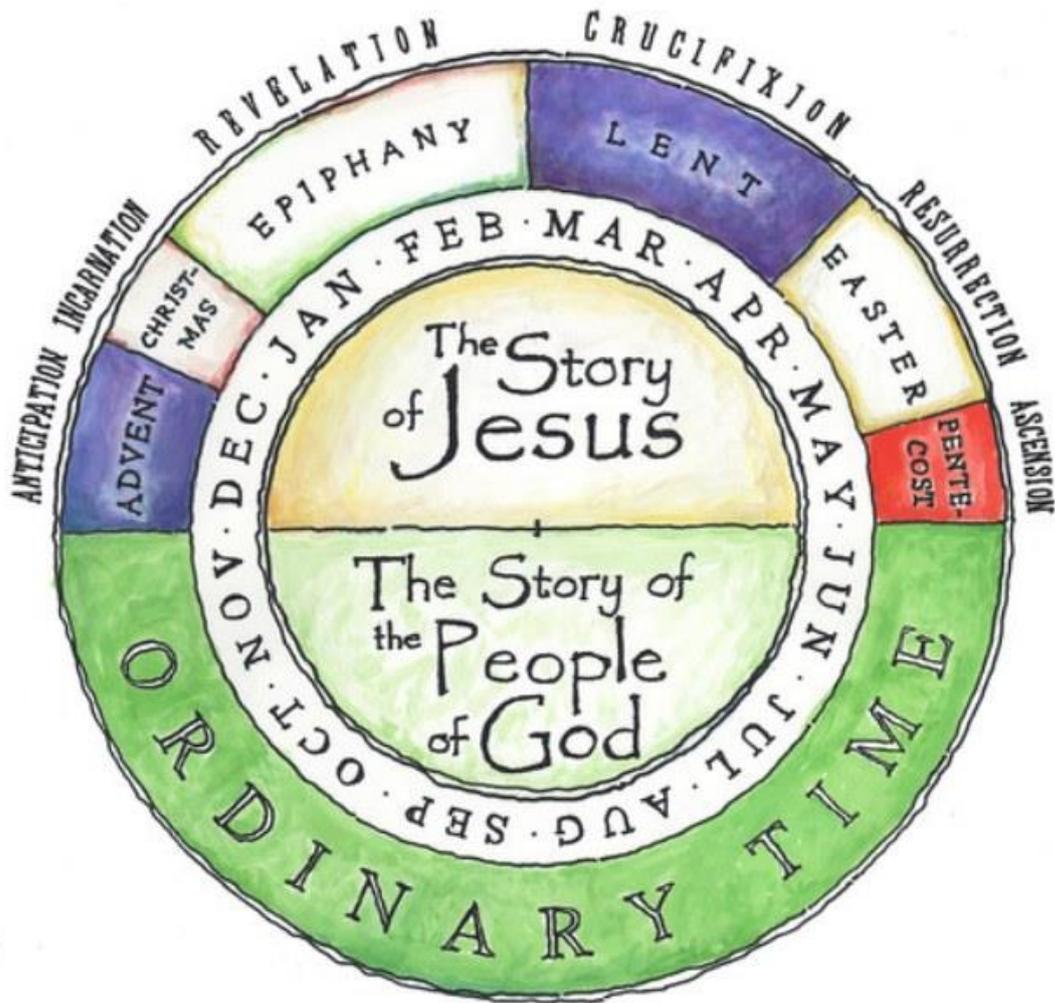




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy  
Newsletter: Friday 6th February

## Catholic Life and Mission



This week our word of the week is...  
*Inspiration*  
We are in the 4th Week of Ordinary Time.

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This week's word of the week: **Inspiration**

Inspiration is the feeling of being motivated or encouraged to do something. It literally means 'filled with the spirit'. Inspiration is like a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit, guiding us and encouraging us on our journey. It can come in many forms – through prayer, through Scripture, through the words and actions of others. It's a reminder that God is always with us, inspiring us to be our best selves.

**Mission: Make an effort this week to inspire those around you by loving and serving others.**

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

**Class based celebration of the word will be planned by St Patrick's house team.**

### **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. It has been wonderful to welcome our family and friends into the classrooms to share this sacred experience. Please feel encouraged to follow the structure of the Celebration of the Word with your child (ren) at home.

### **Oscar Romero Mass**

Our grateful thanks to the pupils of Oscar Romero for planning and leading the whole-school Mass, celebrated by Canon John. He was highly complimentary of the children's active participation and the confidence they showed in their responses.

### **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.

### **First Holy Communion**

During last Sunday's Mass and again during school Mass, Canon John enrolled a group of our pupils onto the First Holy Communion programme. The group has started the programme in school with our hub chaplains Clare and Luke. Your prayers are very welcome

as our school parish community supports this group of pupils, their families and catechists along this journey.

### **Celebrating Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day: Wednesday 11th February**

Next Wednesday, our whole school community will be lead in a Celebration of the Word planned and organised by OLOL house group in devotion of Mary. This will be followed by a procession and Art activities as we pay our deepest respects to Mary who inspires us to always say yes to God.

### **National Internet Day: Tuesday 10th February**

Our thanks to our pupil led Health and Safety team and our Computing lead, Mr Kitchinson for planning assemblies and activities to support pupils' understanding of keeping safe on the internet.

## **Lent 1**

### **Week beginning 9th February - WOW - Diversity**

Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 11th February - Parents evening

### **Friday 13th February - Inset Day**

### **Week Beginning 16th February - Half term**

Break up for half term Thursday 12th February

School reopens on Monday 23rd February

### **Week beginning 23rd February- WOW-Prayer**

Monday 23rd February: Y4 lead Whole school Celebration of the Word- families invited @9am

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

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

## **Children's Mental Health Week**

This year's Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week will be held next week. This year's theme is 'This is my place' focusing on fostering a sense of belonging for children and young

people in their schools, communities, and homes. To find out more about Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week, please visit their website. We also have a wealth of resources to support mental health and wellbeing on our website which may be of use to you

The mental health of our children is extremely important to all so our Wellbeing Ambassadors have met with our well being leader, Mrs Lowe to organise a range of wellbeing activities on Thursday 12th February where all children will spend time carrying out activities to promote mental health and recognising the importance of knowing that they belong. All children (and staff!) will be invited to wear non uniform on Thursday 12th February'

## **Pupil Premium Grant**

For those of you who may be unaware, the government provides a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) for eligible families. This funding gives schools additional money to help improve educational outcomes for children. This funding not only supports schools, but also offers direct benefits to families. Eligible pupils are entitled to:

- Free school meals
- Free milk
- Subsidised trips and residential visits (50% of the cost covered by school)
- Subsidised after-school clubs (50% of the cost covered by school)

Checking your eligibility is quick and easy and takes just a couple of minutes. Simply log in to Nottinghamshire County Council's SynergyHub (click [here](#)) and enter your National Insurance number, date of birth, and your child's details. The system will let you know if you are eligible. The Local Authority will then inform the school, allowing us to offer the above subsidies.

Children attending maintained nurseries (which ours is) may also qualify.

Further information about the Pupil Premium Grant can be found online. If you need any help or support with the process, please don't hesitate to ask. As with all personal data, please be assured that receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant is kept confidential and is never shared.

## **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 Year 3-Year 6 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**

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- 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%;

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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](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 this academic year

Reception - 95.2 %

Year 1 - 94.2 %

Year 2 - 94.9 %

Year 3 - 95.1 %

Year 4 - 95.6 %

Year 5 - 95.4 %

Year 6 - 96.1 %

**Whole School - 95.2 %**

## 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