



Newsletter

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Executive Headteacher Welcome Back

I hope that you have all had a good summer. A huge thank you from the staff and I for your very generous cards, gifts, thanks and good wishes at the end of the Summer Term; they are much appreciated.

I would like to give a very special welcome to our new children and families who are joining us. We hope that they will be very happy here at St Patrick's. I would also like to welcome our children who were with us before the summer!

We have had a very busy summer holiday in school with lots of changes, decluttering and filling 7 skips! I would like to thank the staff at St Patrick's who have worked extremely hard over the summer holidays getting the school ready for the start of the new academic year.

We are all ready for the start of another exciting school year and cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us! We thank you in advance for the support that you give to us and we look forward to working with you and getting to know our families more throughout the academic year.

The children will need to be in school by 8:45am. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to enter via the school office.

Please see below for a few changes ahead of opening tomorrow and also a few reminders that we regularly had on the newsletter last half term.

Staffing Update

Miss Marsden resigned from her post as Teaching Assistant in our school during the summer holidays. We wish Miss Marsden every success for the future.

School Uniform – September 2025

From September 2025, we will be tightening up on uniform expectations. There will be no requirement for shirts and ties and we will be moving to white polo shirts. This should help to keep the costs down for parents. Thank you

Updated Nursery Timings – September 2025

Full Time 30-hour children, 8.45am – 3.15pm (30 minutes lunch)

Morning 15-hour children, 8.45 – 11.45am

Afternoon 15-hour children, 12.15 – 3.15pm

30-hour Nursery children will also have to pay for school meals at a cost of £3 per child or they can bring a packed lunch from home.

Entrance and exit to school from September 2025

From tomorrow, KS2 children will no longer line up on the yard in the morning or in the evening. The KS2 classes will enter school through **any of the following doors Breakfast Club door/Hall door/KS1 door**

At the end of the school day the children will leave through the following doors

 <p>McAuley rear door – Y5/6 (Mrs Verdon-Smith)</p>	 <p>Hall door – Year 3 (Miss Keeton and Mrs Johnson) and Y4/5 (Miss Kirk)</p>
 <p>Breakfast Club door – Y3/4 (Mr Fidler)</p>	<p>Yard – Y6 (Miss Rutter)</p>

Y6 children who are walking home must have informed the office that their children are doing so and have completed the Google Form to give permission – please see link below

[Walking Home Alone](#)

Breakfast Club

Please ensure that you book your place on Breakfast club. The cost remains the same for this term - £1 per child per day and this must be booked and paid on parent mail. We are staffing the breakfast club according to the number of children booked in.

School Meals

From September, the school meal cost will be £3 per day per child. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be funded through Universal Infant Free School Meals. This will be the same for Income Based Free School Meals. If you think this will place you in any kind of hardship then please reach out to Mrs Dobson, Executive Headteacher.

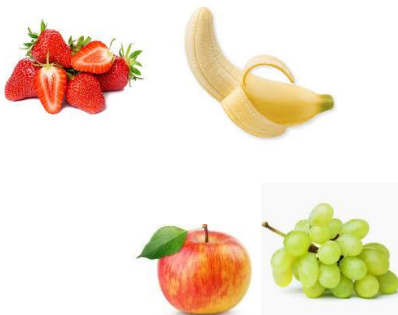





Please log into Parent Mail to order your meals for this week. Parents will be able to see the options available including any allergens. Should you have any issues with this, please come to the school office. Thank you

Healthy Snacks

We will only have healthy snacks at break time. These will also be eaten in class, so that we can monitor for the sharing of food and also allergies. This will also help as children will not need to take their bags on to the playground at play time.

To support healthy eating habits and reduce the risk of allergic reactions, we kindly ask that children only bring **fruit or vegetables** for snack time at school. This helps ensure all children can enjoy a safe and nutritious break together, while encouraging lifelong healthy choices.

As part of their packed lunch, children may of course bring a variety of foods to make a balanced meal. However, please note that no nuts or nut products are permitted in school to protect those with severe allergies.

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 <p data-bbox="335 1556 630 1601">Fruit & Vegetables</p> 	 <p data-bbox="829 952 901 985">Crisps</p>  <p data-bbox="981 1243 1173 1276">Chocolate/bars</p>  <p data-bbox="1021 1489 1125 1523">Yoghurt</p>  <p data-bbox="925 1747 1228 1780">Nuts/products with nuts</p>

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

Reminder of Penalty Notice Fines issued for term time leave absence.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Where there is 4 days of absence during a week where there is also a training day, a penalty notice may still be issued.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines can also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19th August) for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance this will be considered the first offence, and the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate.