



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

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tel: 0161-834-9004

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

**FROM SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE SUNDAY  
MASS at 11a.m. AT ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH**

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksiveseyst.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)

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)



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**Our Statement to live by next week is:**

**'I TRY TO FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM RULES.'**

**RAAC:** We are delighted to inform you that following a full RAAC survey, St. Patrick's building is 'RAAC free'. Aren't we the fortunate ones!



**FORGIVENESS:** In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit. God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others. The King, who Jesus speaks about in this Sunday's Gospel, gives us a glimpse of God's compassionate and forgiving nature. We are all part of God's family and, even knowing our faults, God is always ready to forgive us and to help us make a fresh start with him and with each other.

*"It is by forgiving that one is forgiven."  
(St Teresa of Calcutta-Mother Teresa)*

**THE SEASON OF CREATION:** The season of creation is an annual international ecumenical initiative. It started on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. So we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:** The attendance for last week is below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. They were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week... so well done to them! Competition for the winning class for the highest attendance in September is hotting up and the children were reminded that the reward is an ice cream party!! Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).

Nursery: 97.1%	Reception: 97.5%	Year 1: 96.8%	Year 2: 92.1%
Year 3: 95.2%	Year 4: 93.9%	Year 5: 99.2%	Year 6: 92.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95%			

**READING TOP TIP:** This week's reading top tip is: '**Get Comfy.**' Why not snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. Parents/carers can lead by example here and make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too. Remember though, to be really comfy and concentrating on what you are reading, it's always good to eliminate any distractions for that short time. So... phones on silent, T.V's off, laptops closed and tablets away!!



## Sacramental Preparation



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Attention Year 3 parents!! The children will begin their Sacramental Programme this year and as always, Sister Anne will be organising the Parents' Meetings before each celebration. Sister Anne will be in touch in due course.

Some dates for the diary are:

**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.)

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** It's been a really busy week across many areas of the curriculum! To highlight just a few: In Year 2, Miss Cusick has been super impressed with the English work produced by the children. They have listened to the story of The 3 Little Pigs and have sequenced the story into the correct order. In Year 3, learning about algorithms was on the menu during their computing day on Tuesday. Miss McEwan pretended to be a robot and the children had to use precise instructions to move her across the room! Finally, in Year 5, Miss Aulton and the children got active outside and learnt some of the passes needed to have a competitive game of netball! Phew! Why not check out our Facebook Page to see how your child's class got on this week?



**COMMUNICATION:** At the start of each year, we ask that parents/carers provide the school with their most up to date contact details. This will include latest mobile phone numbers, work/home phone numbers and current email address. This update form was given out at the 'meet the teacher' meetings on Tuesday. Please return it to your child's class teacher by **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**. The school email address is: [communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk) so please add this to your email contact list because the vast majority of information (including this weekly newsletter) will be communicated this way. This has been proven to be the most effective way of letting parents/carers know of anything that is going on in school and for parents to communicate with members of staff.

**MEET THE TEACHER:** Thank you so much to the parents/carers who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings on Tuesday afternoon. The teachers were delighted to meet you all and they hope you found the information given to be useful. There will be a further Parents' Evening on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023** when parents can book an individual appointment with the teacher to discuss how your child has settled in so far. Please put this date in your diary!

# MEET THE TEACHER



**BREAKFAST CLUB:** We are delighted to continue with our offer to support working parents again this year. Our daily Breakfast Club will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. to enable working parents that little bit extra time to get to work on time. Any parents that wish to register, please come to the school office to make arrangements.

# after school sports

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS:** We are thrilled to be working with the coaches from Sports First Coaching again this year in order to provide the children with some high-quality P.E. provision in addition to the P.E. lessons taught during curriculum time. As was the case last year, we are able to offer the provision to our Key Stage 1 pupils as well as our Key Stage 2 pupils. The sessions will start during the week commencing **Monday, 18th September.**

- Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:15-4:15 p.m.
- Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 on a Thursday afternoon from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Pupils must be registered in order to benefit from the after school sports club so parents/carers please ensure that you have completed the form that was given out during the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday.



**FLU VACCINE:** Children from Reception - Year 6 will be able to have a flu vaccination in school on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. The Flu Immunisation Consent Form and leaflet was given out at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday. It is important that you sign and return this form by **Monday, 18th September** to let us know whether or not you wish your child to receive the vaccine.

**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>

**OPEN EVENING AT OUR LADY'S R.C HIGH SCHOOL:** Attention Years 4, 5 and 6 parents!! Our Lady's R.C. High School are holding some Open Evenings and Open Weeks in the near future. These will be a fantastic opportunity for you to visit the school and have a tour and for the staff to answer any questions that you may have. The dates are as follows:

**Open Evening: Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Open Mornings: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP in our parish is launching a scheme to gather food supplies for people who find themselves in difficulty during the cost of living crisis. Their aim is to provide short term help so that people have space to get back on track.

