



# Newsletter

Issue 23

7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **Executive Headteacher Notice – Mrs Dobson**

*The weather has been wonderful this week and to see the sunshine and blue skies really make us smile!*

### **Lent**

*We began the season of Lent with KS2 Mass at St Patrick's Church on Ash Wednesday. I was so proud of all of the children who sang so beautifully and showed great reverence and respect. A huge thank you to our Y6 children who read so beautifully too.*

### **Lent Prayer**

*Lord Jesus,*

*You never gave up even when you found it most difficult.*

*During the six weeks of Lent, help us to be strong and to keep to our promises as a sign of our love for you.*

*Amen*

### **Congratulations**

*Congratulations to Miss Wells and Mr Fidler who are expecting their second child in the Summer holidays. We look forward to welcoming the new addition to the St Patrick's family.*

### **Advanced Notice - school meal charges**

*From September 2025, St Patrick's will no longer provide free school meals for all children. There will be a charge for a school meal. Should this put you into hardship, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dobson, Miss Weir or Mrs Fernandes who would be happy to help you.*

*There has been a Facebook post querying why charges are now being made for Breakfast Club and going forward School Meals. The reasons are as follows*

- *school budgets cannot sustain free meals - money that is being used to provide this needs to be spent on learning resources for your children*
- *no other school in the Diocese or CMAT provides this*
- *by charging and pre-ordering meals we will cut down on food waste significantly*

### **Scooters and Bikes**

*During half term, our caretaker kindly cleared out the bike/scooter area to allow children to start to bring their Scooter and Bikes again.*

*There are a few rules that will be introduced to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff*

- 1) *Helmets must be worn when riding bikes/scooters*
- 2) *Children/parents must dismount from bikes/scooters at the gates and MUST NOT ride them on the playground*
- 3) *Children must bring a lock for their bike/scooter as we cannot guarantee its safety without this*

### **Healthy snacks and allergies**

*We have a lot of children who are bringing unhealthy snacks to school to eat at break times. Please can we ask that only healthy snacks are brought to school such as fruit and vegetables? We will not be allowing children to eat crisps or chocolate etc for their snacks.*

*Can we also ask that children do not bring anything into school that contain nuts as we have children and staff with severe nut allergies? Thank you for your continued support.*

### Stars of the Week

- ★ *St Teresa of Calcutta* – Aaron Acheampong
- ★ *St Teresa of Calcutta* – Emmanuel Elievy
- ★ *St Margaret of Scotland* – Elijah Seleba
- ★ *St Francis* – Aaliyah Panca
- ★ *St Columba* – Samuel Ashenafi
- ★ *St Martin De Porres* – Ava-Noelle Opoku
- ★ *St Ambrose* – Ahmed Hussain
- ★ *St Vincent De Paul* – Jake O’Hagan
- ★ *St Joan of Arc* – Ethan Ratcliffe
- ★ *St Christopher* – Romaine Norman-Alexander
- ★ *St Maximillian Kolbe* – Ronan O’Malley

### Weekly Attendance – Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February

Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

**EVERY**  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	St Maximillian Kolbe	97.7%	9	135	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2	St Columba	95.7%	8	114	6 <sup>th</sup>
3	St Margaret of Scotland	95.3%	7	68	8 <sup>th</sup>
4	St Martin De Porres	95%	6	142	1 <sup>st</sup>
5	St Vincent De Paul	94.5%	5	129	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6	St Joan of Arc	93.7%	4	122	4 <sup>th</sup>
7	St Francis	91.5%	3	118	5 <sup>th</sup>
8	St Christopher	91%	2	110	7 <sup>th</sup>
9	St Ambrose	88.4%	1	60	9 <sup>th</sup>

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 17 March 2025** – St Patrick’s Day

**Friday 4 April 2025** – INSET day – school closed to pupils

**Thursday 17 April** – 3.15pm School closes for Easter Holiday

**Monday 28 April 2025** – 8.45am Children return to school

**Tuesday 6 May 2025** – INSET day – school closed to pupils

**Monday 12 – Thursday 15 May 2025** – Y6 SATs week

### Afterschool Clubs \*Spring Term 2\*

DAY	CLUB	TIME	START	FINISH
Monday	Y3/4 Dance	3:15 – 4:15pm	03/03/25	07/04/25
	Y6 Table Tennis	3:15 – 4:15pm	03/03/25	07/04/25
Tuesday	KS2 Kickboxing	3:15 – 4:15pm	21/01/25	15/04/25
Wednesday	Book Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	26/02/25	09/04/25
	Y1/2 Karate	3:15 – 4:15pm	05/02/25	09/04/25
	Y5 Cricket	3:15 – 4pm	26/02/25	09/04/25
Thursday	Y3 Gymnastics	3:15 – 4:15pm	27/02/25	10/04/25
	Y2 – Y6 Girls Football	3:15 – 4:15pm	27/02/25	10/04/25