



*Sacramental Preparation*



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Bringing your family to Mass each week could be a great way to show your child how to be a pilgrim of hope. They are very welcome to join 'little church' either Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The next two dates for your diary are:

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, 9.15 a.m. Mass 'We are people who follow Jesus.'

Please ensure you make arrangements to attend the meeting and Mass.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:**

Another fantastic week for attendance. Congratulations to our winning class, Year 5 who were so close to getting perfection!!! All five classes who met our target were rewarded with extra playtimes throughout the week. Congratulations children! Super ambassadors for attendance! The race is on to win the competition for February.



Nursery: 87.9%	Reception: 98%	Year 1: 96.1%	Year 2: 97.9%
Year 3: 97.4%	Year 4: 98.9%	Year 5: 99.7%	Year 6: 94.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.8%			

**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Encourage healthy eating. Eating fruit and veg each day will help prevent illness. Children need lots of exercise and plenty of water. Help them to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



**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/info/200062/libraries>

**ONLINE SAFETY:** Our digital leaders have been raising awareness about keeping ourselves safe online this week. Below is a really useful link for parents/carers to click on.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>



**EMMAUS TRUST:** Both schools are on track to convert to Academy status on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Governors, the diocese, the Local Authority and the DfE are busy working to finalise all of the last details so we have our fingers crossed and everything should go to plan.

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** We are giving as much notice as we can for parents/carers to support their children with their favourite day of the year, Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. Our theme for this year is, 'When I get a job, I want to be a...!' Children have got all of half term to come up with some great ideas and research inspirational figures from around the world or from the past! Perhaps you want to be the next Baroness Floella Benjamin or Major Tim Peake? There are endless ideas on the internet. As always, prizes will be given and we urge parents NOT to be tempted to buy a costume. Our experience tells us that the best costumes have come from wardrobes at home or Grandma's house!! Enjoy your preparations as it promises to be a fantastic day!



**HARPURHEY COMMUNITY GROCERY:** Would you like to get your groceries for a reduced price? Wouldn't we all? Why not join the Harpurhey Community and for the month of February, membership is free. Come along to Carisbrook Street to find out more between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. All are welcome. Find out more by clicking on this link. <https://communitygrocery.org.uk/harpurhey>

**COST OF LIVING - WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS:** Do you need help now to keep warm, but you didn't get a winter fuel payment? The changes to the winter fuel allowance have caused a lot of discussion and some worry. So, we wanted to make parents/carers and families aware of some help that is available on the Manchester City Council website.

Manchester City Council is making payments up to the end of March of £150-£200 to people who are aged 66 and over who live in Manchester and who do not receive housing benefit or council tax support. The form is quick and easy to fill in and you won't be asked anything about any savings. This is the link: <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/winterfuelfund>. Payments will be made as promptly as possible to bank accounts or through post office vouchers. You will need to give contact details and your National Insurance number. Family members can make an application on your behalf. Or, if you need help filling in the form, please call for free on their cost of living advice line on 0800 023 2692.



**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL:** This is a reminder to Y6 parents that the Y6 residential is costing £300. We urge you to start making payments, no matter how small so that you aren't left to make a large payment in June. The deadline for paying the balance is Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



**DINNER MONEY:** For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in **advance** by Monday morning on School Gateway. Any accounts with arrears need to be cleared before **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**. If you are struggling to pay, please speak to the school office and a payment plan can be arranged. If arrears are not cleared your child will need to have packed lunches until they are.

**NURSERY PLACES FOR JANUARY:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.03.2022? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in April! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



**A MESSAGE FROM MRS CLINTON:** After 9 years of serving as headteacher here at St. Patrick's, I feel that it's a good time for me to take a step away from school leadership. So, at the end of this school year, I'll be moving on to pastures new. I plan to work part-time which will hopefully give me more time to enjoy my hobbies. Governors, with the help of the Diocese and Local Authority have appointed someone new to the role - a serving headteacher from another school in the Salford Diocese and they will continue to work across St. Edmund's and St. Patrick's as Executive Headteacher. There will be more information about this later in the school year.



**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: Carol Parkes (RIP) and family, Jo Phillips and family, Miss Bevan and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, Caritas, our families on the Sacramental Programme those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, Father Anthony, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionary Brothers of Charity, our children and staff and all other private intentions at this time.



**BEDTIME PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, help us to trust in you, to share your love and be a blessing to each other and to all those in need. Amen

**SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY FOR 1 WEEK.  
SCHOOL RE-OPENS AT THE USUAL TIME ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.**

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

*Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.*