If you can spare any non perishable items they will be greatly appreciated - Tins, rice, pasta, soap, toothpaste, deodorant etc. can be dropped off at the back of St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's Church. Thank you for your support.

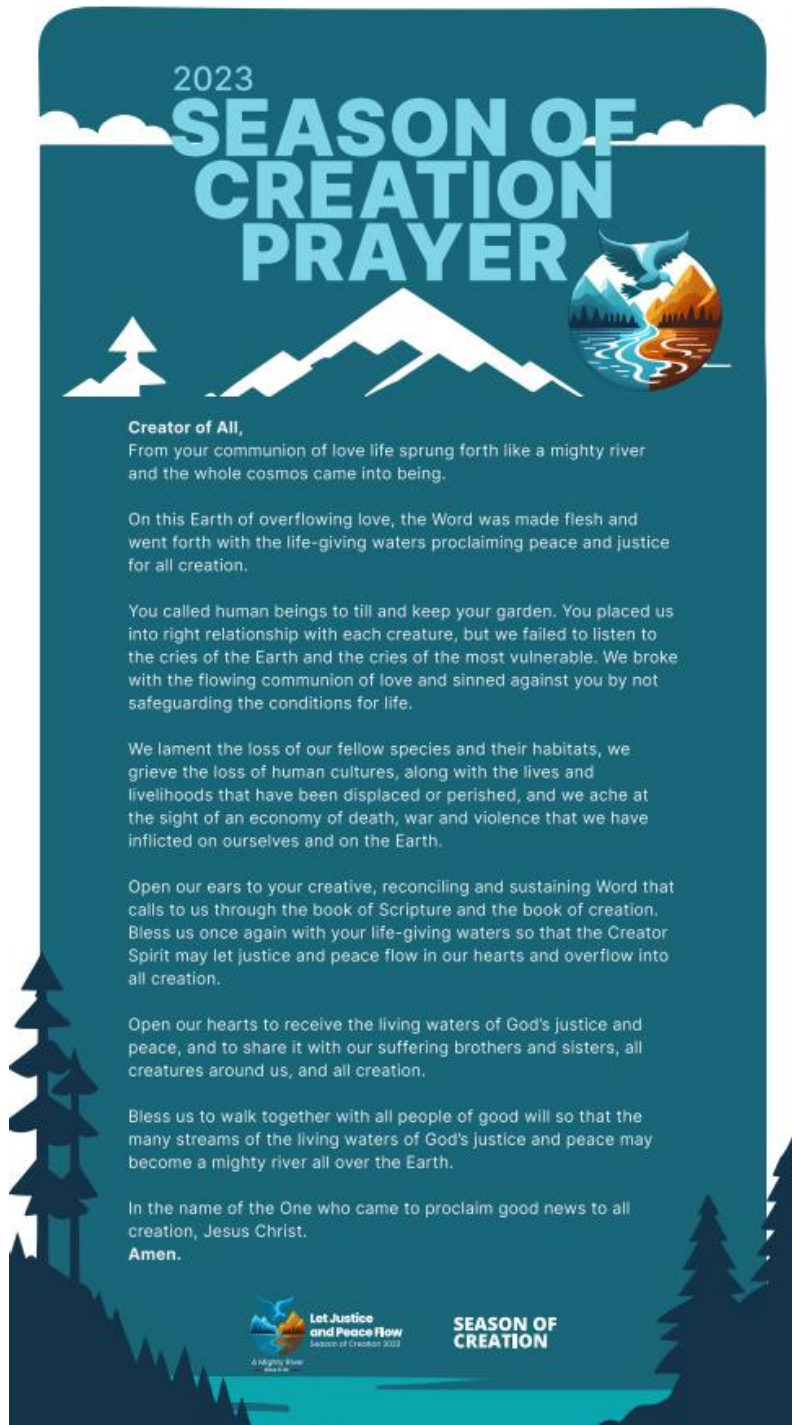
**FACEBOOK:** If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Patrick's Manchester** and we should pop up.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: All of the people affected by the devastating natural disasters in Morocco and Libya, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, 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:

Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Sports Club starts for Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	After School Sports Club starts for Years 4, 5 and 6
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Girls' Football Team at MCA return to school at 5:50 p.m.
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Mass for Years 4, 5 and 6 @ 9:15 a.m. in church
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Stay and Play
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
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



2023  
**SEASON OF  
CREATION  
PRAYER**

**Creator of All,**  
From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river  
and the whole cosmos came into being.

On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and  
went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice  
for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us  
into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to  
the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke  
with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not  
safeguarding the conditions for life.


We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we  
grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and  
livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at  
the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have  
inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that  
calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation.  
Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator  
Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into  
all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and  
peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all  
creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the  
many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may  
become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all  
creation, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

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