



St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

16th June 2023

Tel: 0161-834-9004

Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksiveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk

Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksRomanCatholicPrimarySchoolManchester)



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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our statement to live by next week is:
"I UNDERSTAND WHAT TRUST MEANS."

Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who have embraced the revised arrangements for drop off and collection at the start and end of the school day. We will continue to practise and work together this half term to ensure the arrangements are embedded in readiness for September. As a reminder, the school gates will open for drop off at 8:40 a.m. and close at 8:50 a.m. for **all pupils**. Any latecomers must report to the school office to have their child signed in. At home time, the gates will open at 3:15 p.m. for collection of **all pupils**.



GOD'S KINGDOM: This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom - God's kingdom. Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them and to bring them the peace of God, and he sent out his disciples to do the same. Today, the Church continues Jesus' work and invites everyone to enter into God's kingdom - to make present God's blessing of peace and healing. God's kingdom is right here - right now! When we welcome Jesus into our lives and try to live as he taught us, God's kingdom grows within our hearts. Within our families, and everywhere we go, we can help to reveal God's kingdom, sharing God's healing love and peace - making life better for all.

*"It is in the human heart that God's kingdom takes root and grows."
(Pope Francis)*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: We look forward to gathering together as a school and parish community this Sunday to celebrate with the Year 3 children as they receive their First Holy Communion. As a reminder, Mass will start at 9:30 a.m. so families are encouraged to take their seats by 9:15 a.m. as the church will be very busy! We wish our children the very best and we hope they have a lovely celebration after the Mass with their families. Sister Anne and the team of Catechists very kindly invite families upstairs after Mass for refreshments. On **Wednesday, 21st June**, there will be a another celebration Mass with school at St. Patrick's Church at 9:15 a.m., then the children will have their photographs taken in their Communion outfits before getting changed into their party clothes and enjoying a party day with their friends. Such memorable times!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: This coming Sunday is Father's Day. We wish all fathers and father figures in our school community a very happy and relaxing day. Put your feet up dads and let the children take the load!!



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. Well done to our Year 3 and Reception classes for surpassing our whole school attendance target of 97%. The children in these classes were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes leisure time this week. Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (**H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.

Nursery: 95%	Reception: 99.6%	Year 1: 90%	Year 2: 92.3%
Year 3: 98.5%	Year 4: 84.7%	Year 5: 89%	Year 6: 93.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.1%			

CHANGES TO OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY: To bring us in line with other Manchester schools, any families who take holidays during term time will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £60.00. Both parents will receive a fine for each child in school. This change in policy will be from September.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **TALK ABOUT THE JOY OF READING WHENEVER YOU CAN.** Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Why not put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'Why don't you choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight?' 'Let's download an audio book and listen to that in the car!'



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Usually it's cheaper to make lunch at home instead of buying food out and about. But over the last year, staple lunchtime ingredients have gone up in price at the supermarket. The BBC have gathered some top tips on how to keep costs down when making a packed lunch for work, school or a day trip. Click on the following link for 5 handy tips to save your family some money!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-65312394>

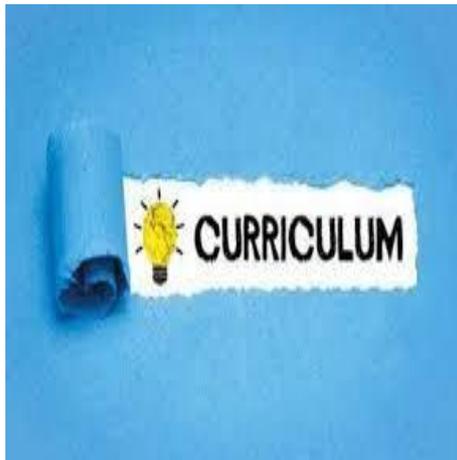
END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS: Parents/carers should have received an email at the end of last half term from our admin team that outlines the dates and venues of specific trips that have been organised for each year group. All of the end of school trips have been heavily subsidised by school and for budgeting purposes, the governors have decided that a reduced cost of £10 will be the cap for every pupil in Years 1-5. The deadline for payments is **today** on Pay360. The trips promise to be memorable occasions for all of our pupils and thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the staff in school with our 'Trip'le A challenge. As a reminder, pupils will be invited to attend their class trip if they are able to meet our challenge for good **Attendance**, a positive **Attitude** towards their behaviour and **Achieving** to the very best of their ability during their lessons.



YEAR 6 CAMPING TRIP TO NORTH WALES: Parents/carers of Year 6 pupils attending the camping trip to Aberdaron should have received the kit list by now and this should help families to start packing the necessary items. Most families have already started with their payment plan but if any parent/carer is struggling to budget, please call in at the school office and a member of our admin team will help you to set up a payment plan. The next meeting for Year 6 parents will be on **Monday, 26th June** at 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Attendance at this meeting is vital and parents will need to bring upto date medical records for their child and emergency contact details.

YEAR 3 EDUCATIONAL VISIT: On **Thursday, 22nd June** the Year 3 children will be enriching their learning for their History topic all about the Romans! They will be visiting a Roman fort in Wrexham and learning about how the forts were built before becoming a Roman soldier and learning to battle in formation. The cost of the trip has been subsidised by school and is capped at £5.00. Payment can be made using Pay360. Parents/carers please look out for a letter by email outlining more details of the visit.

BAND ON THE WALL WORKSHOP: Our Year 6 class were extremely fortunate to receive a visit from talented artists representing Band on The Wall on Tuesday. Ellen and 'J' presented their Heroes of Manchester workshop; a series of informative displays that dig deep into Manchester's musical heritage and shine a light on some lesser-known but hugely influential artists across multiple disciplines that lived and worked in Manchester. Check out our Facebook Page to see the marvellous experiences that the children enjoyed.



CURRICULUM NEWS: As ever, it's been a very busy week throughout the school as the children engaged with many areas of the curriculum. The Year 5 and 6 pupils were out and about in Manchester this morning. With other local schools, they attended the 'Big Sing' event at the Bridgewater Hall and really got into the groove as they sang along with some soul and Motown classics! The children had a brilliant time and really got into the spirit of the morning! The Year 1 class have been learning all about sound during their science lessons. They too have been out and about listening for different sounds in the environment whilst learning about vibration and how sound travels. There's lots more to see on our school Facebook page so why not check in and give your child's class a 'like!'

MOVING ON UP! Calling all Y6 children and parents who are moving on up to Our Lady's RC High School, please don't forget, 2 significant events:

1. An information evening for all parents and carers of future Y7 students will be held on the 29th June 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
2. Our Moving Up Day is on the 3rd July from 9.30 a.m. - 2.15 p.m. Pupils are expected to attend in their primary school uniform.



Consent for Monday, 3rd July is given by a google form using the QR code or link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_V9vYfBwmTEM7_6LRTG3IsMKD_NEXerz1-ZXdgcE5jPE/edit

NURSERY STARTERS: Is your child's date of birth between 01.09.2019 and 31.08.2020? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in September! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.

DINNER MONEY: For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by **Monday morning** on Pay360. Dinner money for the remainder of the term is £58.75 Thank you!

DIARY DATES: As you might expect, we have an extremely busy term. At the end of this newsletter there is an updated list of significant dates so that parents/carers are aware of all that will be going on and can plan and prepare.

FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as St. Patrick's Manchester and we should pop up!



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, Anne and Tony Clarke all involved with caring for the sick of our community, our Year 3 children and families on the Sacramental Programme, the community of Nottingham, those families from Sudan and Ukraine and others seeking asylum from war torn countries, all fathers, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father who art in heaven;
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

Stay with us, Lord... on our journey.