



## St. Patrick's R.C. Primary, a Voluntary Academy

### Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Tel: 0161-834-9004

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](http://www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk)

Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.Patrick'sRomanCatholicPrimarySchoolManchester)



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

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)

### GREAT NEWS FROM THE VATICAN!

A new pope has been announced! Cardinal Robert Prevost will be the 267<sup>th</sup> pope, becoming the head of the worldwide Catholic Church and history's first ever North American pope. His name was announced after Cardinal Mamberti spoke the words, 'Habemus papam!', Latin for 'We have a new pope!' His appointment was revealed yesterday evening from the Sistene Chapel in Rome, confirming the news to the world! Catholics across the world are celebrating the news!! Pope Leo XIV's first words to us were, 'Let's stay united and hand and hand with God as we move forward together.'



**LIFE:** This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that, if we listen to him, we can rely on him to guide our lives in the right direction. Sheep are so unpredictable and undependable. They are easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing constantly to change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction and we need help to keep our lives on the right path. Jesus is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us. He came so that we could experience the fullness of life here, and to lead us into the joys of eternal life. Enjoy your special family time this weekend and discuss this week's word, 'LIFE.'

*Coming to church helps us to be more joyful and grow closer to God. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel by joining us at St. Patrick's or St. Malachy's at the above Masses. Alternatively there are other local churches with other Masses available: all are very warmly invited.*

*"To live well is to love God with all your heart." (St. Augustine)*



**PRAYER & WORSHIP:** Our next Mass will be Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May when we will celebrate & honour, Mary, Queen of Heaven with our May procession. Parents are very welcome to join us for this most beautiful & memorable celebration. Please come and witness as we keep our Catholic faith and traditions alive. Mass starts at 9.15 a.m. in church. *Please send your children with bunches of flowers so that we can 'crown' our statue of Mary.*



**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Our winning class last week was....our Year 6 class (AGAIN!) with yet another perfect score of 100%!! What a fantastic achievement! They've been rewarded with extra leisure time this week AND a non-uniform day today. Other classes to meet our target last week were Reception and Y2. They were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play with their friends this week too. Each month, we give the class with the best attendance an ice-cream treat and the winners for April were....yes, you've guessed it...Year 6!! Not only did they win, they had a perfect score of 100%. We don't think this has ever

happened before. Congratulations to everyone concerned with getting our pupil leaders to school every day! Amazing Attendance Ambassadors!! Remember, we have set all children a target to do their very best to improve their attendance and punctuality this term if it needs to. Results for all classes are below.

Nursery: 96.9%	Reception: 97.7%	Year 1: 94.5%	Year 2: 99%
Year 3: 96.2%	Year 4: 96.2%	Year 5: 92.3%	Year 6: 100%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.2%			



**TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE:** Do NOT take holidays during school time. You have 13 other weeks to take them. Help your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).

**JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** As we await the arrival of the diocesan anchor, it's good to reflect on how this can help us a family. Jesus wants us to share in his life because he loves us so much. He offers us eternal life and that's a gift which we can begin to receive today. When we listen to Jesus and follow him we can already begin to experience eternal life, to live in God's love, here and now!



**READING TOP TIP:** Manchester libraries have it all going on! Get yourselves reading for the festival of libraries during the whole month of June. Other exciting events going on include: 'Look For A Book' - Five hundred copies of *Am I Made of Stardust?* by Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock will be hidden in Greater Manchester's libraries, parks, and trams this half term. Follow the clues for a chance to find a book and meet Maggie. Find all the details at [Manchester City of Literature](http://Manchester City of Literature). 'Board Games Club' Drop into Central Library's new board games club—play old favourites, try something new, or bring your own! Free and open to all. [Find out more!](#)

**EARLY PICK-UPS:** We have seen an increased amount of parents/carers requesting early collections of children. This is causing considerable disruption to our administration team not to mention learning time. After the mid-term break, any early collections will have to be supported with evidence of an appointment. Our school day finishes at 3.15 p.m. and parents/carers are asked to collect from the usual collection points. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.



**SATS EXAMS:** Like every other school in the country, our children in Y6 will be sitting their end of year assessments next week. The children have worked incredibly hard towards these examinations and we know that they will shine next week. Don't forget to come to breakfast club from 8.00 a.m. and get an early night on Sunday! Best of luck children!

**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 isn't far away now - Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR HALF TERM:** A message for parents/carers whose children are eligible for free school meals. Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the 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) will receive a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice

**NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE:** Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth on or before 31.08.2022? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start after Summer! For more information about the admissions process please call in at the school office.



