

St Patrick's News



Autumn Term Week Two
Friday 11th September

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to another school year! As you can see, the newsletter is longer this year, so that we can share more of the learning taking place in school, as well as all of the important messages that need to be sent home.

Following our Mission Day today, we will next share our 3 KEY WORDS that support our Mission Statement. This will be shared with parents next week so that ALL in our community can work together to build God's Kingdom here at St Patrick's.

It has been an excellent return to school and I have been so impressed with the learning that has been happening in classrooms.

Have a great weekend !



As always, at the start of a new school year, we have spent time revisiting the story of St Patrick and reflecting on why our school is so proudly named after him. Children have also been learning about our school badge, the Gospel writers, and our Catholic values that guide our actions each day.

Across all year groups, pupils have enjoyed engaging in Mathematics lessons, focusing on developing a secure understanding of place value and building confidence when working with numbers.

It has also been wonderful to see children demonstrating so many of our essential life skills throughout the week. They have shown excellent cooperation, great listening skills, and have had a positive attitude to learning, helping to create a fantastic start to the new school year.



Upcoming Dates & Events:

- **Thu 17th Sept**– Whole School Mass at 9.15am in Church. Parents are invited to attend.
- **Fri 2nd Oct** – Parent Coffee Morning in the school hall.
- **Tues 6th Oct**– Open afternoon for prospective pupils and families at 2pm.
- **Friday 23rd Oct** – Creation Day celebration at school. - TBC
- **Friday 23rd October** – school closes for the half-term break at 3.15pm.

Mission Day

This week, we came together as a school family to reflect on our mission statement and what it means to be part of our Catholic community. Through prayer, discussion and a range of activities, pupils and staff explored the values that are most important to us. Together, we identified three key words that will act as the pillars of our mission, helping to guide us in our faith, learning and relationships each day



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 13th September 2026



Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." Then Jesus told them this story: "There was a king with many servants. One of them owed the king an enormous amount of money. The servant could not pay so he begged for more time to pay his debt. The king felt so sorry for him that he let him go and even cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him a very small amount of money; but he would not give him time to pay and instead had him thrown into prison. When the news reached the king, he sent for the unforgiving servant. 'You wicked servant,' the king said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' Then the king sent the unforgiving servant to prison to be punished."

Adapted from Matthew 18:21-35
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

Following last Sunday's Gospel, the children have been reflecting on the theme of reconciliation and the importance of putting relationships right when difficulties arise. In our class Celebrations of the Word, they explored how Jesus calls us to listen to one another, show forgiveness and work together to restore peace.

The children considered practical ways they can be peacemakers in school and at home.

Spotlight on Attendance...

The class with the highest attendance this week was Year 6 with 98.1%

Early Years: 94.9%

Year 1: 86.2%

Year 2: 96.5%

Year 3: 97.2%

Year 4: 95.7%

Year 5: 94.4%

Year 6: 98.1%

Healthy Lunches and Staying Nut-Free

We want all our children to be healthy, happy and safe at school. We are a **nut-free school**, so please do not send any foods that contain nuts, including peanut butter and nut-based snacks.

A healthy packed lunch might include:

- A sandwich, wrap or pasta (served cold)
- Fruit and vegetables
- A yoghurt or healthy snack
- Water to drink

To help children stay healthy and protect their teeth, **juice, fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed in school**. Please send your child with a bottle of water each day.

Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe and healthy place for everyone.



HealthySchools

Important Notices:

Collection from School

To ensure the safety of all pupils, children under 16 years of age will not be allowed to collect younger siblings at the end of the school day.

Fidgets in School

To support a calm and focused learning environment, personal fidgets and toys should not be brought into school. Where a sensory aid is required to meet a child's individual needs, appropriate resources will be provided by the school. Thank you for your support.