



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

If you are looking for free or low-cost activities for your children during the half term holidays why not visit **Camden Rise website** to find out what is on offer.

Wishing you all a pleasant break and looking forward to seeing you back on **Monday 1st June at 8.45am.**
Ms Dyson (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher).



Over the Easter break, two of our families were lucky enough to be invited to **10 Downing Street** to attend a special Easter Reception. They had a fabulous time meeting the **Prime Minister, Sir Kier Starmer**, taking part in an Easter



Egg Hunt and enjoying some arts and crafts.



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

After half term, Year 4 children will take the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) a quick online assessment to see how confidently they can recall all tables up to 12×12 . Questions appear with only six seconds to answer, so speed and fluency are important.

Please support your child by practising regularly over the break, especially the **tables they do not yet know securely**.

Short, frequent practice makes the biggest difference.

Children can use **Times Tables Rock Stars** (Soundcheck mode) and the practice test on **timestables.co.uk**.

A few minutes each day will really boost their confidence and help them show what they know.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

After half term, Year 1 children will take the Phonics Screening Check (PSC) a short one-to-one assessment that shows how confidently they can use their phonics to read real and pseudo (nonsense) words.

We have sent home **practice tests** for you to use over the break. Please spend a few minutes each day helping your child sound out and blend the words.

Short, regular practice makes the biggest difference to confidence and fluency.

Children can also use phonics practice games such as the free activities on **PhonicsPlay** (Buried Treasure, Dragon's Den), which mirror the style of the check.

A little daily practice will help your child feel prepared and ready to do their best.

I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 22.05.26

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...



Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May
HALF TERM BREAK—SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer term 2

Food Bank collection in EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

Tuesday 2nd June

Y3 and Y4—QuadKids Athletics @ Parliament Hill

Thursday 4th June

Year 5 to Mass at Church (10.00-11.00)

Friday 5th June

ICE-POP sale

Thursday 11th June

Year 3 to Mass at Church (10.00-11.00)

Thursday 11th June

Online toileting workshop for EYFS (Nursery and Reception) @10.00-11.30am

Friday 11th June

ICE-POP sale

Friday 12th June

ICE-POP sale

Monday 15th June—Friday 26th June

Year 3 swimming every day for 2 weeks

Monday 15th June

Year 4 to Hampstead Heath—9.15-12.45

In the Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a special time to honour her role as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray
for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



Work of the week...

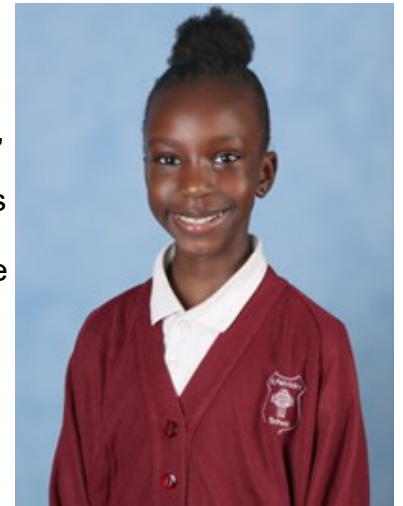
Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).



In English, **Year 4** have been reading 'The Adventures of Odysseus' and writing informal letters from Penelope's point of view, while Odysseus travelled on his long journey home.

Abuk-Maria has written a thoughtful and emotional letter, using rhetorical questions, ambitious vocabulary, and descriptive language to show Penelope's worry and loneliness.

Really well Done Abuk!



Person of the Week!

Well done to all of these children for living out our school values this week.



Attendance...

We are delighted to announce that the winners with the best attendance this week are **Year 1 and Year 4 with 97% attendance.**



As a reward, they will receive extra play time next week.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are really too unwell to come to school. **Every day counts and children who miss school 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 Dyson or Mr Magill.

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

