



Newsletter

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

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Wow—what a busy and productive few weeks we've had, topped off with a monitoring visit from Ofsted! I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to speak with the inspector and complete the parent surveys. Your feedback and support are greatly appreciated, and I will share the official report with you as soon as we receive it.

Exciting Improvements!

We have some fantastic news to share: our Reception classroom is being renovated! Watch this space for photos coming next half term!

Looking Ahead to Next Half Term

Please make sure to check the attached calendar dates, as next half term is packed full of activities leading up to Christmas! More specific details about each event will be shared nearer the time. Please don't forget we return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026**.

Friends of St Patrick's

A huge shout-out and thank you to the Friends of St Patrick's! We have some very exciting plans on the horizon that we can't wait to reveal.

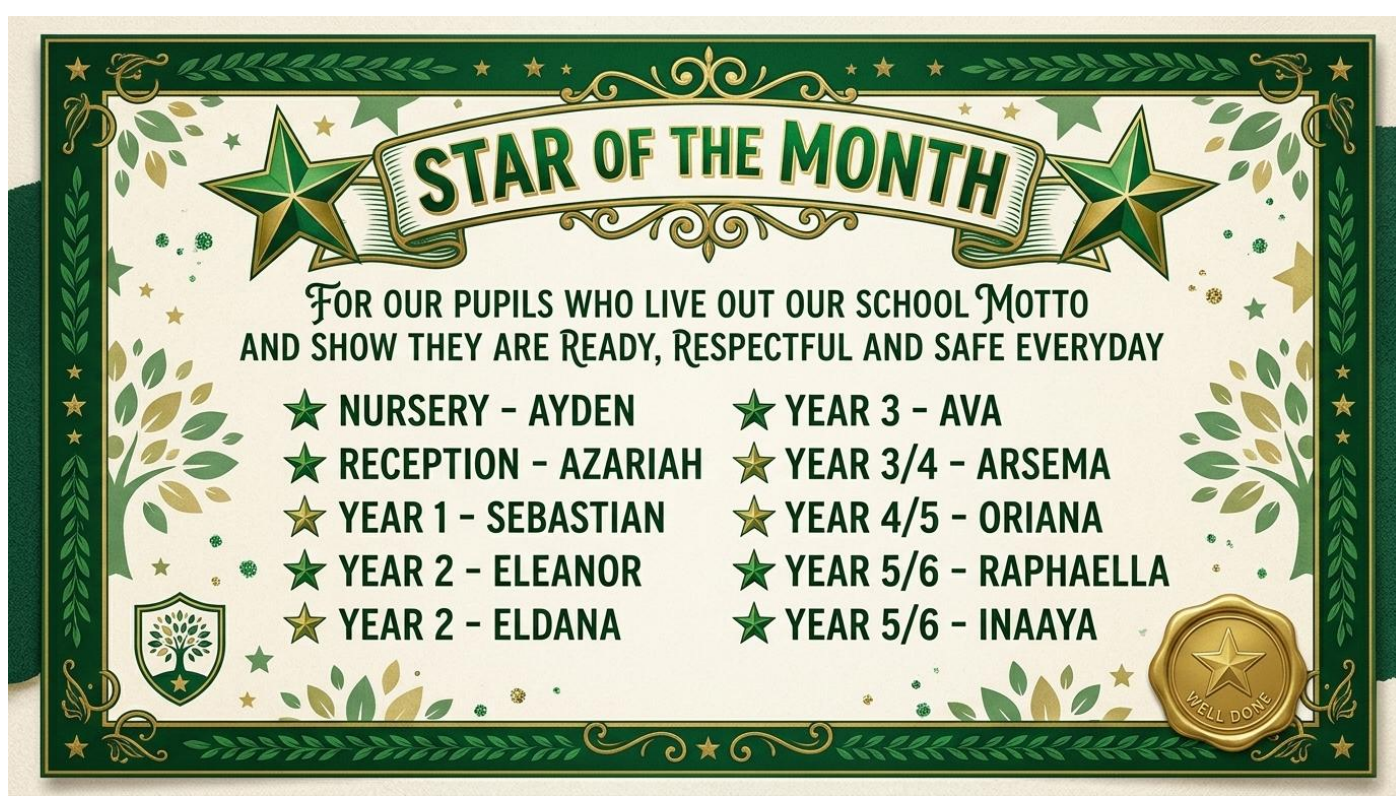
Join us for our next meeting:

 **Date:** Tuesday, 17th November

 **Time:** 9:00 AM



Come grab a cup of tea/coffee, meet other parents and supporters, and help us shape the future projects for our school. We look forward to seeing you there!



Eco Class News & Pre-Loved Uniform Scheme

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 4/5 class has officially taken on the role of our school's dedicated Eco-Class! The children have launched a fantastic pre-loved uniform initiative. They have been hard at work sorting through outgrown, donated school uniform items, organising them neatly into storage boxes, and creating clear labels to make it easy for everyone to find what they need. This brilliant project is a wonderful way to promote recycling, reduce waste, and support our school community, as well as raising money through donated loose change for our CAFOD fundraising project.

Hymn Practice

We have been enjoying some wonderful, music-filled mornings during our fortnightly hymn practices. We are delighted to welcome Stuart from our local parish, who has kindly volunteered to come into school and play the guitar for us.

Operation Christmas Child Launches!

We were delighted to welcome Clare Porter into school from the wonderful charity [Operation Christmas Child](#). She spoke to the children about how a simple shoebox gift can bring hope and joy to children in need around the world who otherwise wouldn't receive a Christmas gift. To help with this fantastic cause, we are asking each year group to bring in some specific items. Our fantastic Eco-Class will then take charge of collecting and organising all of your wonderful donations during the week beginning 2nd November. The finalised gift boxes will then be taken to our local collection point the following week to start their special journey. Please look out for the separate message detailing the specific gift items assigned to your child's year group, and thank you so much for your continued kindness and generosity!

Toast Tuesday & Toast Thursday Success!

We recently ran our very first Toast Tuesday and Toast Thursday events, and they were an absolute hit with the children who have requested for this to be a half termly event. Thanks to your wonderful response we managed to raise a fantastic £60.90. All of the money raised from these mornings is going directly toward our CAFOD fundraising project, helping to support communities facing poverty and hardship globally. A huge thank you to everyone who brought in 30p to support this tasty fundraising drive—we look forward to running this event each half term!

Trip to Blenheim Court Care Home

Our Year 3/4 class recently embarked on their first trip to our local care home. It was a truly heartwarming afternoon filled with smiles, laughter, happy tears and wonderful connections across generations. The children brought immense joy to the residents by singing a selection of uplifting songs and pairing up with them to read stories aloud, complete themed activities and chat. Our fantastic Year 6 Prayer Warriors also joined the trip to share a Godly Play story. We are incredibly proud of how beautifully our pupils represented the school, bringing so much warmth and kindness to our local community. This is the start of a wonderful ongoing relationship, and we are delighted to share that we will return to visit the residents at the end of each half term.

Rosary Reflections in October

Throughout the month of October, which is traditionally dedicated as the Month of the Holy Rosary, our school community has been engaging in some beautiful times of prayer. Mrs Craig has been leading a special Rosary sharing time once a week during break time, giving our children a peaceful space to gather and reflect together. In addition, several of our classes have made special visits to our parish church chapel to pray the Rosary. It has been wonderful to see the children participating so reverently and embracing this special Catholic tradition during this holy month.

A very special mass at St Marie's Cathedral

It was a truly inspiring morning as our Year 6 Prayer Warriors travelled by bus into the city centre to represent St Patrick's at the St Clare's Catholic Multi Academy Trust Mass. The event brought together many different Catholic schools from across our trust family for a wonderful joint celebration. Our pupils were absolutely incredible role models, demonstrating outstanding reverence, maturity, and leadership throughout the entire trip and service. We are incredibly proud of how beautifully they represented our school community on such a special morning!



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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AUTUMN TERM 2026

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



DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st – 9:30am – Advent mass in church

Thursday 3rd – Year 1 and 2 Pantomime trip

Friday 4th – 1:30pm – Christmas fayre (details to follow)

Wednesday 9th - parent's evening

Monday 14th – EYFS Nativity (afternoon)

Tuesday 15th – EYFS Nativity (morning)

Tuesday 15th - KS1 Nativity (afternoon)

Wednesday 16th – KS1 Nativity (morning) and party day

Thursday 17th – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Friday 18th – 1:30pm in church - Carols around the crib,

2pm – school finishes

