



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

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass -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:** 11:00 a.m. at St. Malachy's

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 STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO ARE TREATED UNFAIRLY.'**



**SHOWING GRATITUDE:** This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him - our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life. Saying 'thank you' to God (at anytime throughout the day) is a great way for us to show our gratitude. It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us.

*"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart, it is a heart that is content." (Pope Francis)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:** The attendance for last week can be seen in the table below. Congratulations to Miss McEwan, Miss Corcoran and Year 3 for surpassing the whole school target of 97%+. The children received an additional 5 minutes break time this week. After the half term break, we'll be holding a special Attendance Assembly where prizes will be given out to children who managed 97%+ and even 100% attendance this half term! Please try to encourage your 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: 81.6%	Reception: 91.6%	Year 1: 89.1%	Year 2: 90%
Year 3: 98.3%	Year 4: 89%	Year 5: 92.3%	Year 6: 94.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 91%			



**PARENTS' EVENING:** Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended the Parents' Evening on Tuesday. The teachers were delighted to meet you all individually and discuss the progress that your child(ren) has made since returning to school in September. They hope that you found the meeting to be useful and informative.

**REMEMBRANCE LITURGY:** On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a Remembrance Liturgy for Years 1-6 in the school hall at 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for all members of our school community to come together, light a candle and pray for the repose of the soul of a loved one that has gone before us. You should have received a letter recently asking for the names of loved ones that families would like to remember. Please send the form back into school to your child's class teacher by **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**.



**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Year 3 led a beautiful procession and prayers for the Harvest Mass on Wednesday. Thank you again for all of your donations that will be going directly to the Lalley Centre. The next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November** for All Saints Day. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and so we'll be celebrating a whole school Mass at 9:15 a.m. As always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us at Church.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** An important notice for our Year 3 families who are on the Sacramental Programme. Your next meeting with Sister Anne and the catechists will be on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 7.00 p.m. in Church. The Rite of Presentation will then be celebrated on **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.15 a.m. Please ensure that you have these dates in your diary and that you attend the preparation meeting.



**READING TOP TIP:** This week's reading top tip is: '**VISIT A LOCAL LIBRARY WITH YOUR CHILD.**'

As we go into the half term break, why not visit one of the local libraries and if your child is not already a member then sign them up. Here are the links for websites for local libraries that you may wish to visit during the holiday!

<https://loadstodo.co.uk/venues/north-city-library/>

[https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory\\_record/445650/miles\\_platting\\_community\\_library/category/1957/all\\_libraries](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory_record/445650/miles_platting_community_library/category/1957/all_libraries)

**OUR LADY'S R.C. HIGH SCHOOL:** We love sharing good news!! We are delighted that many of our families choose Our Lady's as their high school. The school has recently undergone an inspection for Religious Education and they've only gone and achieved **OUTSTANDING** in **ALL** areas!! This is quite remarkable and couldn't have been achieved without the hard work from school leaders, all staff, pupils and parents. Congratulations to the Our Lady's community. Please click on the link below to read this fantastic report.

<https://www.olhs-manchester.org.uk/salford-diocese-inspection/>

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** Did you know that as many as one million people cut off their broadband in the last year as the cost-of-living crisis left them unable to afford internet access, according to new research from Citizens Advice? People on Universal Credit are among customers who should be eligible for discounted social tariffs to help them stay connected. The latest figures from Ofcom show 95% of the 4.3 million eligible households are missing out on saving £200 on broadband costs each year. That is £824 million of support going unclaimed!! Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. Some providers call them 'essential' or 'basic' broadband. They're delivered in the same way as normal packages, just at a lower price. So if you think that you are eligible, just get in touch with your internet provider.





The deadline for applying for your child's secondary school place is:



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**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%20classed%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%20classed%20as%20late%20applications.)

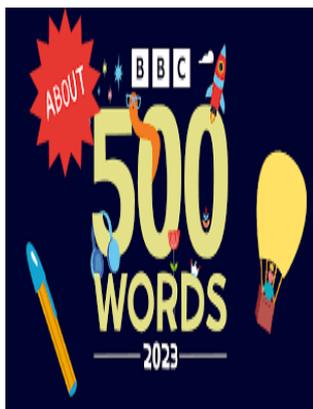
**ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS AND CARERS:** The deadline for applications for a Reception place in September 2024 is **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January**. Please click on the link to complete your application.

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



**E-SAFETY TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **REMEMBER, YOU'RE IN CHARGE!** No matter what, remember you're the parent/carer. Set boundaries and consider using filtering software and parent controls on devices (but be aware that this is only part of the solution). There are a lot of options for parental controls on the market. This guide from Common Sense Media is a useful starting point to figure out what might work for your family. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** The teachers have been busy squeezing every last ounce of work from the children during the last week of half term!! Miss Cusick and Year 2 have been thinking about suggestions of how they can help out a very sad red balloon called Gordon from the book 'Gordon's Great Escape.' Mis McEwan and Year 3 have been working hard during their Maths lessons and have now moved on to adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s! In their Science lessons, Year 1 and Miss Lowrie have been looking at the sense of taste and sorted different foods into categories according to how they taste on the tongue. Feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?



**500 WORD STORY:** We've already had some children engaging with the 500 Words initiative! The UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK. This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. This could be a great project for the half term holiday and parents can find out more about how to enter by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>

**OCTOBER HALF TERM FSM VOUCHERS:** Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the October half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) should have received a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde this week. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

**FREE  
SCHOOL  
MEALS**  
Information & Support



**OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS AND FOOTBALL CAMP:** Over the half term holiday, Monday-Friday 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Ages 5-10, beginners very welcome, all equipment provided. Please book online through the Better UK app, website or click on this link: <https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk/online/joining/classes-results?filter=%7B%22showFullCourses%22:false,%22centre%22:231,%22courseGroupCategory%22:%5B2%5D,%22courseType%22:2%7D>



**HAPPY HALF TERM+STAYING SAFE:** A reminder to parents that the clocks go back by one hour on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October. This means that the nights will be drawing in after half term. During the first week back, we will be completing lots of work with the children and the Fire Service about keeping themselves safe around Halloween and Bonfire Night. Please re-iterate these messages to your child at home and we look forward to welcoming everybody back to school, safe and sound, on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October** at the usual time of 8:40 a.m.

**KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER:** The teachers have been busy preparing their topic lessons for next half term. Please look out for a 'Knowledge Organiser' that will be emailed to parents this week. This explains some of the activities that the children will be learning about during their humanities lessons next half term.



**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, Wilfrid Usher (RIP), 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:**

Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day in aid of school fund - 50p donation
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3:15 p.m. - school breaks up for a half term holiday
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School reopens at 8:40 a.m.
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9:15 a.m. Whole school All Saints Mass in church- parents/carers welcome
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2:00 p.m. Remembrance service in the school hall-parents/carers welcome

**PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**  
**Thank you God**

*Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes.*



*Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.*

*Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

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