



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

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - **Saturday**: 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's  
**Sunday**: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's  
**Sunday**: 11:00a.m. at St. Malachy's

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

School Website: [www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk)

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



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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 Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Our Statement to live by next week is:  
'I CAN SAY ONE GOOD THING ABOUT MYSELF.'**



**CHANGE IS GOOD:** Change can be an exciting part of family life. In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge. Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again - God will be there for us.

*"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."  
(St John Henry Cardinal Newman)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:** The attendance for last week can be seen in the table below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. 5 classes were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week... so well done to them! Special congratulations to Miss McEwan, Miss Corcoran and the Year 3 class for achieving an amazing 100% attendance last week. They were rewarded with a non-uniform day today!! Next week we'll reveal the winning class for the ice cream party as a celebration for the highest attendance for the month of September so... watch this space!! Thank you parents and carers for supporting the school to encourage each and every child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Please remember, it is parents responsibility to inform school when your child is absent.



Nursery: 94.6%	Reception: 91.3%	Year 1: 98.2%	Year 2: 98.7%
Year 3: 100%	Year 4: 99.3%	Year 5: 99.2%	Year 6: 91%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.7%			

**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: Ask your child to **make predictions** about what they are about to read. If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'



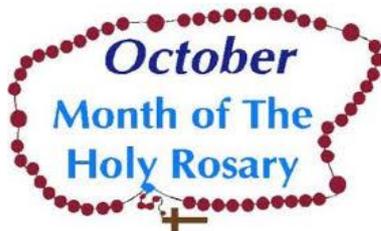
**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Father Paul celebrated a beautiful Mass on Wednesday for the pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. Our Year 5 GIFT Team and our Year 6 Prefects led the Mass and they were commissioned by Father Paul to carry out their calling to be pupils leaders within our school community. Thank you to those parents and carers who came along to support the children.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Attention Year 3 parents!! The children are continuing their Sacramental Programme this year and here are some dates for your diary:

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October** - Rite of Presentation Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March** - First Forgiveness at St. Patrick's Church (7:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church (9:15 a.m.)



**OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** As we enter the month of October, the children will be learning about the Holy Rosary as a form of meditative prayer devoted to Mary our Mother. Parents, why not take some time over the coming month to listen to many of the child friendly stories related to the Rosary. Perhaps you could ask your child to re-tell you a story in their own words after listening to it?

**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>



**CURRICULUM NEWS:** Yet again, our week has been jam-packed with lots of exciting lessons! To highlight just a few...Miss Loughrey and Year 6 have been looking at the classification of living things in Science. Miss Aulton and Year 5 have been adding correct punctuation to sentences that contained direct speech. Year 5 loved their Art lesson with Mrs Phillips. They designed and created their own glove puppet whilst making use of different materials available to them. Why not check out our school Facebook Page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?

**GIRLS' FOOTBALL:** The Year 5 and 6 girls' football team represented St. Patrick's so well on Monday evening. They attended a tournament at MCA and competed against 5 other schools from the local area. Mr Eaglestone was so proud of how the girls showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship both during and after each game. Fantastic girls... well done!!



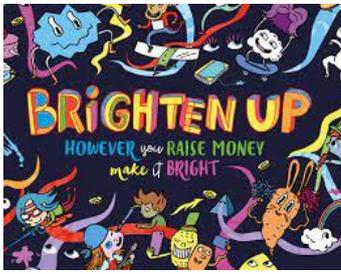
**CROSS COUNTRY:** Some talented athletes in Years 5 and 6 were selected to represent the school Cross Country Team at Our Lady's RCHS on Tuesday evening. Well done to those who participated with such enthusiasm and one notable performance was by Ollie in Year 6 who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the boys' race! Perhaps we have some future Olympians coming up through the ranks in Collyhurst!

**ANYONE FOR TENNIS?:** The children in Year 5 were treated to an extra P.E. lesson on Wednesday afternoon as they were invited to the Manchester Tennis Centre for some specialist coaching! Miss Aulton was really impressed with how well each member of the class listened to the coaches and the way in which they participated with enthusiasm.



**ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS AND CARERS:** The deadline for applications for a Reception place in September 2024 is Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please click on the link to complete your application.

<https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>



**BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD:** As a school community, we are always proud to support the magnificent work that CAFOD do. Around the world, one in three people have gone hungry in the last year. Harvest Fast Day this year is on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October** and CAFOD have invited us to participate by fundraising to support their work. We are asking the children to come into school in their brightest and most colourful clothing on that day and are asking for donations of 50p per pupil or £1 per family. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**LALLEY CENTRE APPEAL:** We will be supporting the Lalley Centre again this year as part of our Harvest Fast Day tradition. They are appealing for any tinned or dry food. All donations will go directly to the Lalley Centre to be distributed to families in our local community. Therefore, during the week commencing **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** our charity prefects will be collecting any donations from the children. Thank you for your continued support.



**INTRODUCING NUMBOTS!:** Do you know about one of our free online learning platforms called Numbots? It's great for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Numbots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited about the impact that Numbots will have. The children have been shown how to login and have brought home a username label inside their reading record. This is the same username and password that they use for Mathletics and Times Tables Rock Stars. There's nothing stopping our older children in the school from joining in too!



**PARENTS' EVENING:** Further to the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings a couple of weeks ago, parents will have the opportunity to make an individual appointment with their child's class teacher on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October**. The teachers will be able to report on how well your child has settled in this academic year and discuss individual targets to support your child's progress. A five minute appointment between 3:30-5:15 p.m. can be made and the teachers will be out on the playground after school each day next week so that parents can make an appointment that is most convenient for them. Alternatively, make a phone call to the office and the staff will be able to slot you in for a suitable time to suit you.

**PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL:** Parents/carers who drive to school for drop off and pick up will be aware of the double yellow lines on the streets surrounding the school. These lines are there to remind drivers **NOT** to park there so that other road users and pedestrians are safe. It is **illegal** to park on double yellow lines. Therefore, it is paramount that our children and their parents/carers/grandparents are safe on the surrounding streets and pavements so please be considerate. **SHOW YOU CARE AND PARK ELSEWHERE.** Our staff will move any careless drivers on no matter how late they are!



**ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS:** There is a very important deadline approaching! 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 is when all applications for Year 7 secondary school places for September 2024 need to be submitted. Please click on the link to apply for your child currently in Year 6.  
[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary\\_school\\_admissions/7516/apply\\_for\\_a\\_year\\_7\\_secondary\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2024#:~:text=If%20you%20live%20outside%20Manchester,be%20classified%20as%20late%20applications](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_september_2024#:~:text=If%20you%20live%20outside%20Manchester,be%20classified%20as%20late%20applications).

**SCHOOL GATEWAY:** As you are aware, we have moved to a new online payment system called School Gateway. Thank you to all the parents who have registered so far. If you are struggling to register or download the app please come and speak to the office staff who can help. This new app is a way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school and to pay for any trips or monies that are owed.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>



**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: Nathaniel Shani (RIP), family & friends. The pupils and staff of MCA, Oliver O'Leary, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, CAFOD, the Lalley Centre, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, and all other private intentions at this time.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Stay and Play (9.10 - 10.10 a.m.)
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - bright clothes - 50p donation
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Rite of Presentation Mass @ 9:15 a.m. in church
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening commencing at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Mass for Years 1, 2 and 3 @ 9:15 a.m. in church
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund - 50p donation



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