



Newsletter

'Rooted in Kindness, Guided by Faith, Reaching for Excellence'

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Welcome to our second newsletter of the academic year! As we reach the five-week mark, I want to share how immensely proud I am to lead St Patrick's. Walk around our school on any given day, and you will see pupils who are polite, happy, working hard with their learning, and a smart appearance in their new school uniforms.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us so far this term. Strong partnerships with our families are central to everything we do, and we look forward to creating many more opportunities throughout the year for you to come into school, celebrate learning, and be an active part of our school community.

Upcoming dates

OCTOBER

Monday 5th October – Year 5/6 parent meeting

Thursday 8th – 2:45pm - Year 6 residential parent meeting

Monday 26th – Friday 30th – HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd – INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd – Scholastic book fair in school all week

Thursday 5th – School photo day!

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th – Year 6 Residential

Thursday 12th – Author coming into school

Monday 16th – Odd Sock Day

Monday 16th – Friday 20th – Anti-bullying week

Friday 27th – Advent wreath making workshop

☆☆☆☆ Star of the month ☆☆☆☆

Our pupils who live out of school motto every day, show they are ready, respectful and safe consistently.

★ Nursery - Kabher, ★ Reception - Elina, ★ Year 1 - Remi, ★ Year 2 - Ruby, ★ Year 2 - Grace, ★ Year 3 - Isabel, ★ Year 3/4 - Zahra, ★ Year 4/5 - Casey, ★ Year 5/6 - Amelia, ★ Year 5/6 - Allurah

CONGRATULATIONS

Catholic Life at St Patrick's

It has been an exceptionally productive and purposeful start to the academic year in Religious Education. Here is what we have been up to:

A Wonderful Welcome Mass

We marked the beginning of our new school year with a beautiful Welcome Mass from Year 1 - 6. We were incredibly proud of all the children, who behaved beautifully throughout the service. Their singing was truly magnificent—they sang like absolute angels and filled the hall with joy! It was the perfect way to start the year.

Child-Led Collective Worship

Developing confidence and pupil leadership is a core focus of our RE curriculum. This term, we have introduced weekly Collective Worship sessions in all classrooms. In an excellent display of leadership, these sessions are led by three different Key Stage 2 children in each class every single week. Seeing our older pupils guide their peers in prayer and quiet reflection in their own classes and their buddy FS/KS1 class has been wonderful.

Living Our Values: CAFOD Zimbabwe Appeal

We were pleased to welcome visitors from CAFOD, who educated our pupils on the critical sanitation challenges faced by communities in Zimbabwe. They have asked us to fundraise £89 to buy a toilet for the community over there. All classes have discussed how we can raise money at St Patrick's and our newly appointed 'Eco Class', Y4/5y, have begun to plan and prepare some of our ideas. Watch this space!

Service and Leadership: Our Prayer Warriors

Investing in the skills and moral development of our pupils produces long-term benefits across the entire school environment. Our Year 6 Prayer Warriors have actively taken on the responsibility of mentoring our newly appointed Year 5 Prayer Warriors. Together, they have already enriched our classrooms by sharing a Godly Play story about 'Creation' across every year group, fostering a calm, reflective, and supportive atmosphere for all children which ties in perfectly with our current RE topic, 'Creation and Covenant'.

Harvest Collection and Community Support

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection. Donating non-perishable food supplies provides immediate, essential relief to individuals facing food insecurity in our local area. Father will join us on Monday to bless these gifts before they are distributed to our local food bank to ensure they reach the households where they will do the greatest good.



Attendance

Opening Times

Nursery -

- Morning Session: 8.45am - 11:45am
- Afternoon Session: 12.15pm - 3.15pm
- All day - 8:45am - 3:15pm

Reception and Key Stage 1: 8.45am - 3.15pm

Key Stage 2: 8.45am - 3.20pm

Doors open at 8:35am, where teachers will meet and greet your child. This is a perfect opportunity for your child to have the best start to their school day by being on time and ready to learn. School starts at 8:45am, children should be in their class at this time. This is the **morning registration time**.

School ends at 3:15pm in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 - children should be collected at this time. This is the **official end of the compulsory school day**. Key Stage 2 children finish at 3:20pm - this is due to our school building being over two floors, so it allows our children to all leave safely.

Punctuality

We monitor late arrivals and late collections. We arrange attendance meetings with families, to identify and address children who are late arriving or leaving school.

Gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am. If your child arrives after this, they'll need to enter school via the office, and late arrival will be recorded.

At the end of the day, you need to collect your child from their allocated collection door. If your child is not collected, they will be taken to the school office and adults on your child's pick-up list contacted.

SCHOOL DAY



Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am



Gates open at 8:35am and learning starts



**School register is closed at 8:45am
Morning Nursery starts at 8:45am
Gates close at 8:45am**



Morning Nursery ends at 11:45am



Afternoon Nursery starts at 12:15pm



**School ends at 3:15pm
Afternoon Nursery ends at 3:15pm**