

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

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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 TRY TO FORGIVE PEOPLE WHEN THEY HURT ME.'**



**SHOW KINDNESS:** This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes what will happen when he comes again at the end of time. Like a shepherd who calls his sheep to follow him, Jesus invites people to be with him forever. The only requirement is that we should have loved our neighbour: that is, we should have looked after our neighbour in need.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is present in all people, especially in the sick, anyone in need, and also he is present in you and in me. What we do for others, we do for Jesus - even small, everyday acts of kindness are most valuable in God's eyes.

*"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say: 'Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!'" (Pope Francis)*

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER:** Unfortunately, we missed our whole school attendance target last week with a score of 93.3%. The staff are busy planning lots of exciting activities for the children over the last few weeks of term as we build up to Christmas. We would love to see the children in school and enjoying pantomimes, nativity plays, a party day, a disco, Christmas crafts to mention just a few times! Competition for the winning class for the highest attendance in November is hotting up and it's already a close call between a few classes. Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.



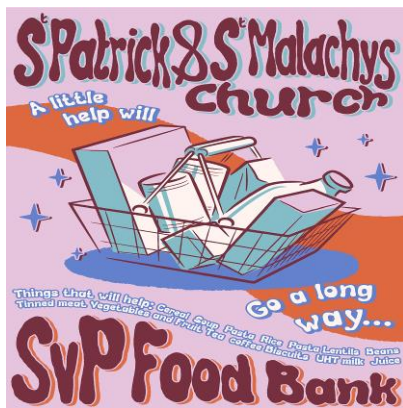
Nursery: 95.8%	Reception: 95.8%	Year 1: 95.9%	Year 2: 87.8%
Year 3: 94.3%	Year 4: 92.1%	Year 5: 89.2%	Year 6: 94.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.3%			

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Our next Mass will be on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November for Years 1, 2 and 3 and the readings will be led by our Year 2 pupils. The theme of the Mass is going to be 'Family.' As always, all are welcome to join us in church at the usual time of 9:15 a.m.



**READING TOP TIP:** This week's reading top tip is: **'VIDEO YOUR CHILD READING AND PLAY IT BACK TO THEM!'** This is a really good way to ensure that your child improves with skills like intonation and expression. Perhaps choose just one page from their reading book where an exclamation mark, question mark and/or speech mark is used by the author. Ask them to practise how the pitch of their voice changes to reflect the specific punctuation used on the page. Then, record your child on a device and play it back to them to see where improvements can be made. Try it... it's really fun and children just love watching themselves read aloud! Watch out for some of the teachers modelling these skills throughout Advent with some of their own favourite Christmas stories!!

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** If you qualify for certain benefits, you can get **free school meals** for your children. Check your eligibility and apply online at: [https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10050/help\\_with\\_the\\_cost\\_of\\_living\\_crisis](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/10050/help_with_the_cost_of_living_crisis)



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP in our parish have launched 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. If any parents feel they are at crisis point and would benefit from some help, please come and have a conversation with Mr Usher or Mrs Clinton. Everyone at some stage needs help so please don't struggle.

**SPECIAL VISITOR TO THE PARISH:** His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain (the Pope's representative in this country), will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. As part of his visit he will celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 6:30 p.m. where he will impart Pope Francis' Blessing on all. All welcome.

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** It's been another really busy week of learning and the children have responded with great enthusiasm. Miss Loughrey and Year 6 and have been building on their prior learning during their computing lesson. They devised a quiz game using multiple codes to create a sequence of questions for another player to complete the quiz successfully! Year 3 and Miss McEwan have been practising their reading aloud skills and stopping or pausing when they come across certain punctuation. Miss Aulton and Year 5 have been dancing during their P.E lesson! They used upbeat dynamics and facial expression to make their dance moves look like Rock 'n Roll! Why not visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been learning about this week?



**ONLINE-SAFETY TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **BE AWARE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS.** Many popular sites (YouTube, Instagram, etc.) have age restrictions, and these are in place for a reason: to keep young people safe. Online services are not allowed to collect or store children's personal information if they are under the age of 13. Data protection laws also say that only children aged 13 and over can sign up to online services without parental permission. Following the age restrictions sets a good example for your child.

Don't allow your child to sign up for sites if they're underage or not ready. When they are old enough to register, make sure your child sets their online accounts to private to limit access to people they know well.

