



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

5th May 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://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

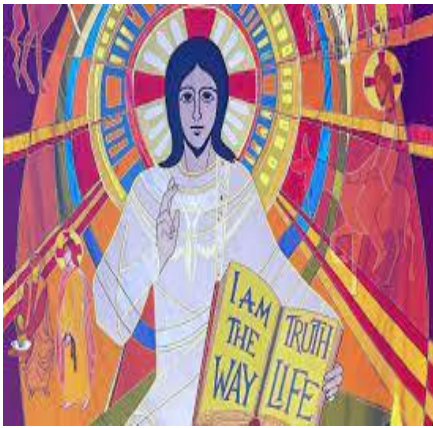
School Website: www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk

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



'TRUST IN GOD': In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure from the world. Jesus is returning to his Father and will make a place ready for each of them in heaven. Jesus tells the disciples to trust in him. No amount of worrying will increase their safety or comfort; it's through trusting in Jesus that they will find security and hope. We too are called to trust in Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit we carry on his work and are empowered to do even greater works. This does not mean performing a series of great, flashy miracles. It means being Christ in the world around us, generously sharing the love he brings into our own lives with those we meet. This isn't easy - it never was - but trust in Jesus and see what happens!

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's care." (St. Augustine of Hippo)

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Two important dates for your diaries...Our next Mass in church will be to celebrate **Ascension Thursday on 18th May**. Mass will be at 9.15 a.m. so please do join us for this Holy Day of Obligation once you've dropped your children at school.

Our next Mass will then be on **Wednesday, 24th May** when we will celebrate one of our favourite traditions, the Crowning of Mary. We invite all of our parents to attend this beautiful celebration and ask that children bring to school a bunch of flowers so that we can process into church & 'crown' our statue of Mary. The procession will start at 9.15 a.m.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & HOLY COMMUNION: Year 3 parents, Canon Paul sends his sincerest apologies and asks that you ignore the dates for First Holy Communion that he asked Mrs Clinton to send you in a letter last week. **The First Communion Mass for St Patrick's children will be as originally arranged: Sunday, 18th June at 9:30 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The ice-cream party winners for April were announced this morning! Drum roll please... congratulations to the reception class who managed a very impressive 97.7% attendance for the whole month. The children enjoyed their well-deserved ice cream party this afternoon. Now that we are into May, the race is on to see which class will be victorious so... watch this space! 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 (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **I READ...YOU READ...WE READ!** If your child is a fluent reader or even learning to read, you can still share the fun and enjoyment of reading! Why not take it turns to read pages or even sentences? If they're still learning to read and the text is a bit tricky, try reading a sentence and pointing to the words and ask your child to repeat after you. Or even read the text together at the same time and at the same pace! This is a great way to model fluency (reading smoothly without any errors).



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: For support, contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). You don't have to be a UK citizen to get support from your local CAB, you just need to be a resident of the local area. The CAB can help you with:

- Getting benefits or organising other financial support
- Accessing support for essential costs (food, bills, rent)

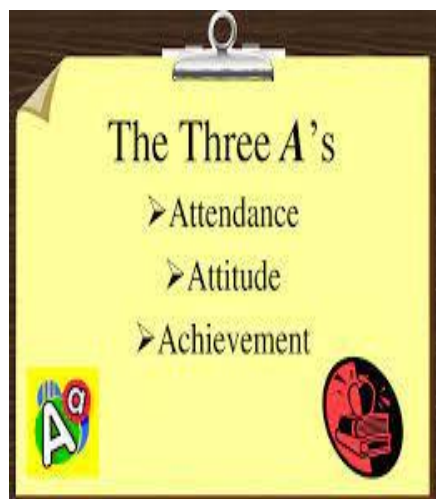
Visit the [Citizens Advice](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/) website or contact your local branch to book an appointment.

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CURRICULUM NEWS: Although some of the children have only been in school for 3 days this week, they've been really busy with their learning. The Reception children have been learning the basics for invasion games like netball and basketball. They have been practising how to bounce a ball into a hoop whilst learning key skills like team work and resilience. The Year 5 children have been using junk modelling to create their own Mexican instruments using recycled materials. During their DT lesson this week, the Year 3 children explored how shadow puppets work and learnt how pulleys and gears are used to manipulate them. They then created their own puppet theatre and of course designed a puppet show!! Check out our Facebook page to see what else has been going on in school this week!



'TRIP'LE A CHALLENGE: Has your child come home yet to tell you about the 'Trip'le A Challenge? If not...why not!? Over the past 2 weeks, we've been telling the children that the teachers are ever so busy planning end of year trips for them. Of course the children are really excited about this...**BUT**...we have also informed them that they will be invited to attend the 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. We know that our parents will support us with this and encourage their children to meet this challenge! For budgeting purposes, it is anticipated that each trip will average out at approximately £10 after a heavy subsidy from school fund. Please look out for more information about the venues for each year group over the coming weeks.



ONLINE SAFETY - CAPTURE VIDEO - FINANCIAL TIMES: A recently published video by Financial Times films, gives an important insight to the impact of social media on our children and family life. Parents/carers, the video is well worth a watch and will support you as you address talking to your children about their use of social media. You can find the video on YouTube by following the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>

ANYONE FOR TENNIS!?: The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) are offering FREE taster sessions for families, children, teenagers and adults on Sunday, 14th May from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Manchester Tennis Centre. To book your free place visit lta.org.uk/tennisweekend

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SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION: Parents/carers should have received a letter from Mrs Clinton on Thursday regarding proposed changes to the school day. The proposed timetable for the school day is as follows:

times	
8:40 a.m.	Gates open for drop off
8:50 a.m.	Gates close
After 8:50 a.m.	Parents report to the school office to give a reason for being late
3:15 p.m.	Gates open for collection

The above changes WILL NOT affect the school's arrangements for breakfast club. This will continue to start at 8.00 a.m. If parents and pupils are happy with the proposed changes, we will implement & practice these changes after the May half-term until we break up for the summer. We will then update all related policies including our attendance and punctuality policy ready for September.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION: We now have a vacancy for a parent governor position on our board of governors. This a voluntary role but can be extremely rewarding. We would like to thank John Mensah for his valuable contributions over the last 4 years. If this is something you'd be interested in, please make an appointment with Mrs Clinton. The elections will take place next half term, ready to start in September.



CALLING ALL CHILDMINDERS: On the odd occasion, parents enquire about whether school know of any registered childminders that they can be signposted to. If anybody in our school community is a registered childminder and would be happy for school to pass on your details, please call into the school office and our Admin Team will keep your details on file for any future enquiries.

DINNER MONEY ARREARS: 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 this half term is £32.90 Thank you!

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, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families from Sudan and Ukraine and others seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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