**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: Pope Leo XIV, Jo Phillips and family, Miss Rehan & 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, you are the Good Shepherd who knows us by name and guides us through life. Please help us to follow you always. Amen

**GOVERNANCE:** Unfortunately, we haven't received any nominations from parents volunteering to sit on our Local Governing Board. This position will remain vacant for the time being. If any parent is interested in this role, please speak to the administration team to make an appointment with Mrs Clinton.

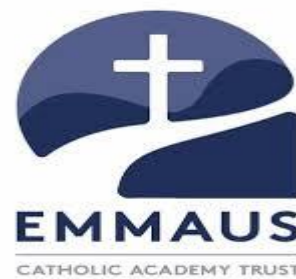
*Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.  
Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.*



Humility

Faithfulness

Service



## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (subject to change and updates)

DATE	ACTIVITY	To note
12/05/25 (Mon)	SATS for Y6 pupils all week. Children to come to school for 8.00 a.m. for breakfast club	
12/05/25 (Mon)	Art workshop for Y5 (at St. Edmund's)	
15/05/25 (Thur)	Interviews for Y5 pupils for future prefects Rounders competition at St. Matthew's for Y5 pupils	
16/05/25 (Fri)	Interviews for Y5 pupils for future prefects P.E. kits to go home	
20/05/25 (Tue)	SPORTS DAY!!!! Morning (9.30 - 11.30) - Nursery, Reception in EYFS Morning (9.30 - 11.30) Years 1, 2 & 3 - Abbott's School field Afternoon (12.30 - 2.30) - Years 4, 5 & 6 - Abbott's School field	Wear P.E. kit to school (no football kits)
21/05/25 (Wed)	Mass & May procession for Rec-Y6 9.15 a.m. All welcome	Flowers
23/05/25 (Fri)	FANTASTIC FRIDAY for the winning house	
23/05/25 (Fri)	Non-uniform day for school fund School closes at the usual time of 3.15 p.m.	50p a child £1 a family
	<b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK ONLY</b>	

## 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer term

02/06/25 (Mon)	School opens at the usual time Deadline for Y6 parents to pay for Robinwood Residential Year 4 children have their assessment of timestables	£300
04/06/25 (Wed)	Mass in St Patrick's Church for Y5 & Y6 (led by Y6) - all welcome	
06/06/25 (Fri)	Non-uniform day to raise funds for CARITAS & Jubilee Year of Hope	50p a child £1 a family
06/06/25 (Fri)	Ice-cream treat for May winners for attendance	
09/06/25 (Mon)	Phonics screening check for Y1 children We receive the diocesan anchor for the Jubilee Year of Hope from St. Malachy's School. School liturgy	
11/06/25 (Wed)	GIFT team & some prefects take the diocesan anchor to St. Anne's, Ancoats	
18/06/25 (Wed)	PROVISIONAL - NURSERY & RECEPTION TO SMITHILL'S FARM	
22/06/25 (Sun)	9.15 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass & celebration at St. Patrick's Church - all welcome (Feast of Corpus Christi)	
23/06/25 (Mon)	Meetings for Y6 parents for Robinwood residential - 3.30 & 5.00 p.m.	
24/06/25 (Tue)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 3 TRIP TO CLICK & CLIMB	
25/06/25 (Wed)	9.15 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass in Church - all welcome. Official photographs and party day for the children	Bring party clothes
25/06/25 (Wed)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 5 TRIP TO BROCKHOLES, CUMBRIA	
26/06/25 (Thur)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 1 TRIP TO GULLIVERS' WORLD	
27/06/25 (Fri)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 2 TRIP TO BEWILDERWOOD	
01/07/25 (Tue)	Art Exhibition in the school hall. Children display their art work - all welcome	
04/07/25 (Fri)	Ice-cream treat for June winners for attendance	
07/07/25 (Mon)	Year 6 children go to Robinwood until Wednesday	
07/07/25 (Mon)	PROVISIONAL - YEAR 4 TRIP TO VENTURE OUT	
08/07/25 (Tue)	Stay & Play for Nursery & Reception parents, 9.15 a.m.	
11/07/25 (Fri)	FANTASTIC FRIDAY for the winning house	
15/07/25 (Tue)	1.30 p.m. 'PATSBURY' - all children to perform	Wear festival clothes

18/07/25 (Fri)	<b>Annual reports go out to parents</b> (parents can make appointments with teachers to discuss reports next week) P.E. kits go home, staff collect in reading books, childrens' work can be sent home	Plastic bag
21/07/25 (Mon)	Transition day	
23/07/25 (Wed)	Whole school Mass & Y6 leavers' celebration party day	Bring party clothes
25/07/25 (Fri)	9.15 a.m. Final assembly for Nursery & Reception - all welcome 11.00 a.m. Final assembly for Y1-Y6 - all welcome 1.00 p.m. SCHOOL CLOSES	Wear school uniform