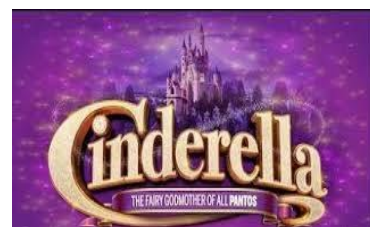
**EYFS STAY AND PLAY:** The EYFS pupils and staff loved welcoming parents/carers into school on Wednesday morning for a session all around dental hygiene. The next stay and play will be on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** and the session will be around activities that you can do with your child associated to the Christmas story.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR:** The parish Christmas Fair will take place at the back of church **after 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you for your very generous donations of bottles and chocolate this week for the tombola. Thank you also to those parents that supported the fair by buying a book of raffle tickets. Please do come along on Sunday and support the fun! Rumour has it that there'll be a special visitor dressed in red and white!! Ho, ho, ho!



**MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS PARADE:** This heart-warming event of the season returns again this year, even bigger and better. Manchester's free Christmas Parade, the best of its kind in the UK, will once again bring joy to thousands of spectators, young and old. Processions of spectacular characters, magical performances and extraordinary acts will weave their way through the city's streets sprinkling pure festive magic. So why not come together with family and friends for an unforgettable free day out in the city centre **from 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

**KEY STAGE 2 PANTOMIME:** On **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**, the children in Years 3-6 will be travelling by coach to The Victoria Hall in Bolton to watch Cinderella! Tickets are £10. Please pay this via School Gateway as soon as possible. Children have been given a very clear message from Mrs Clinton - this Christmas treat is by invitation. Only the children who have been showing their best behaviour in school and lessons will be invited to go. Oh yes they will!!! **The deadline for payment has been extended to Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**.



**CHRISTMAS THEMED COFFEE MORNING:** Attention Year 3 and 4 grandparents and great grandparents! Our children would love to invite you into school to have an informal chat with you about what Christmas was like for you when you were 7, 8 and 9 years old! They have loads of questions! Was Christmas just as magical then as it is today? Did you sing Christmas Carols? What traditions did you have in your home when you were young? What kind of toys did you play with on Christmas morning? We'll be holding a

Christmas themed coffee morning in the school hall on **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** from 9:00 a.m. so why not come along to reminisce about the 'good old days' and give the children another unforgettable experience in exchange for a hot tea/coffee and a mince pie!!

**CHRISTMAS DISCO:** On **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December** there'll be a Christmas Disco for ALL pupils. The disco will start at 4:30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. and tickets cost £5.00 CASH. These will go on sale next week and can be purchased either at the school office or from your child's class teacher. Children **MUST** be collected from school at the usual time as staff will be setting up for the discos. There will be no after school provision on this afternoon.



**CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY AND PARTY DAY:** Does your child have a packed lunch? Parents should have received a letter inviting children to join in with our Christmas celebrations by having a traditional Christmas dinner and party day lunch. Please inform the school office before Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November if your child wishes to have a school meal on either of these days. Parents can pay for these meals on School Gateway.

**DIARY DATES:** We have lots of exciting Advent/Christmas activities planned for the children so that they have a memorable time. These are being added to weekly!!! Please take the time to read our important diary dates below.






**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 the Holy Souls, the Saints in Heaven, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, our Armed forces, veterans and their families, 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:**



Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Christmas Fair at St. Patrick's Church-all welcome	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15 a.m. Mass for Years 1, 2 and 3 in Church led by Year 2	
Thursday ,30 <sup>th</sup> November	6:30 p.m. Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's by Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia	
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS + KS1 Panto in school (no payment needed)	
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30 p.m. KS2 (Y3-6) Panto in Bolton- £10.00 a ticket	
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00 p.m. KS1 Nativity in the hall - Parents welcome	
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:10-10:10 a.m EYFS Stay and Play-Christmas story activities	
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 invite grandparents for a Christmas themed coffee morning to discuss <b>Christmas past and present</b>	
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	 Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day	
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15 a.m. Whole school Advent Mass led by Year 5 - Parents welcome	
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Day! Children come into school in their party clothes	
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	4:30 p.m-5:30p.m Christmas Disco after school for pupils for ALL pupils £5.00 a ticket. <b>No after school sports club this day.</b>	
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	11:00 a.m. Carols around the Crib in the hall - Parents welcome	
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes at 1:00 p.m. for the Christmas holiday	
<b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School re-opens for the Spring term	



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