



# Newsletter

Issue 8

24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## **Executive Headteacher Notice**

*I would just like to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful half term it has been in our school. The children have worked so hard and really embraced the changes to our curriculum. I am so proud of them all and I would like to thank you for your continued support as we continue to work to improve our school. I hope that you all have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3 November at 8.35am.*

## **Y6 Residential to Newby Wiske**

*A huge thank you to Miss Rutter, Mrs Ignacak and Miss Knowles for giving up their time to accompany myself and the Y6 children to our residential to Newby Wiske. We had an amazing time; the weather was good to us. The children have taken part in various activities including Archery, Paddle Boarding, Zip Wire, Problem Solving and Ambush. We are so proud of their resilience and determination and all that they have achieved. Well done Y6!*

## **Staffing Update**

*Mr Fidler will not be in school w/b 3 November. The Y3/4 class will be taught by Mr Fowler on Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs Knowles Wednesday – Friday.*

## **Nuts**

*Please can I remind parents and carers not to send any nuts or foods that may contain nuts in to school. We have lots of children and staff who have severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support.*

## **Pupil Individual Photos**

*These will take during the first week back on Thursday 6 November.*

## **Update to Uniform**

*There have been some questions around nail polish and hair dye/colour:*

- No nail polish
- No hair dye/colour

## **Additional INSET days**

*Due to the change in our curriculum, we will be having a further INSET day this term. School will be closed on Friday 5 December 2025 to children and families.*

## **Application to Secondary School**

*Applications for secondary school have now closed. If you have not submitted your application then please speak to the school office.*

## **Time to start School?**

**If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, you need to apply for their school place.**

**Save Time - Apply Online at: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare)**

**Closing date for applying: 15th January 2026**

Pupil Admissions can be contacted on **0114 273 5766**

It is your responsibility to apply for a school place. Missing the closing date will mean less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school(s).

## Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month at St Patrick's, children focused on protest songs and the impact these had on the fight for equality. The children learnt about the Civil Rights Movement, the inspiration and context behind their protest song, how more current protest songs are used and reflect on this through art work. The children chose lyrics that spoke to them and they intertwined this into a creative piece.



### PE days

<b>Y1 Miss Chamberlain's – Friday (Indoor)</b>	<b>Y3/4 Mr Fidler's – Monday (Indoor)</b> - <b>Thursday (Outdoor)</b>
<b>Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's – Monday (Outdoor)</b> - <b>Tuesday (Indoor)</b>	<b>Y4/5 Miss Kirk's – Monday (Outdoor)</b> - <b>Tuesday (Indoor)</b>
<b>Y2 Miss Hobbs – Monday (Outdoor)</b> - <b>Thursday (Indoor)</b>	<b>Y5/6 Mrs Verdon-Smith's – Thursday (Indoor)</b> - <b>Friday (Outdoor)</b>
<b>Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's – Wednesday (Outdoor)</b> - <b>Friday (Indoor)</b>	<b>Y6 Miss Rutter's – Wednesday (Indoor)</b> - <b>Friday (Outdoor)</b>

### Virtues to Live By – Hope

• <b>F2 Ms Boardman's –</b> <i>Ifunanya Ezeanochie and Luca Joseph-Pancaro</i>	• <b>Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's –</b> <i>Abdulquadri Ogundele and Callie Carrigan</i>
• <b>Y1 Miss Chamberlain's –</b> <i>Malachi Fathers and Andre Marimbire</i>	• <b>Y3/4 Mr Fidler's –</b> <i>Amanda Onaivi and Tomi Oluwole</i>
• <b>Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's –</b> <i>Taia Thomas and Eldana Fiseha</i>	• <b>Y4/5 Miss Kirk's –</b> <i>Trevor Akame and Elijah Davis</i>
• <b>Y2 Miss Hobbs –</b> <i>Braedan Sibanda and Khodijah Ogundele</i>	• <b>Y5/6 Mrs Verdon-Smith's –</b> <i>Thomas Krupowicz and Roman Sonigra</i>

### Weekly Attendance – Commencing 13 October

POSITION THIS WEEK	CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE%	WEEKLY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	OVERALL POSITION
1	Mrs Verdon-Smith	99.7%	9	39	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2	Miss Rutter	99.1%	8	33	5 <sup>th</sup>
3	Mrs Johnson & Miss Keeton	97.8%	7	48	2 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Miss Hardwick	97.6%	6	38	4 <sup>th</sup>
5	Ms Boardman	97.3%	5	51	1 <sup>st</sup>
6	Miss Kirk	96.7%	4	19	9 <sup>th</sup>
7	Miss Hobbs	95.9%	3	28	8 <sup>th</sup>
8	Mr Fidler	95.5%	2	32	6 <sup>th</sup>
9	Miss Chamberlain	90.9%	1	29	7 <sup>th</sup>

### After School Clubs \*Autumn Term 2\*

DAY	CLUB	TIME	START	FINISH	Cost per child per session
Monday	KS2 Dance Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	03/11/2025	<b>08/12/2025</b>	£1
	KS2 Table Tennis Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	03/11/2025	<b>08/12/2025</b>	£1
Tuesday	Y5 & Y6 Boys Football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	11/11/2025	<b>09/12/2025</b>	£1
Wednesday	Y1/ Y2 Karate Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	05/11/2025	<b>10/12/2025</b>	£1
Thursday	KS2 Girls Football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm	06/11/2025	<b>11/12/2025</b>	£1

Afterschool Clubs for next half term have now been added on ParentMail. We have limited places left!

### Dates for the Diary

**Friday 24 October** – 3.15pm School closes for half term

**Monday 3 November** – 8.45am School re-opens after the half term

**Tuesday 4 November** – Book Fair delivered to school (We will update you on the days/times it will be available)

**Thursday 6 November** – Pupil Individual Photos

**Friday 5 December** - Staff INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

**Friday 12 December** – Christmas Jumper day, Reindeer Run and Christmas Dinner day

**Friday 19 December** – 3.15pm School closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 5 January 2026** – 8.45am School re-opens after the Christmas holidays



### Logo Leisurewear Ordering

Order School Uniform using the following link:

<https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-patricks-primary/>

## 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.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.