



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

Newsletter

16th May 2025

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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

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

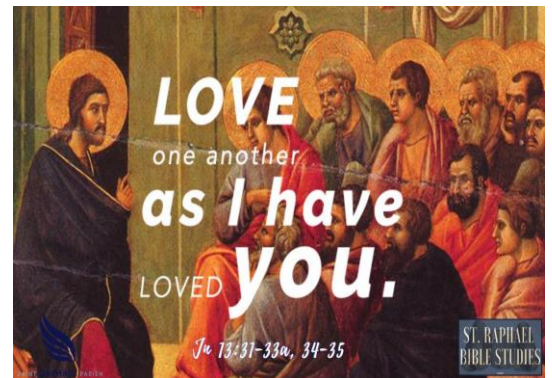


WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

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

Our 'Statement to Live by' next week is: 'At Easter, we love one another as I love you.'

LOVE: Love is life's greatest blessing. St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it." In Sunday's Gospel, we listen to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment - they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity. The new commandment which Jesus gave to his friends is for us too - today! Everyone likes to be loved and family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another. Enjoy your special family time this weekend and listen to your children's thoughts on this week's word, 'LOVE.'



Coming to church helps us to be more loving as we 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.

*"It is not enough to say, 'I Love...' We must put that love into a loving action."
(St. Teresa of Calcutta)*

PRAYER & WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be next Wednesday, 21st 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 1 class with a near perfect score of 98.9%!! What a fantastic achievement! They've been rewarded with extra leisure time this week. Other classes to meet our target last week were Nursery, Reception, Y4 and Y6. They were rewarded with extra 5 minutes play with their friends this week too. 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: 97%	Reception: 97.1%	Year 1: 98.9%	Year 2: 95.6%
Year 3: 94.8%	Year 4: 98.6%	Year 5: 96.4%	Year 6: 98.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.9%			

A REMINDER TO PARENTS: Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their children attend school regularly and receive a suitable full-time education. This means making sure your child is in school every day, except when there's a valid reason for absence, such as illness or a school-approved leave of absence. Parents can face legal consequences, including fines or even prosecution, if your child does not attend school regularly.



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 as a family. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus talks about love and wants us to share his love in the world. He wants each of us to experience the life-giving happiness which comes from following him.

BABY NEWS: We are delighted to share some great news today. Mr Eaglestone and his wife have become parents for the first time this week!! A beautiful, bouncing baby boy has arrived a little bit earlier than expected - yesterday in fact. He is a healthy weight of 7lb and both baby and mum are doing really well. Our congratulations to Mr Eaglestone and his family and please keep them in your prayers.



SPORTS DAY: One of the highlights of the year is nearly upon us and for once... we THINK we can confidently say that we'll be getting a fine, sunny day for our sports day this year. The children should have come home with their P.E. kits today. On Tuesday, children are to come to school in their kit (black shorts with either a plain white/yellow t-shirt. (NO FOOTBALL KITS PLEASE!) A reminder of the times and parents to meet:
 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - Nursery & Reception children in the outdoor area in EYFS.
 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.- Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 at Abbott's school field.
 12.30 - 2.30 p.m. - Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 at Abbott's school field.

Please remember - if you are attending the sports events at Abbotts school field please use the entrance on Nobby Stiles Drive and not the main entrance of the school. Thank you for your support.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: *CHANGE YOUR VOICE FOR EACH CHARACTER.* If reading a book aloud with your child, try becoming some or all of the characters in the story! Change your voice for the characters. You can speak in a whisper for a shy mouse. You can speak angrily. You can speak in a loud silly voice. You can speak in a quiet voice. Even when you have only one character, have fun changing your voice. This will make the story more entertaining and help your child understand which characters are talking. As a bonus, you will be helping your child learn new words, such as shyly, angrily, happily, and sadly, because children will match your tone of voice to the words in the book and to the pictures on the pages.



SATS EXAMS: Congratulations to our Year 6 class who completed their SATs examinations this week. All the hard work has paid off and they can now enjoy a little break before Mr McAndrew starts to get them ready to transition to high school. Exciting times ahead for our oldest 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, 2nd June.



DIARY DATES: We have lots going on in school which is fantastic for the children so please ensure that you are keeping abreast of all the relevant dates for your children. Please keep a copy of the dates handy so you can refer to them each week. You will find the dates at the end of this newsletter.



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, 21st 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.

NON UNIFORM DAY: Next Friday will be a non-uniform day for children if they bring a donation of either 50p per child or £1 per family. We really appreciate your donations each half term as it helps to keep the costs down for school trips each year. Please remember to bring your money for school funds and thank you in advance.



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 for 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, Mr Eaglestone 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, thank you for being our loving friend. Please help us to always love you and to keep growing in love for one another. 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
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
	SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK ONLY	

2nd 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 timetables	£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)	Annual reports go out to parents (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
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