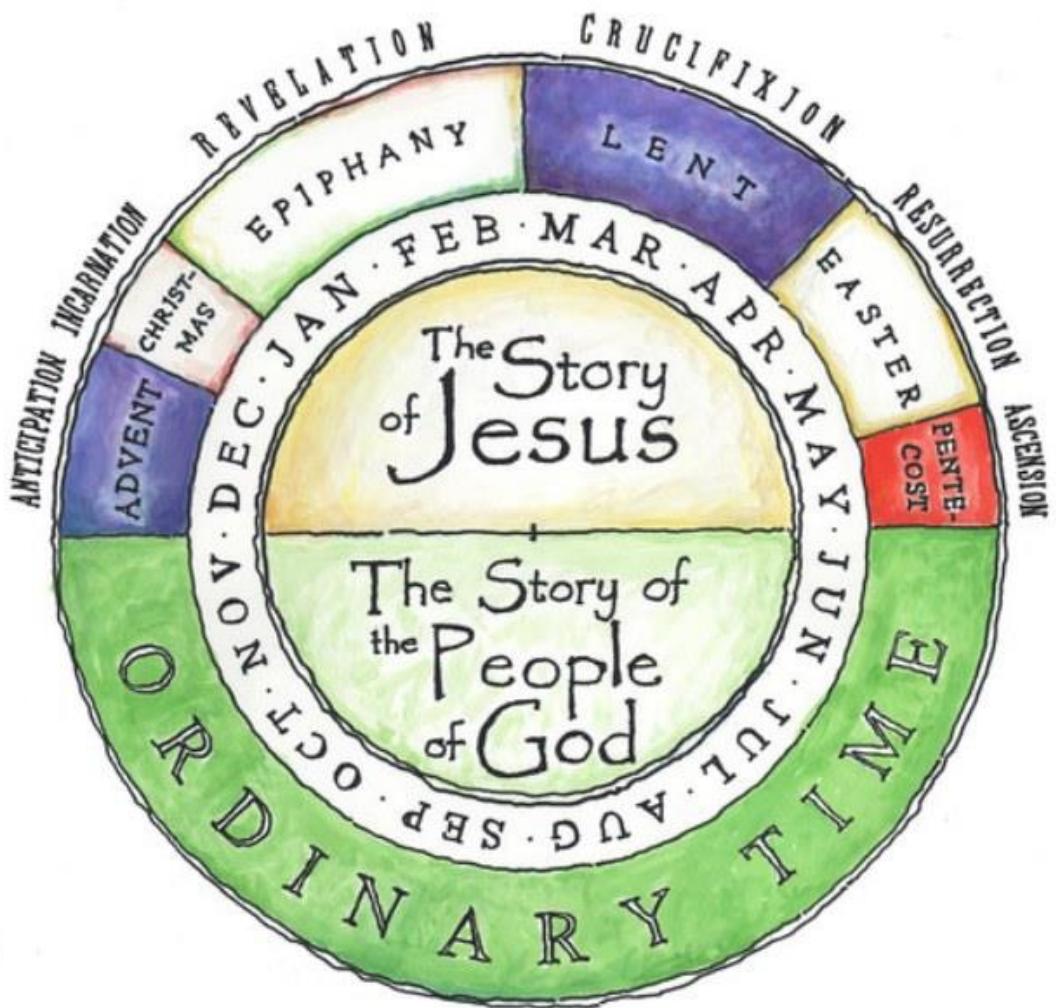




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 16th January 2026

Catholic Life and Mission



Happy New Year!

Our new term began with a beautiful Mass led by Father Liam and a selection of pupils leadership groups to mark the feast of the Epiphany. As is traditional in some countries, we followed this Mass with the blessing of each classroom door, marking them with 20+C+M+B+26. The letters C+M+B are the initials of the Latin term: Christus Mansionem Benedicat which means May God bless this house. We pray that the classrooms and hallways of our school are filled with love, happiness and Christ's light

This week's word of the week was: **Baptism**

Baptism is a sign of God's love and forgiveness, it marks a fresh start and a new beginning. When we are baptised we are welcomed into the Church community of believers who love us, support us and help us grow. During baptism we are anointed as priest, prophet and king and called to live like Jesus did.

Mission this week: Think of one way you can be more like Jesus this week.

Next week's word of the week is: **Discipleship**

Class Liturgical Prayer Workshop

As part of our Collective Worship provision, pupil leadership is highly important. We come together as a whole school, key stages and year groups throughout the week. All classes have the opportunity to plan and lead their liturgical prayer to share and reinforce Monday's Word of the week. We would like to invite parents/carers into each class to provide you with a good understanding of how we plan, prepare and evaluate liturgical prayer and how scripture is central to all we do. Each class will also link this with a curriculum focus, details as below:

EYFS: Wed 4th Feb, Early Learning Goals
@ 2.30pm, Times tables

Y4: Thurs 5th Feb

Y1: Thurs 5th Feb @ 8.30am, Phonics
2.30pm, Spelling and Maths

Y5: Fri 23rd Jan @

Y2: Thurs 29th Jan @ 2.30pm, spelling

Y3: Tues 3rd Feb @ 2.30pm, spelling and Maths

First Holy Communion Programme

The First Holy Communion programme is open for pupils who are baptised into the Catholic Church and starts on Tuesday 3rd February at 3.30pm in school. The sacrament of First Reconciliation takes place on 3rd March in school and the sacrament of First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 13th June @ 10am. A letter has been electronically sent out to Y3-Y6 with further details. Please contact the school office for further details.

Calendar - Spring 1

Week beginning 19th January - WOW - Discipleship

Fri 23rd Jan- Day of Peace

Week beginning 26th January - WOW- Scripture

NSPCC assemblies

Week beginning 2nd February - WOW - Inspiration

Monday 2nd February-National Storytelling week

Tuesday 3rd February - Mass @9am (families welcome)

Wednesday 4th February - NSPCC workshops in school

Thursday 5th February - Y1 phonics workshop - 8:30am

Thursday 5th February - Y4 times tables workshop - 2:30pm

Week beginning 9th February - WOW - Diversity

Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 11th February - Parents evening

Friday 13th February - Inset Day

Break up for half term Thursday 12th February

School reopens on Mon 23rd February

Week beginning 23rd February- WOW-Prayer

Mon 23rd Feb: Y4 lead Whole school Celebration of the Word- families invited

Thurs 26th Feb: Celebration of Religious Education learning: (Y4, Y5, Y6)

Fri 27th Feb: Celebration of Religious Education learning: (Y1, Y2, Y3)

Attendance

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.



Attendance per class this academic year

Reception - 94.8%

Year 1 - 93.5%

Year 2 - 94.4%

Year 3 - 95.1%

Year 4 - 95.7%

Year 5 - 95.1%

Year 6 - 95.6%

Pupil Premium Grant

Pupil Premium Grant For those of you unaware, the government provides a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) for eligible families which provides additional money for schools to use to

improve educational outcomes for our children. Not only does PPG funding help schools, but it also benefits parents too as it entitles you to:

- Free school meals;
- Free milk;
- Trips and residential visits subsidised where 50% of costs are paid by school;
- Participation in after school clubs subsidised by 50%;

Checking your eligibility is easy and takes just a couple of minutes. Login to Nottinghamshire County Council's Synergy Hub, simply enter your National Insurance Number, Date of Birth along with your child's details and the system will inform you if you are eligible. The Local Authority will then inform school which will enable us to offer you the above subsidies. Children attending maintained nurseries (which ours is) can also qualify.

More information about Pupil Premium can be found [here](#). If you need any further help, please don't hesitate to ask. And, like all other personal data, please be assured that being in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant is never shared.

[NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme](#)

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that this term our school will be taking part in the **NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe. programme**.

Speak Out. Stay Safe. is a child-friendly safeguarding programme for children aged 5–11. It aims to help children understand what abuse is, recognise the signs of abuse in all its forms, and know how to speak out if they are worried. Children are encouraged to talk to a trusted adult or contact **Childline**, a free and confidential service.

The programme is fully aligned with the curriculum and includes:

- Age-appropriate **virtual assemblies**
- **Classroom-based follow-up activities** reviewed by school staff
- **Face-to-face workshops led by trained NSPCC volunteers** for specific year groups

The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way, supported by the NSPCC mascot **Buddy**, and discusses different forms of abuse, including emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, physical abuse and bullying.

Assemblies

- **Wednesday 21st January**
- **For Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2**

NSPCC Workshops

- **Wednesday 28th January**
- **For Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 only**

We kindly ask parents and carers to inform the school if their child has experienced anything in the past, or is currently experiencing something, that may mean they need additional support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

For more information about Speak Out. Stay Safe., please visit:

www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

PE Days

Please find below the days for PE for each class.

Reception - Friday

Year 1 - Monday and Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 6 - Thursday and Friday

Pupils in Y4, Y5 and Y6 may come to school wearing their full PE uniform for the day.

PTA

This next PTA meeting will be on Friday 23rd @2.15pm.. All are welcome

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher