



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

Newsletter

18th July 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)



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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 07764 791889 or at paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our 'Statement to Live by' next week is:
'TRANSITION – moving on up!'

THIS IS THE FINAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

LISTEN: In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the Bible story: Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who chose to sit down in front of Jesus to listen to Him. Now Martha, who was busy preparing the meal said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." But Jesus answered, 'Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is good; this will not be taken away from her.' Enjoy talking to your children this week about the importance of listening and this week's word which is **LISTEN**.



"Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart." (St. Teresa of Calcutta [Mother Teresa])

Coming to Church helps us to have peace in our lives and 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.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: We had some much better results last week for our weekly class competition. Congratulations to our winning class Year 5. Well done also to Years 1 & 4 who also exceeded our school target. Don't forget – our school is open next week and the children are going to have a lovely time. They will be reflecting on all the good times they've had this year as well as preparing to move up to their next class. It's about celebrations and transition next week. Don't miss out on this important time!



Nursery: 95.9%	Reception: 87%	Year 1: 98.7%	Year 2: 95%
Year 3: 89.7%	Year 4: 97.6%	Year 5: 98.8%	Year 6: 93.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.4%			

ART WORK: Parents/carers who have paid for the child's art work - these masterpieces will be sent home next week.

PATSBURY: What a day of celebration we had on Tuesday!! Despite the bad weather, we were 'walking on sunshine'. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to be such a brilliant audience, clapping and cheering for the bands. We know you'll agree that the children were absolutely amazing as they all performed for us on stage. Such courage and bravery as they used microphones and sang live for us all. This wouldn't have been possible without the expertise of our music teacher Mrs. Durcan and the Patsbury Fest is a result of all her hard work and commitment. Unfortunately for us, Mrs. Durcan is leaving at the end of this year after working here for at least 20 years! It's time for Mrs. Durcan to start a new chapter in her life as she semi retires. She is very much looking forward to some new adventures, which will of course still involve making music! She would like to thank everyone in the school community (especially the children) for bringing her such joy over the years!!



TEACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER: We are now in a position, for the majority of classes, to give you details of who your child's class teacher will be in September. There are still a couple of teacher appointments to be made before we close for the summer. We hope by giving parents/carers and children this information today, children can have support over the weekend processing the information so that they can enjoy their transition day on Monday. Children are still to go to their own classes, the year group they are currently in when they first come to school on Monday. Transition to new classes will happen after assembly at 10.00 a.m.

Year group	Teacher
Nursery	Miss McGrath
Reception	Yet to be decided but Miss Hamilton will be teaching the class on Monday
Year 1	Miss Denholm
Year 2	Mr. Reynolds
Year 3	Mrs. Gordon
Year 4	Mr. Eaglestone
Year 5	Miss Cusick
Year 6	Mr. McAndrew

As you are aware, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Kennedy are leaving at the end of this academic year so there will be a new leadership team in place from September. Mr. McMahon will be the new Executive Headteacher across St. Patrick's & St. Edmund's. Mr. McMahon will be here on Monday to spend some time with the children and to meet parents at pick up time. Please come and say 'hello' and give him your warmest welcome. Miss Loughrey, who you all know well, will be the Assistant Headteacher and on the majority of days, be readily available to support children and parents with any matters of concern and particularly safeguarding. In addition, we still have Mrs. Shaw who is also an Assistant Headteacher. As you know, she is also responsible for SEN/D.

ANNUAL REPORTS: Parents/carers will receive your child's annual report this afternoon. If you don't receive it, please get in touch with the administration team to update your contact details and we can send the report out to you. The reports are a real celebration of the progress your child has made. If you would like to discuss the report in more detail, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

PUPILS' WORK & BELONGINGS: You will be delighted to see your child's work when they bring their work books home today. They should be so so proud of all the work they've done. We have some very clever and hard-working children here at St. Patrick's.

TRANSITION - MOVING ON UP: We start our transition activities on Monday and we know our children will be having mixed feelings about this. They will have lots of opportunities to ask questions on Monday and throughout the week and we encourage them to do so. They will also have the chance to reflect on their successes of this year, looking back through their work and seeing just how much progress they've made this year.

LEAVERS' CELEBRATIONS: We will celebrate with our leavers next Wednesday. This will start with celebrating Mass at 9.15 a.m. in Church. We very much invite our parents/carers to join us as we reflect on our school year, thank God for His blessings this year as well as looking ahead to the future. Weather permitting, we'll be having a picnic lunch in the afternoon for all of our children.

FINAL ASSEMBLIES: As is tradition, we will finish our school year in prayer and celebration. Because we have so much to celebrate, we need to have two separate assemblies:

9.15 a.m. Assembly for our children in Nursery and Reception in the school hall

11.00 a.m. Assembly for our children in Years 1-6 in the school hall

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00 P.M. NEXT FRIDAY SO PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) TO BE COLLECTED ON TIME.

VACANCY: We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Organiser at our school starting in September. This is 10 hours a week (2 hours a day) from 11.15 a.m. – 1.15 p.m. If you would like to help children enjoy their lunchtimes, you're prepared to work hard and are reliable, please speak to the administration team in the office and ask for an application form.

PARKTASTIC – Free
Summer Holiday
Activities In Manchester
Parks



SUMMER BREAK ACTIVITIES: As always there are some fantastic activities taking place across Manchester during the summer holidays so parents might want to get children signed up quickly. Two such activities are: 'Parktastic' and the 'Garden read challenge'. Check out our Facebook page for more information and go along for lots of fun!

CALLING ALL YEAR 3 CHILDREN: In September, it will be the current Y3 class who will be attending swimming lessons. It might be worth talking to the children in Y4 to find out what to expect. We know you're going to have a great time either learning to swim or improving your style. If you've never been to the swimming baths before, we do recommend a trip or two to your local pool so that you can familiarise yourselves with what to expect. We can guarantee you'll have a splashing time!



LUNCH MONEY: Unfortunately, we need to increase the cost of a school lunch to £2.70 per day/£13.50 per week from September. This is unavoidable due to rising costs.

ARREARS: Please ensure that any dinner money/breakfast club/trip arrears are paid by Monday morning so that we can ensure that all accounts are clear for the end of year and no arrears are carried forward to September. The amount to be paid for next week's meals is £12.75.

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS: As you are aware, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a free school meal each day as part of the government's Universal Free School Meals initiative.

This means that children who are currently in the Nursery 2 class will no longer pay for meals when they move to the Reception class in September. Please can you make sure that any dinner money arrears are cleared before the end of term.

This also means that children who are currently in Year 2 will need to pay for their meals from September when they move into Year 3.

FSM VOUCHERS FOR THE SUMMER BREAK: 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 Summer 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 £50.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 23rd July. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.



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 at St. Patrick's Manchester and we should pop up.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Our pupil and staff leavers, Pope Leo XIV, Jo Phillips and family, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, Caritas, our children who have made their First Holy Communion recently, 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 always being ready to listen to us. Please help us to listen and understand your words and to be good listeners to each other too. Amen.

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



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES (subject to change and updates)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK!!!

DATE	ACTIVITY	To note
21/07/25 (Mon)	Transition day - children meet their new teachers and class mates	
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
02/09/25 (Tues)	8.40 a.m. School reopens for the new school year. All children to go to their new classes	Wear school uniform

Humility

Faithfulness

Service

