



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

11th November 2022

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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.Patrick's-Roman-Catholic-Primary-School-Manchester)



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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 Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**Our Statement to live by next week is:
'I KNOW WHEN TO HELP OTHERS WHEN THEY ARE IN TROUBLE.'**



BE FAITHFUL: A faithful person is a gift to the world. When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Pope Francis also reminds us that, "God is faithful, always faithful and continues to be rich in goodness and mercy." Everybody wants a faithful friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

*"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."
(St Teresa of Calcutta)*

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance for last week is shown below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. Well done to Years 3 and 5 who were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week! Now that the nights are drawing in and the weather starts to turn wetter and colder, we'll continue to talk to the children about wrapping up warm when they go outside in order to keep those coughs and sniffles at bay. If you haven't already done so, please dig out those winter coats, scarves and hats and encourage your child to wrap up warm on the way to school. Please encourage your child with your own family routines so that they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



Nursery: 87.3%	Reception: 91.6%	Year 1: 91.3%	Year 2: 91.3%
Year 3: 97.1%	Year 4: 87.5%	Year 5: 98.5%	Year 6: 95.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.3%			

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 23rd November** at 9:15 a.m. for Years 1,3 & 5. As always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us. Our Year 5 children will lead the Mass.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Our annual Remembrance Service in the school hall this afternoon was respectfully observed by all of our children in Years 1-6. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us. Although our loved ones have passed on before us, we remember them with fondness and a sense of peace in the knowledge that they are enjoying eternal happiness in heaven. May they rest in peace.

OUR GOOD SHEPHERD: Congratulations to Father Paul Daly who is now **Canon Paul Daly** after a special Mass and ceremony celebrated by Bishop John at Salford Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon. Our head boy and girl went along to witness this very special occasion and they were surprised to see so many priests all together in one place of worship! Canon Paul is very keen to get to know our families better. Would you like to welcome him into your home to meet your family and give your home a blessing? If you would, please let us know and we can set this up for you.



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READING TOP TIP: This week's reading top tip is: 'Re-read a favourite book or poem.' Encouraging your child to re-read the books and poems that they love really helps them to build fluency and confidence. At times, the children tell us that they have been reading but we don't see any evidence of this in their Reading Record!! Please help us to celebrate with the children because 'If you don't record, we can't reward!'

CURRICULUM NEWS: It's been another very busy week with so many exciting lessons going on throughout the school!! To highlight just a few examples...as part of their science topic on 'Animals including Humans' the Year 1 class have been identifying the different features of animals, the Nursery class have been making pumpkin soup as part of their design technology topic and the Year 4 class composed and performed their own firework song using some of the colours that they have learnt in German! Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.



AVAILABLE PLACES: We currently have spaces in most of our classes. Some families think that they aren't eligible to come to our school. We often hear, 'We can't come to your school because we aren't Catholic.' This isn't actually true. Baptised children are given priority when we have spaces but all families and children are welcome at our school. Please spread the word - your family and friends are very welcome!

HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURE: We have installed a temporary safety measure along our footpath, adjacent to the playground and the school hall. Mrs Baker has reported falling debris from one of the window sills. We have reported our concerns and whilst we await investigations and work to be carried out, we will take the appropriate measures. Please keep the railings to your right as you walk along the path. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



URBAN CREW: The pupil leaders in Year 5 who are members of the Urban Crew had their first workshop of the year on Wednesday afternoon. The session focussed on what makes each one of them unique as well as how individuality should be encouraged. As the year progresses, the crew will be working towards an ASDAN award resulting in a special awards ceremony at Manchester Communication Academy during the summer term. Look out for all of the projects that the crew will be involved in this year!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Anti-Bullying Week will take place next week and it has the theme 'Reach Out.' The week will begin (Monday) and end (Friday) with **Odd Socks Day**. This year, we will be working with the children to help them to understand that bullying affects millions of lives and can leave victims feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.





PARLIAMENT WEEK: Next week is also Parliament Week in the UK. The children will be getting involved in lots of fun activities designed to engage and inform them about the importance of Parliament in the UK and why it is important to live in a democratic society where everyone has an opportunity to express their opinions.

ASSESSMENT WEEK: All of the children will have completed their start of year assessments this week and these will provide the teachers with further information to support them with planning future lessons. Please continue to encourage your child at home with their homework, weekly spellings, Mathletics, TTRS, Numbots and of course reading on a daily basis for at least 15 minutes. The Christmas holiday is still a good way off and there's still lots of work to do!! Thank you for your continued support as we strive for excellence together in partnership.



LAPTOPS AVAILABLE: Is your child having difficulty accessing our online learning platforms at home? Does your child share an I-Pad/laptop with another brother, sister or family member? Is the only other device in your home a mobile phone? If you answer 'Yes' to any of these questions then let school help you out and relieve some of that stress! We still have a limited amount of laptops that are available to loan to children to help them access our online learning platforms like Times Tables Rock Stars, Mathletics and Numbots. If any parent/carer feels that their child can benefit, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Kennedy and she'll be only too happy to help.

ATTENTION YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 PARENTS: Do you know about one of our free online learning platforms called Numbots? Numbots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited about the impact that Numbots will have. The children have been shown how to login and have brought home a username label inside their reading record. This is the same username and password that they use for Mathletics and Times Tables Rock Stars. There's nothing stopping our older children in the school from joining in too!



STAFF TRAINING DAY: An advanced notice to parents/carers. School will be closed to all pupils on **Friday 25th November** for a staff training day.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: An advanced notice that the Parish Christmas Fair will be on Sunday, 4th December at St. Patrick's Church. As always, the organisers are appealing for donations from parishioners. Please drop off any donations at the back of church or bring them to school. The parish are asking for donations of bottles for the tombola stall, chocolate and gifts. Thank you for your continued support.



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: Mary Trayers (RIP), All Holy Souls, soldiers who have lost their lives in war, Anne Clarke, Miss McCorkell, John Leighton, Maureen Duffy, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



The title "lest we forget" is written in a red, cursive font. It is flanked by two red poppies with black centers and green leaves. The poppies are positioned on either side of the text, with their stems and leaves extending upwards and outwards.

"lest we forget"

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

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