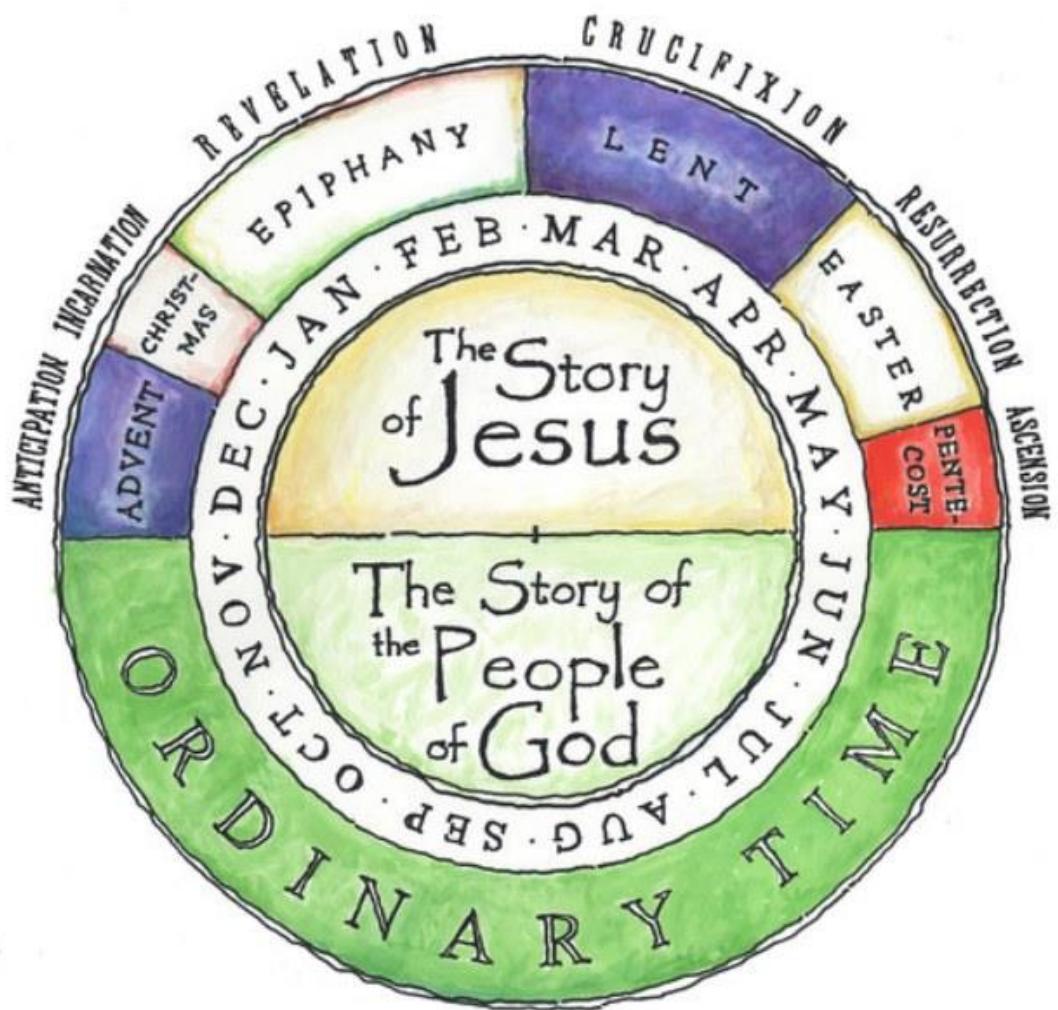




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter: Friday 30th January

Catholic Life and Mission



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

Scripture is the Word of God. It is a collection of sacred writings that tell the story of God's love for humanity. As we read scripture, we learn about God's plan for our lives, and we are inspired to live a life of faith. Scripture can also be a source of comfort and guidance in difficult times and it speaks to us throughout our lives.

Mission this week: Find a passage from the Gospels that you've not read before - reflect on what it might mean to you.

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

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

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

Y4: Thurs 5th Feb @ 2.30pm, Times tables

Sharing Our Faiths and Traditions

As part of our learning about different cultures and beliefs, we will be celebrating religious diversity in school next week. If your child follows a faith other than Christianity and would be happy to share their experiences, we would love to hear from you. Children may wish to talk about their religion and, if appropriate, show religious symbols or special items connected to their faith. We would also like to take a picture of your child to share on our multi world faith display

If you and your child are interested in taking part, please contact your child's class teacher for more information.

We look forward to learning together and celebrating the rich diversity within our school community.

Lent 1

Week beginning 2nd February - WOW - Inspiration

Monday 2nd February-National Storytelling week

Tuesday 3rd February - Whole school 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 @9am

Thurs 26th Feb: Celebration of Religious Education learning: (Y4, Y5, Y6) @2.30pm

Fri 27th Feb: Celebration of Religious Education learning: (Y1, Y2, Y3) @9am

Parents' Evening - Wednesday 11th February 2026

Please feel encouraged to sign up for our upcoming Parents' Evening, which will provide a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher(s). This meeting will allow us to discuss your child's overall progress so far this academic year, including attendance and to share ways in which you can continue to support your child's learning at home.

Appointments will be available to book via Arbor, however, if you feel you require a longer discussion or an alternative appointment, please contact your child's class teacher(s) directly.

SEN reviews will continue to take place separately via individual appointments over the coming weeks. Please note that SEN reviews are not scheduled as part of Parents' Evening appointments.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

First Holy Communion Programme

The First Holy Communion programme is open for pupils who are baptised into the Catholic Church. Children will be enrolled onto the programme during Sunday's 11am Mass at St Patrick's Church with the programme starting 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. Please hold the children, their family and the catechists in your prayers.

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.

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.

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 - 94.9 %

Year 1 - 94 %

Year 2 - 94.8 %

Year 3 - 95 %

Year 4 - 95.2 %

Year 5 - 95.4 %

Year 6 - 95.9 %

Whole School - 95.1 %

St Patrick's church Liturgy group

Your child is most welcome to take part in the St Patrick's church Liturgy group which takes place during 11am mass on a Sunday. Children experience the gospel and associated activities which also link to the school's word of the week.

Volunteers are also very much appreciated to help support the group in any way.

With prayers, wishing you a peaceful and joy-filled weekend for our whole school family

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher