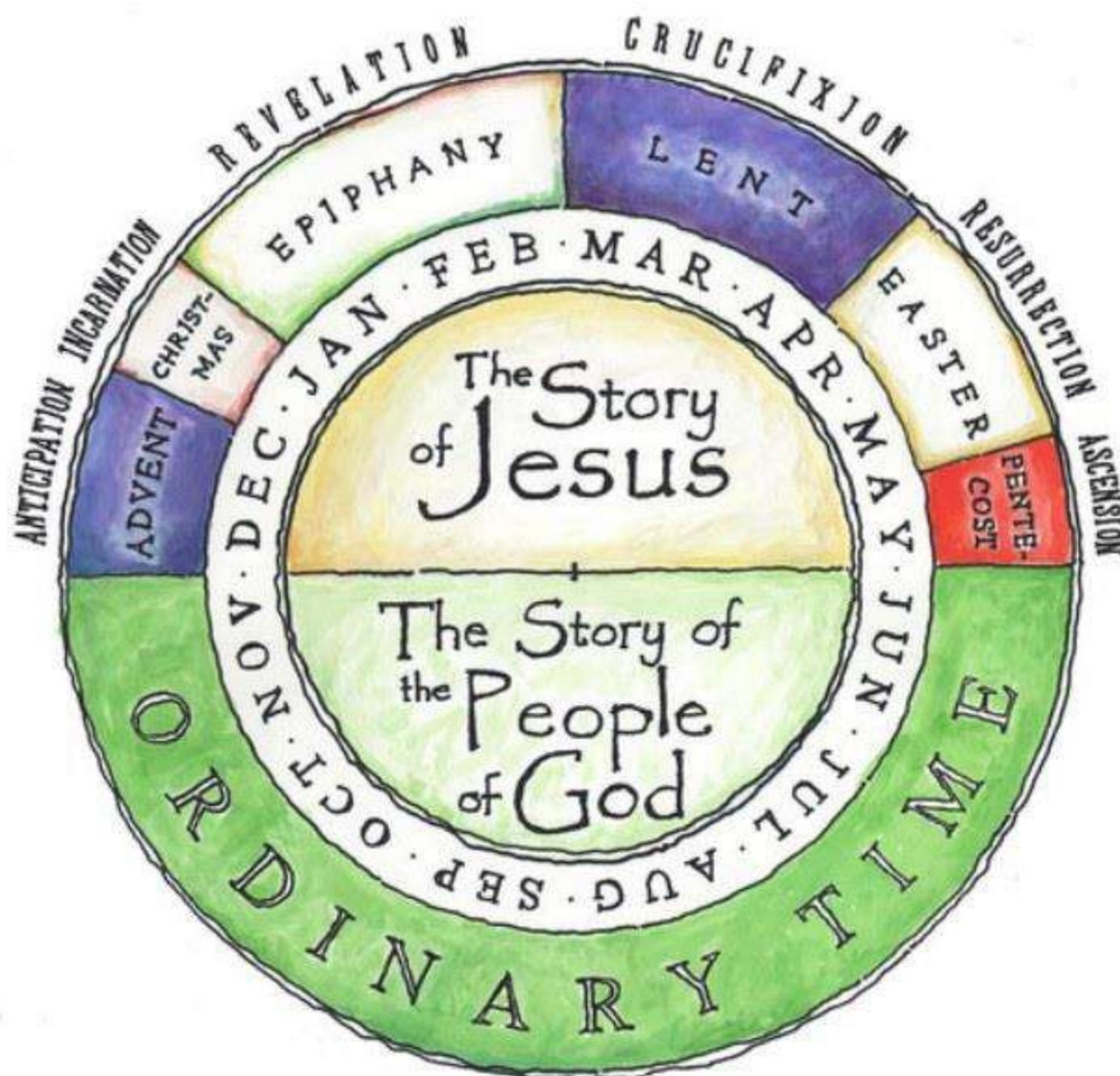




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy  
Newsletter: Friday 27th February

## Catholic Life and Mission



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

**Mission:**

**Journey through Lent**

**Attached to the our school's community 'Journey through Lent' poster- you are all very welcome to join us.**

A special thank you to Y4 for leading the school in the Celebration of the Word to start Lent in the most sacred manner.

Thank you so much to all our children and their teaching adults for sharing their learning so beautifully from their Religious Education lessons. The quality of the work produced was so impressive and the children showed such confidence in sharing their learning with the adults. The assemblies were full of families and we thank yourselves so much for all your time and support.

**Word of the week for week commencing 2/3/26 is: FASTING**

Fasting is a way of showing self-discipline and focusing on our relationship with God. Fasting can also be a way of expressing solidarity with those who are less fortunate. Fasting is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to follow the example of Jesus in the desert and to grow in compassion of others.

What can you go without this Lent? Think of something that you can give up to leave more time and space for what's important.

**Next week's Class based celebration of the word will be planned by Oscar Romero.**

During Lent, Y1 to Y5 will each plan and lead a celebration of the word for the whole school which parents are welcome to join @9am each Monday. Y6 will then plan and lead the final Easter story presentation on Friday 27th March @9am.

Monday 2nd March @9am - Y5 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Fasting

Monday 9th March @9am - Y1 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Almsgiving

Monday 16th March @9am - Y3 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Sacrifice

Monday 23rd March @9am - Y2 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Journey

Thursday 24th March @ 2.30pm Foundation 2 and Y1/2 lead their Easter presentation.

Friday 27th March @9am - Y6 lead Easter story presentation

## **Our wonderful Mrs Stevenson**

This week, our school community shared their deep gratitude and appreciation towards Mrs Stevenson, who has shown great care and commitment in her roles as teaching assistant and ELSA throughout many years. On behalf of everyone, may I express our deepest thanks for all that Mrs Stevenson has contributed towards our school community; so many children, families and staff have benefitted enormously from Mrs Stevenson's support. We wish her every happiness for the future!

## **Travel through Lent together.**

### **Journey through Lent**

#### **Week beginning 2nd March - WOW - Fasting**

Monday 2nd March @9am - Y5 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Fasting

Tuesday 3rd March @ 9am- Mass followed by First Confession for First Holy Communion group and all who have made their First Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th March - Travelling book fair open after school until Monday 9th March

### **Week beginning 9th March - WOW - Almsgiving**

Monday 9th March @9am - Y1 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Almsgiving

Friday 13th March: Non uniform in exchange for donation of Easter egg and tins for the Sherwood Food bank.

### **Week beginning 16th March - WOW - Sacrifice**

Monday 16th March @9am - Y3 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Sacrifice

Tuesday 17th March -St Patrick's Day mass @9am followed by Children's mini market. This will be lead by Y3-Y6 as stall holders so please start thinking about ideas for stalls. All welcome to visit the market!

Tuesday 17th March- Y5 and Y6 to attend 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church

Friday 20th March- School choir to perform at Berry Hill Care home

Sunday 22nd March- First Holy Communion group to lead 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Church.

### **Week beginning 23rd March - WOW - Journey**

Monday 23rd March @9am - Y2 lead Celebration of the word - Word of the week: Journey

Tuesday 24th March @ 2.30pm- Foundation 2 and Y1/2 Easter presentation: all welcome

Friday 27th March @9am - Y6 lead Y3, Y4 and Y5 in Easter story presentation: all welcome

## **World Book Day**

This takes place next week on Thursday 5th March with the theme being 'Reading for Pleasure' as part of National Year of Reading. Your child is welcome to wear a costume, pyjamas or their own comfortable clothes as well as being invited to bring in a favourite book from home to share with their friends.

## **Travelling Book Fair**

On 4th March, we are excited to see the return of the travelling book fair in school. It will be open after school between the 4th and 9th March. There are a wide range of books and stationery available to buy. Payment is via a QR code available on the day.

## School Swimming Gala

Well done to a wonderful group of pupils in KS2 who have taken part in the Mansfield Swimming Gala today. Their sporting attitudes shone out brightly, living out the behaviour virtues so beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Hoskins and Mrs Thomson for leading the group and for the support from our families.

## First Holy Communion Programme

Your prayers are asked for this group of pupils as they make their First Confession next week before continuing upon the next stages of their First Holy Communion programme.

## 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.

## 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)<sup>1</sup>
- 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)<sup>2</sup>
- Common cold: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold)<sup>3</sup>

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 - 95.3%

Year 1 - 94.8 %

Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 95.1 %

Year 4 - 95.9%

Year 5 - 95.5%

<sup>1</sup><https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis>

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold>

Year 6 - 96.2%

**Whole School -95.2 %**

## **Parent Governor Vacancy – Nominations Now Open**

We are pleased to let you know that we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body and we are now starting the election process.

This is a fantastic opportunity to play an active role in supporting and shaping the strategic direction of our school. Parent Governors work with school leaders and other governors to ensure the very best outcomes for all pupils.

Any person who is the parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school is eligible to stand for election and to vote.

Nomination forms will be sent out next week and will include the closing date for nominations, allowing at least seven school days for responses.

If you are interested in standing for election, please look out for the nomination form and further details. If you would like to find out more about the role before applying, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a conversation.

## **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.

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher