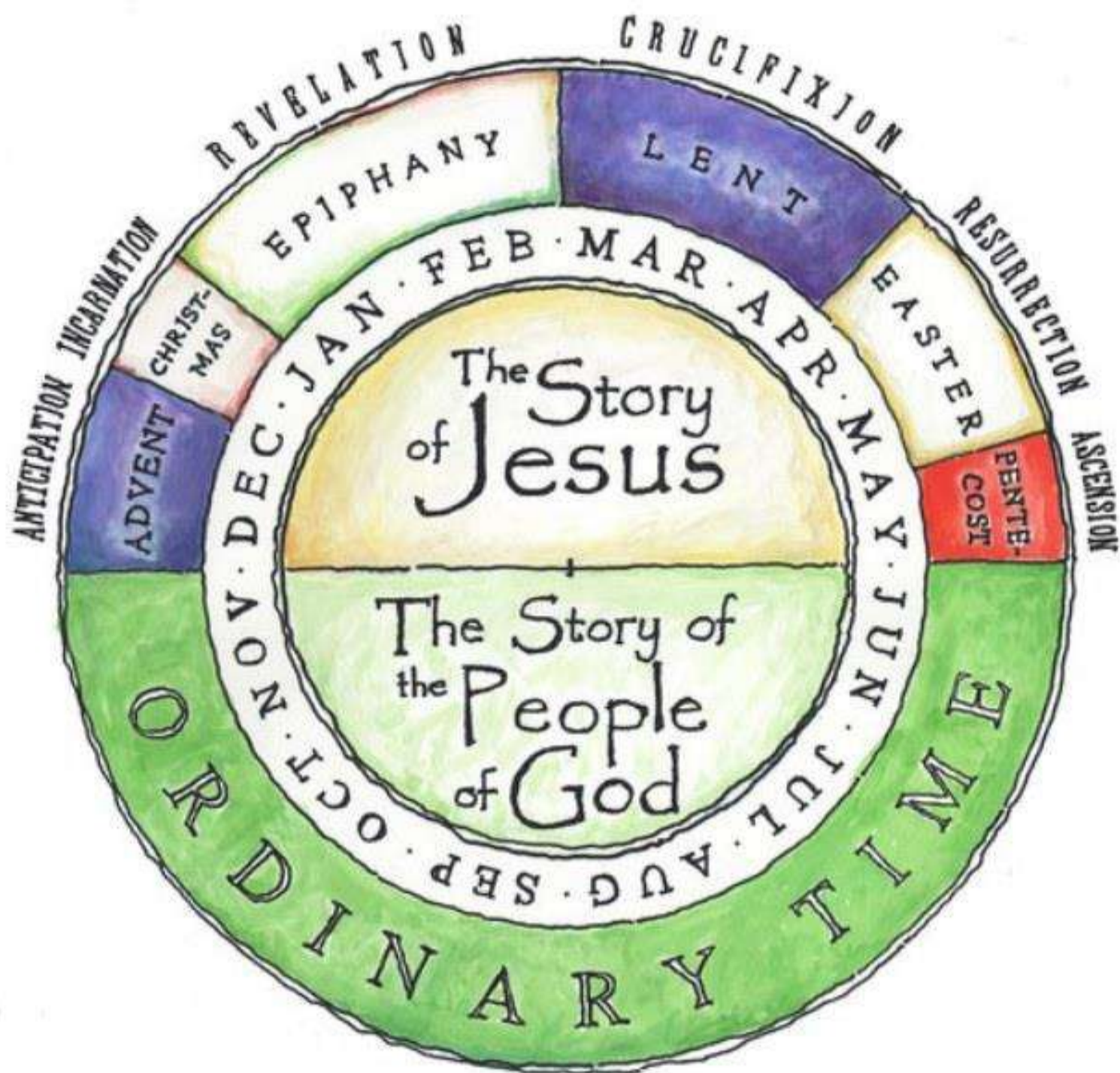




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy  
Newsletter: Friday 15th May

## Catholic Life and Mission



**This week's word of the week was 'Example'**

This week, we have been finding examples of people living in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Next week's word of the week is 'Communication'**

Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share

**Mission: Send a message to someone this week to tell them that they are loved.**

**Holy Communion Children Lead Sunday Mass**

On Sunday, our Holy Communion children proudly led the parish Mass and made our school community extremely proud. The children showed great confidence, reverence, and enthusiasm as they took part in the readings, prayers, offertory, and singing throughout the service.

## **Feast of the Ascension**

On Thursday, our whole school community gathered together in a special liturgy to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. During this prayerful celebration, the children reflected on Jesus' love for us all and shared a mission of how we can continue to show that love in our hearts through kindness, respect, and care for one another each day. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to come together in faith and celebration.

## **Grow your faith**

As part of our Growing in Faith Day, we would like to give special thanks to our PTA, who have used the community's fundraising efforts to help fund our new sensory garden. Members of the PTA generously gave up many hours of their own time, including during the school holidays, to prepare the garden and create a peaceful space for the whole community to enjoy and support wellbeing.

Today, we also celebrated the children's efforts during our recent CSI inspection, where we achieved Outstanding in Catholic Life and Collective Worship. Our Growing in Faith Day reflects how Christ is truly at the centre of our school, particularly through our strong relationships, culture of welcome, and the love and care shown to all — something recognised in our CSI report, which stated that this is "particularly evident in the very strong relationships, culture of welcome and by the love shown to all."

## **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>**

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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 - 95.6 %**

**Year 2 - 95.7 %**

**Year 3 - 95.8 %**

**Year 4 - 96.2%**

**Year 5 - 96.2 %**

**Year 6 - 96.6 %**

**Whole School from beginning of school year to present date - 95.9 %**

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

## **Well done Y6!**

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the fantastic effort, positive attitude, and resilience they showed throughout the week.

The children approached the tests calmly and confidently and received high praise during routine monitoring visits from governor and Local Authority representatives.

Thank you to all staff for generously giving their time to support and prepare the children so well, with special thanks to our Y6 class teacher, Miss Pearce, for her tireless dedication and support throughout the year.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued encouragement.

We look forward to celebrating many more successes with Year 6 during the rest of the year.

## Y5 Residential Meeting

We will be holding a parent information meeting on **Monday 18th May at 3:30pm**, where we will share further details about the trip and answer any questions you may have.

The residential will take place from **Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 3rd June**, including an overnight stay.

## Y6 Residential

The residential will take place from **Wednesday 1st July to Friday 3rd July** and will include a two night stay. This promises to be a fantastic experience for the children, giving them the chance to develop independence, build friendships, and enjoy a range of adventurous outdoor activities in a safe and supportive environment. To secure your child's place, we ask that you make an **initial instalment no later than Monday 11th May 2026**

## Staffing updates

Following on from the Trust's letter earlier this week regarding the appointment of our Head Teacher from September, I would like to share my delight that Mrs Pyatt has been successful in securing the position. Mrs Pyatt and I will continue to work closely together across all aspects of school life to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for our children, families and staff.

The school is currently recruiting for a Deputy Head Teacher, and we will keep you updated.

We are also sad to share that Miss Brunsill, our fabulous Year 5 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year due to relocation. She will be greatly missed by both children and staff alike, and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication during her time with us. We wish her every happiness and success for the future.

## Upcoming Statutory Assessments

During the Pentecost Term, some of our pupils will complete national assessments. It is imperative that children are in school for these tests. The key dates are as below:

- Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check - Between 8th June and 12th June - Information for parents<sup>4</sup>
- Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check - Between 1st June and 14th June - Information for parents<sup>5</sup>

## Calendar of Events for Pentecost term 2026.

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

Friday 22nd May - Last day of Summer 1 Term

**Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May** - Half term - School Closed

**Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026**

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

*Monday 1st June - RISE theatre in school*

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

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

Wednesday 10th June - Wrates class photos

Saturday 13th June - First Holy Communion - St Patrick's Church, Forest Town @10am

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

*Thursday 18th June - Y1 Bestwood Lodge visit*

*Thursday 18th June - PTA disco - @4pm - 5.15pm EYFS/KS1 (Adults to attend) @5.30pm - 6.30pm - KS2*

**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

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<sup>4</sup>[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb573dad669f061d46b58/Phonics\\_screening\\_check\\_information\\_for\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb573dad669f061d46b58/Phonics_screening_check_information_for_parents.pdf)

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

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

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

Tuesday 7th July - Y6 Transition to All Saints RC Secondary School

Wednesday 8th July - Y6 Transition to All Saints RC Secondary School

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

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

Wednesday 15th July - St Pat's Prom & Summer Fayre

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

Friday 24th July - Last Day of term

**Summer Holidays - School Closed from 24th July 2026**

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher