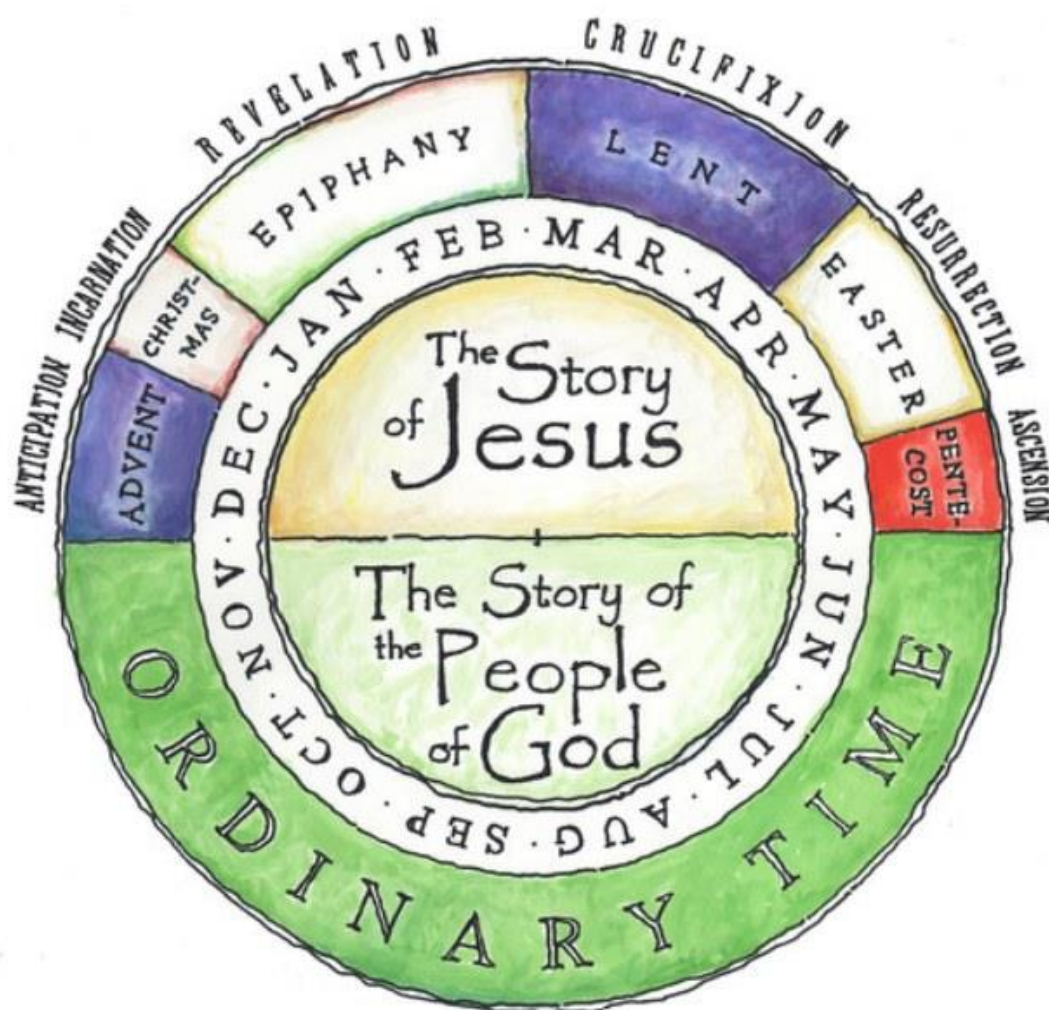




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy  
Newsletter: Friday 17th April 2026

## Catholic Life and Mission



We welcome everyone back to school during this 2nd Week of Eastertide. We are very much looking forward to our Pentecost term together.

This week's word of the week is **Mercy**.

Next week's word of the week is 'Faith'.

Having faith can be hard. It requires us to believe in those things that we can't prove and see. St Thomas is famous for not believing that Jesus had risen, but this reminds us all that even for Jesus' disciples, faith wasn't always easy. Faith is a gift from God and if we can accept it, and hold on to it, faith will give us strength, comfort and hope.

**Mission:** Think of something you need to have faith in this week. Spend some time in prayer to ask God for the faith you need.

You are very welcome to join our **whole school Mass on 21st April at 9am** which is in recognition of St Georges Day.

## First Holy Communion Programme

The next session takes place on Tuesday 21st April after school with our hub chaplains Clare and Luke.

Everyone is most welcome to come along to St Patrick's 11am Sunday Mass on 3rd May in which our First Holy Communion children will be taking a lead role.

## 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. Thank you for everyone's efforts and support with attending school as much as possible; a wonderful team effort!

Reception - 95.3 %

Year 1 - 95.2 %

Year 2 - 95.4 %

Year 3 - 95.6 %

Year 4 - 96.2 %

Year 5 - 96 %

Year 6 - 96.6 %

**Whole School from beginning of school year to present date - 95.8%**

**Let's keep the great efforts with attendance going throughout this Pentecost term.**

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

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and are inviting nominations from parents or carers who are interested in taking on this important role within our school community.

Being a Parent Governor is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the school, support its leadership, and help ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

If you are interested in applying, please visit the school office to express your interest and collect further information. All interested parents or carers must come to the office **by Friday 24th April**.

We encourage anyone who would like to make a positive difference in the school to consider putting themselves forward.

## **Increase in school lunch cost**

In line with the Trust, please note that there will be a price increase of school lunches to £2.70 from Monday 20th April.

### School kitchen Vacancy

There is currently a school kitchen vacancy of 10 hours per week. Please feel warmly encouraged to contact school office on 01623 478090 for further details.

## **Calendar of Events for Pentecost term 2026.**

**Week beginning 20th April** - WOW - Faith

**Week beginning 27th April** - WOW - Vocation

**Week beginning 4th May** - WOW- Witness

**Week beginning 11th May** - WOW - Example

Monday 11th May Year 6 SATs begin- SPAG and Spelling

Tuesday 12th May Reading paper

Wednesday 13th May Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning

Thursday 14th May Maths Reasoning

**Week beginning 18th May** - WOW – Communication

**Break up for Half term – 22nd May - 1st June 2026**

**Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026**

**Return from Half Term Monday 1st June**

**Week beginning 1st June** - WOW - Trinity

Tuesday 2nd June - Wednesday 3rd June - Y5 Residential - The Mill

**Week beginning 8th June** - WOW - Eucharist

**Week beginning 15th June** - WOW- Missionary Discipleship

Friday 19th June - Inset day- school closed

**Week beginning 22nd June** - WOW - Acceptance

Monday 22nd June - Sports week

Friday 26th June - Sports Day - EYFS start @9am, Year 1 - 6 start @ 1.30pm

**Week beginning 29th June** - WOW - Follow

Wednesday 1st July - Friday 3rd July - Y6 Briars residential

**Week beginning 6th July** - WOW- Commission

Tuesday 7th July Transition to All Saints RC Secondary School

Wednesday 8th July Transition to All Saints RC Secondary School

**Week beginning 13th July** - WOW - Gratitude

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 production @ 2pm and 4:30pm

Friday 17th July - Year 2 Celebration of Learning @ 2:30pm

**Week beginning 20th July - WOW - Celebration**

Monday 20th July - Year 1 celebration of Learning @ 2:30pm

Tuesday 21st July - Leavers mass @ 9am

Tuesday 21st July - Year 3 Celebration of Learning @ 2:30pm

Wednesday 22nd July - Year 4 Celebration of Learning @ 9am

Thursday 23rd July - Year 5 Celebration of Learning @9am

Friday 24th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly @9am

**Break up for the Summer Holidays 24th July**

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher