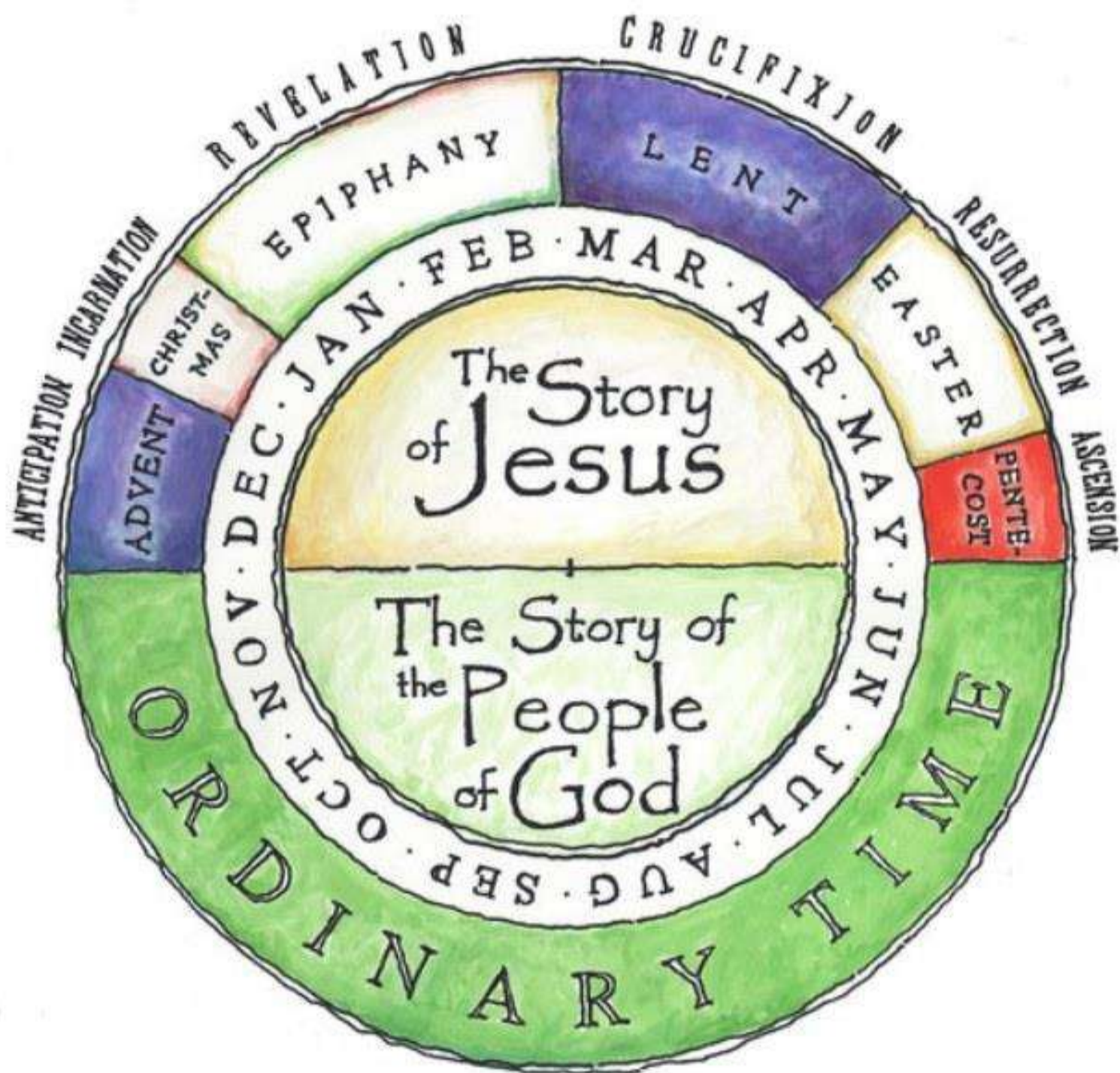




St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy
Newsletter: Friday 1st May

Catholic Life and Mission



This week's word of the week was 'Vocation'

Next week's word of the week is 'Witness'

Witness is the sharing of our faith with others. It is a way of testifying to the truth of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message. Our witness can be a way of celebrating the hope and joy that we have in Jesus and a way of powerfully sharing the good news with those around us.

Mission: Find one way to share what your faith means to you with someone else this week.

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/conjunctivitis¹
- **Hand, foot and mouth disease:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease
- **Chickenpox:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox²
- **Common cold:** www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold³

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 - 95.4 %

Year 1 - 95.4 %

Year 2 - 95.5 %

Year 3 - 95.7 %

Year 4 - 96.2 %

Year 5 - 96.1 %

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²<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox>

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

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.

School Lunch Price Increase

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.

PTA News - Celebrating Success Together

On **Friday 15th May**, children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** in exchange for bringing a **bottle donation** for our summer fayre tombola. Any type of bottle is welcome, and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

In addition, we are delighted to be holding a **community celebration** to mark the success of our recent CSI inspection in recognition of the children's fantastic hard work. From **2.15pm**, families are warmly invited to join us on the playground, where there will be **refreshments for sale**, including hotdogs, scones and drinks. It promises to be a lovely afternoon and a wonderful opportunity for us all to relax, spend time together, and celebrate our school community.

Calendar of Events for Pentecost term 2026.

Week beginning 4th May - WOW - Witness

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed

Week beginning 11th May - WOW - Example

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

Tuesday 12th May - Year 6 SATs - Reading paper

Wednesday 13th May - Year 6 SATs - Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning

Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs - Maths Reasoning

Friday 15th May - Non uniform/donate a bottle & Community celebration event @2.15pm

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*

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

Week beginning 8th June - *WOW - Eucharist*

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

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 - 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

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