



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

12th May 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'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

**Our Statement to live by next week is:
"GOD GOES UP WITH SHOUTS OF JOY;
THE LORD GOES UP WITH TRUMPET BLAST"**



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper. This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is a gift for us too. Pope Francis reminds us that, "The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles and God wants this gift to reach everyone." The Holy Spirit is our helper and helps us to live more like Jesus - to do good things and be filled with the love, truth, happiness and peace which come from God.

*"Happy the person whose words come from the Holy Spirit."
(St Anthony of Padua)*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Two important dates for your diaries...Our next Mass in church will be to celebrate the wonderful feast of **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.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. We're already 2 weeks into the month of May and there's only 2 weeks to go until we break up for half term! The class with the highest attendance for the month across the school will be rewarded with an ice-cream party so attendance really does matter!! 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: 93.5%	Reception: 93%	Year 1: 95.5%	Year 2: 95%
Year 3: 95.8%	Year 4: 91.7%	Year 5: 91.1%	Year 6: 92%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.5%			

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: **enjoy bedtime stories.** Read with your child at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them. Sharing a book at bedtime helps develop your child's vocabulary, gets them used to the idea of regular reading and gives you both a great opportunity to bond.



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: Are you claiming all of the benefits that you're entitled to? Use one of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits that you could be claiming:

Click on [Turn2us](#) or [Policy in Practice](#)

Click on [Support for migrant families](#) and use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds (meaning you're not entitled to the majority of welfare benefits)

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you need cash urgently - this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance'. You will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) office that is handling your claim.

ASSESSMENTS: Congratulations to the Year 6 class for completing their SATS this week and well done also to Year 1 for completing some of their reading and maths assessments. Over the next fortnight, the Year 2 class will be sitting the SATS that they have worked so hard to prepare for. The children in other classes will also undergo some age appropriate assessments and quizzes next week. Please keep the children in your prayers. All this is to inform the teachers and then parents on the amount of progress your child has made since September. It means that next half term, teachers can go over any lessons so that children are ready to go into their next class. Teachers will then celebrate your child's progress in their annual report in July.



'TRIP'LE A CHALLENGE: Has your child come home yet to tell you about the 'Trip'le A Challenge? If not...why not!? Since the start of term, 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.

YEAR 6 CAMPING TRIP TO NORTH WALES: It was fantastic to reveal that our pre-pandemic annual camping trip to Aberdaron has been resurrected this year! Parents of Year 6 pupils should have already received a letter outlining some of the dates and details. We know that many parents and pupils will have lots of questions about the finer details and logistics about the trip and so therefore the first of two meetings will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday, 16th May** in order to answer any queries that parents or pupils may have. Parents can choose to attend at either 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you then!



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: We're sure, families on the Sacramental Programme are getting excited about the forthcoming Holy Communion celebrations. Dates for your diary are:

Monday, 22nd May: Final preparation meeting for families, in church at 7.00 p.m.

Sunday, 18th June: First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's church at 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 21st June: Celebration Mass with school, photographs and party day.



CURRICULUM NEWS: Lots of inquisitive minds again this week as the children learnt new knowledge and skills in many areas of the curriculum. To highlight just a few....The Reception class took delivery of 4 very small and hungry caterpillars! They have been developing their skills of understanding the world around them and have made some interesting predictions about what could happen to their caterpillars over the coming weeks! The Year 4 have been investigating electrical circuits and have decided what equipment they would need in order to light a light bulb, sound a buzzer and turn on a motor! The Year 1 children loved their Art morning with Mrs Philips! They explored texture in the natural environment outside and made rubbings of different textures to create a tree showing the four different seasons. Check out our Facebook page to see what else has been going on in school this week!

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2023: The University of Manchester are holding their annual Community Festival again this year on Saturday, 10th June from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Whether you are young or old, interested in science or art, want to get hands-on and have fun or just want to find out more about the plethora of work that takes place at the University, join them for a fun day of family activities. Click on the link to find out more.

<https://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/public-engagement/spotlight-events/community-festival/community-festival-2023-programme/>



ATTENTION YEAR 1 PARENTS: The children in Year 1 will be taking their phonics screening check in June. Miss Campbell would like to arrange a meeting for parents to explain what the assessment involves in school and how they can best support their child to prepare at home. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th May at 9:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. in the Y1 classroom.

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 p.m-4:00 p.m. at the Manchester Tennis Centre. To book your free place visit lta.org.uk/tennisweekend





SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION: Parents/carers should have received a letter from Mrs Clinton 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 and 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 is 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.



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.

LUNCHTIME ORGANISER VACANCY: We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime organiser at St. Edmund's school. This role is for 2 hours each day - 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Please speak to a member of the office team for an application form.

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 £23.50 Thank you!

DIARY DATES: As you might expect, we have an extremely busy term next half term. Before the end of this half term, we will publish a list of significant dates so that parents 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: Mohinder Singh (RIP) and family, 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.