



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

A Very Warm Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all of our children and families! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

What a positive start to the new school year it has been. I've been so impressed once again by the children's excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. They are also looking very smart in their new school uniforms. It has been lovely to reconnect with many of you this week, and to meet some of our new families as well. I'm really looking forward to continuing to work closely with you all this year to support our children to thrive and succeed.

A quick reminder:

Academic Review Day will take place next Friday 12th September. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, share any important information, and find out more about what to expect this year. We encourage and expect all families to attend.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

With best wishes, Ms Toop (Head of School) and Ms. Richardson (Executive Headteacher)



Some of our FANTASTIC Summer holiday Science homework and working hard in our new classes...

Children have settled back into school life quickly and as I walk through the school it is so lovely to see everyone looking so smart, working hard and enjoying their return to school. Lots of smiles and a real enthusiasm for learning– the perfect start to our school year!



I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 05.09.2025

Signed _____ Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...



Friday 12th September—Academic Review Day (meeting new class teachers) Inset day for EYFS children

Monday 15th September – After-School Enrichment Clubs begin this week (3.30pm-4.45pm)

Monday 22nd September—Healthy Heart Day. All children to come in full PE kits



Friday 27th September – Non-Uniform Day (don't forget your donation for charity!)

27th October to 31st October—Half Term Holiday

Friday 19th December—End of term for Christmas Holidays

A Prayer for a Wonderful New School Year at St. Patrick's



God, Loving Father of us all,

As we begin this new school year together,

Help us to grow in knowledge, kindness, and faith. Guide us as we learn new things and build new friendships.

May we open our minds to discover more about You, And open our hearts to care for those around us.

Help us to notice those who are new, And to offer a warm welcome and a friendly smile. May our school be a place of joy, respect, and love for everyone.

Amen

Work of the week...

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).



As part of our new RE curriculum, Year 5 have been diving into the Creation and Covenant unit. They've been learning all about the life and important role of Moses in the Old Testament. So far, the children have explored key stories from scripture, including Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush and the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Inspired by these powerful stories, they've created some fantastic original artwork and written their own retellings.

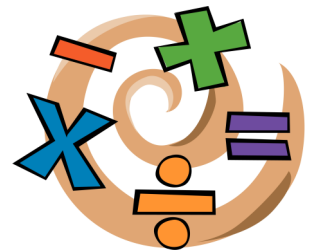
A huge well done to Agsie, who has been chosen for Work of the Week! Agsie created a striking piece of art showing the burning bush—flames bursting with colour, yet the bush remains untouched. His written retelling of the Mount Sinai story included all the key events, and he used brilliant religious vocabulary, along with thoughtful adverbs and adjectives, to really bring the story to life.



Well done Agsie!

Parents Working Alongside Children

We are delighted to announce that Parents Working Alongside Children will continue this term. Each class will have a turn each week. This is a great opportunity for parents to come into class to watch first hand how we teach the children a maths lesson. Please do look out for your class letter in the next few weeks.



10th September—Year 6

17th September—Year 5

24th September—Year 4

1st October—Year 3

8th October—Year 1/2

15th October—EYFS (Reception & Nursery)

Attendance...

I am delighted to announce that Year 6 are winners with the best attendance this week with 92%. As a reward, you will receive some extra play time next week.



Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school. Every day counts and children who miss school do fall behind in their learning.



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Toop or Mr Magill.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



A massive congratulations to...

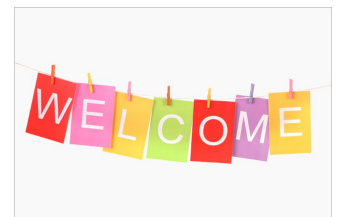
Miss O'Donnell who got married in the Summer holidays and is now Mrs Munnelly.



A warm welcome to...

We are delighted to welcome Ms Abdi as our new Year 4 class teacher and Ms Hargreaves as our new Year 5 class teacher. Both are already well known to our school and wider Partnership, and we are thrilled to have them stepping into their new roles. We're also very pleased to welcome Mr Magill as our new Assistant Head and SENDCO. Mr Magill has worked within our Partnership for many years and brings a wealth of experience to the team.

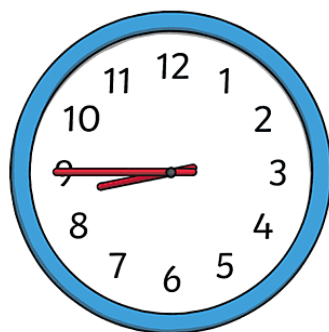
Our staff are always happy to meet and speak with parents, so please do take a moment to say hello at the end of the school day.



Morning Practice starts at 8.45am

We are pleased to see so many children arriving bright and early, ready to make the most of their day. **The school gates open at 8:45am (or 8am for those attending Breakfast Club)**, and we encourage all pupils to be in for morning practice. This quiet, focused time gives children a chance to revisit key learning and prepare for the day ahead—it's a really valuable part of our school routine.

Reading lessons begin promptly at 9am, so arriving by 8:45am ensures your child is settled and ready. Thank you for helping us make mornings smooth, purposeful and positive for everyone.



After-School Enrichment Clubs...

We are very happy to be running a range of after school enrichment clubs. Please do look out for your confirmation letters in the coming days. Payments for these can be made via ParentPay or in cash via the school office.

These will start week beginning **Monday 15th September (3.30-4.45pm)**.



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Term dates 2025/26

updated 3/3/25

Autumn term 2025

1st September 2025

INSET DAYS pupils not in school

2nd September 2025

Pupils back at school

12th September 2025

Academic Review Day

Half term

27th October – 31st October 2025

End of term

19th December 2025

Pupil attendance

(73 days)

Spring Term 2026

5th January 2026

Pupils back at school

Half term

16th February – 20th February 2026

27th February 2026

Academic Review Day

End of Term

27th March 2026

(54 days)

Summer Term 2026

13th April 2026

Pupils back at school

4th May 2026

May Day-school closed

Half Term

25th May – 29th May 2026

10th July 2026

Academic Review Day

End of Term

17th July 2026

20th July 2026

Inset Day

(63 days)

(Total 190 days
attendance)