



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

20th January 2023

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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://stpatricksliveseyst.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.Patrick's-Roman-Catholic-Primary-School-Manchester)



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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 TRY TO USE WORDS THAT MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE."

A COMMUNITY TOGETHER: In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities (just like families) are never perfect - even Jesus' closest disciples weren't always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in a community. Our schools and parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness. People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it's our turn to continue the work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school - together.



"The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us." (Pope Francis)



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Unfortunately, we missed our whole school attendance target last week with a score of 93.1%. Now that we are half way through January, the teachers continue to remind the children about the ice-cream party at the end of the month for the class that achieves the highest attendance for January! We know that there have been some nasty coughs and colds going around so please continue to encourage your child to practise good hand hygiene and the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message so that they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.

Nursery: 95.1%	Reception: 89.4%	Year 1: 92.6%	Year 2: 95.4%
Year 3: 96.5%	Year 4: 86.2%	Year 5: 96.1%	Year 6: 95.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94%			

GOING TO BE ABSENT? Gentle reminder: If your child is absent from school, it is the parent's responsibility to inform us. If we don't hear from you, this causes a safeguarding concern because we don't know your child is safe. Please help us to do our job by keeping us well informed. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Reporting
Absences



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: The next class Mass at church will be for our pupils in Years 5, 3 and 1 on **Wednesday, 8th February** at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. Parents/carers are welcome to come along.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Please can the parents of pupils who are completing the Sacramental Programme make a note of the following dates and times.



Monday, 23 rd January - 7.00 p.m.	Parent & pupil preparation meeting
Tuesday, 7 th March - 7:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's Church
Sunday, 18 th June - 9:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: 'Ask your child to summarise what they have read.' When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?' Or perhaps, try writing down the main events as a list to help you to remember the story.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR: The 2023-24 school calendar which gives information to parents/carers about term and holiday dates can now be found on the school website.

CELEBRATING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR: As a school this week, we have continued to remind ourselves about our behaviour policy and how we are expected to make a positive contribution towards the learning in our classrooms during lessons. We looked at our traffic light system in more detail and discussed what rewards are in place for pupils who display the expected standards of behaviour during lessons. We also recognised that, at times, some children may need some extra support with managing their own behaviour during lessons but our goal is always to finish the lesson with our names on the green light. Our younger children have a very similar system in their classrooms based on the sun, rain and clouds and the teachers adapted their discussions so that they were age appropriate and just as simple for the children to understand. Next week, we'll be looking in more detail at our 'Golden rules for the playground.'



The teachers are always on the look out for ways in which to encourage the children to produce their best and most worthy work of themselves. This is what we always ask of them.... 'Do your best!' Each time the teachers mark the children's books, they will look back at their most recent work to see if there has been an improvement with presentation. If there has, then the teacher will write **#proud** in the child's exercise book in recognition of producing work worthy of themselves and that they have made their teacher proud. Why not ask your child if they have made their teacher **#proud** this week!

#PROUD

HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: It's really cold outside at the moment. Do you need somewhere warm to go? Your local library is free, warm and welcoming and you can stay for as long as you need to. Visit <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries> for more details.





CHINESE NEW YEAR: Happy New Year to all the Chinese members of our school and parish community. This year symbolises the year of the water rabbit! Did you know that the water rabbit is especially linked to style as well as beauty. The members of this group have fine taste and artistic skills. 新年快乐-Gong hei fat choy!

CURRICULUM NEWS: It's been a busy week in our curriculum this week! Each term, we celebrate World Faith Week and so this week the children studied the similarities and differences between Judaism and our own Christian faith. The Year 4 class have recently been studying a really exciting text in their English lessons called Varjak Paw. This week, they have been learning how to add dialogue to their writing and thoroughly enjoyed getting into role as some of the book's characters. The Year 2 class have also been studying a fantastic book called 'The disgusting sandwich.' Of course, the learning was brought to life as they made and then wrote about what ingredients they would need to create their very own disgusting sandwich! The Year 6 class have been multiplying fractions this week and have been taught about the importance of showing their workings out during a novel graffiti maths lesson! Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.



SAFER INTERNET DAY: Safer Internet Day 2023 is celebrated on 7th February this year, with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a great and safe place. This is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. By clicking on the following link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>. There are a range of pages to help parents/carers start a conversation with their child, whatever that may be about and no matter how much time you have.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION: You may be aware, from media coverage, that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, with the first day of action taking place on Wednesday, 1st February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school. Some of our teachers are members of the NEU and therefore it is most likely that they will be taking strike action on that day. Some of our staff belong to unions that are not currently taking action and will attend school as normal. Therefore, some classes will close on Wednesday, 1st February. We advise any working parents to give advance notice of this to their employers and a further letter will be sent out to parents next week.

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: Pope Benedict XVI (RIP), Sister Rita (RIP), Rev. Fr. David O'Kane (RIP), Gurbachun Singh (RIP), Sister Philomena, Maureen Duffy, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



Prayer for our community

Dear Lord,
Thank you for our community,
and for the ways we help each other.
I pray for your guidance and protection
in continuing to grow together as a community.
Amen.



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