



# Newsletter

Issue 26

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## **Executive Headteacher Notice**

*We have had a very busy but great week in school. We have had a range of visitors in school this week including governors, staff from St Clare's Trust and also the new Director of Schools from the Hallam Diocese. Thank you to the parents who attended their SEND review meetings and also to Miss Rutter and the parents from her class for the parents evening attendance this week.*

## **Staffing update**

*Miss Rutter will begin her maternity leave after Easter. Her class will be covered by Mrs Verdon-Smith. Mrs Verdon-Smith returns on Monday following her period of absence.*

*Mrs Ledger is expecting her first child in June. We would like to congratulate her and her husband on their wonderful news.*

## **Easter Activities**

*We will continue to sell raffle tickets for our Easter Tombola. Tickets will be 20p each or 5 for £1. Mr Rodgers will visit classes with these tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 31 March.*

*Design an Easter egg competition – we are inviting our children to boil an egg and decorate the egg as a book character. There will be a prize per class. We are asking all entries to be brought into school on Wednesday 1 April*

## **Bags**

*Please can I ask that children bring suitable size bags/back packs to school? Some children who are not packed lunch are bringing large bags which are taking up too much space. We will be asking children to take their lunch out of their bag to take to the dining hall from Monday.*

## **Swimming**

*There will be no swimming on Monday 30 March. Swimming will resume on Monday 20 April.*

### PE days

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

### Virtues to Live By – Kindness

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| • <b>F2 Ms Boardman's –</b><br><i>Jasper and Emily</i>        | • <b>Y3 Mrs Johnson/Miss Keeton's –</b><br><i>Rohan and Isabel</i> |
| • <b>Y1 Miss Chamberlain's –</b><br><i>Daelan and Malachi</i> | • <b>Y3/4 Mr Fidler's –</b><br><i>Hannah and Ann</i>               |
| • <b>Y1/2 Miss Hardwick's –</b><br><i>Taia and Kyziah</i>     | • <b>Y4/5 Miss Kirk's –</b><br><i>Dominic and Alina</i>            |
| • <b>Y2 Miss Hobbs –</b><br><i>Amiyah and Tehlani</i>         | • <b>Y5/6 Miss Sheeran's –</b><br><i>Cyrus and Lily</i>            |
|   | • <b>Y6 Miss Rutter's –</b><br><i>Samantha and Nathan</i>          |

### Weekly Attendance – Commencing 16 March

| POSITION THIS WEEK | CLASS                       | WEEKLY ATTENDANCE% | WEEKLY POINTS | TOTAL POINTS | OVERALL POSITION |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1                  | Miss Rutter                 | 97.2%              | 9             | 151          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| 2                  | Mr Fidler                   | 97.1%              | 8             | 130          | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 3                  | Miss Sheeran                | 95.9%              | 7             | 153          | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| 4                  | Miss Hobbs                  | 95.7%              | 6             | 115          | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 5                  | Ms Boardman                 | 95.6%              | 5             | 149          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Joint 6            | Mrs Johnson and Miss Keeton | 93.9%              | 4             | 149          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Joint 6            | Miss Hardwick               | 93.9%              | 4             | 111          | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 8                  | Miss Kirk                   | 91.4%              | 2             | 119          | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 9                  | Miss Chamberlain            | 84.8%              | 1             | 61           | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |

### Logo Leisurewear Ordering



Order School Uniform using the following link:

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

### **Holy Week and Easter Triduum Service at St Patrick's Church**

#### **29th March - Palm Sunday**

Masses - 9am St Catherine's Church Procession with Palms and Mass  
11am St Patrick's Church Procession with Palms and Mass

#### **1st April - Wednesday**

Mass of the Chrism 11am Cathedral St Marie's

#### **2nd April - Holy Thursday**

Mass 7pm at St Catherine's also same time 7pm at St Patrick's

#### **3rd April - Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's at 10am  
The Service of our Lord's Passion takes place at both the Churches at 3pm

#### **4th April - Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil Services at St Catherine's and St Patrick's at 7.30pm

#### **5th April - Easter Sunday**

Masses at St Catherine's 9am and St Patrick's 11am

### **Sheffield Music Hub - Reminder**

Felicity Atkinson provides keyboard lessons in school for pupils each week.

There are places available for children in Y1 and above. For details, pricing and booking please use the following link:

<https://www.sheffieldmusichub.org/pages/music-lessons-in-schools>

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Monday 30 March** – Palm Sunday – Y3 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)

**Tuesday 31 March** – Last Supper – Y3/4 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)

**Tuesday 31 March** – Easter raffle drawn

**Wednesday 1 April** – Garden of Gethsemane – Y5/6 Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)

**Wednesday 1 April** – Design an egg competition

**Thursday 2 April** – Y6 Stations of the Cross Liturgy 9.15am (Parents welcome to attend)

**Thursday 2 April** – Break up for the Easter Holidays at 3.15pm

**Monday 20 April** – First day back after the Easter Holiday

**Friday 22 May** – Break up for May half term at 3.15pm

**Friday 19 June** – Non-Uniform – bring a bottle of pop, wine, shower gel, bubble bath

**Friday 26 June** – Non-Uniform – bring toiletries

**Wednesday 8 July** – Y6 Leavers Disco 5.45pm – 7pm

**Saturday 11 July** – Summer Fair 11am – 2pm

**Friday 17 July** – Break up for the summer holidays at 3.15pm

## Notice from Friends of St Patrick's

### **Save the Date: The Summer Fair is Coming!**

FOSP is thrilled to announce that this year's **School Fair** will be on **Saturday, 11th July 2026 11am – 2pm**. It's going to be an unforgettable day packed with energy, laughter, and community spirit. Check out what we have in store:

- **Giant Inflatables, food stalls with delicious dishes from around the world; football Competitions, market stalls; face painting, hot dogs, and delicious home-baked cakes.**

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### **We Need You!**

Our fair can only happen with the help of our amazing community. We'd love for you to get involved and help make the day a success:

1. **Host a Stall:** Do you have a small business or a fun game idea? Table top stalls can be bought for £20 – pay this to school reception to secure your spot & keep the profits.
2. **Volunteer:** We need friendly faces to help supervise the inflatables or manage activities for an hour or two.
3. **Come Along:** Most importantly, bring your family, friends, and neighbours to enjoy the fun!

### **Join the "Friends of" Family**

FOSP have done incredible work over the years to raise funds for our children, but we are now looking for **new recruits** to keep it going. Being part of the group doesn't have to be a huge time commitment—there are lots of ways to get involved. If you want to help in any way, we'd love to chat with you.

**How to get involved:** Please contact the school office to sign up for a stall, volunteer on the day, or find out more about joining our committee.

### **Other ways to support us:** **Your School Lottery - Win Big, Give Back**

Want a chance to win a guaranteed local prize every week—and potentially a £25,000 jackpot? **How it works:** Tickets are just £1 per week & 40% of every ticket sold goes directly to our school funds, while the rest goes into the prize pot.

**Join here:** [Your School Lottery FOSP](#)

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### **Easyfundraising: Turn Your Shopping into Donations**

Did you know you can raise money for the school every time you shop online at zero extra cost to you? Whether you're buying on amazon, booking a holiday, or doing DIY, retailers will donate a percentage of your spend to us.

#### **Key dates:**

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## 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 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.

### 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.