

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus



"By our actions, our words, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves. We want to sing of hope and reawaken in every heart the joy and the courage to embrace life, to the Full."

Pope Francis

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the school year, liturgically speaking we look forward to the forty day period between the Transfiguration on 6th August and the Holy Cross on 14th September which spans the relaxation of the summer holiday and preparation for the new school year.

In the Bible, a forty day period is significant – Noah and the flood, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the desert, Jesus' forty day fast in the wilderness – and makes a time of transition, growth, change and renewal. In the same way, we hope that our summer experiences will allow us all to reflect, recharge and re-energise.

In a similar vein, this Jubilee Year of Hope has also challenged us to reflect, change and renew our relationship with God, our world and each other. The celebrations continue until November this year but we are called to have joy in our heart and the courage to embrace life to the full, filled with hope. This message is an important one for our Year 6 cohort who are moving on to secondary school: we hope they leave us filled with joy for the friendships they have formed and courage for the next step in their life.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr Noble, Mrs Jarman and Miss Ozcetinkaya (Miss O). We thank them for all that they have brought to the children and school life and wish them every success as they move on to pastures new.

At the end of this school year, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication; the children for their joy and enthusiasm for school and the parent community for all that you do to support your children and their education.

I wish you a relaxing, happy and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tong

Safeguarding Corner

Online Privacy

It is important to develop an understanding of how you can protect your child's privacy online. Any personal information shared online creates a digital footprint and it is vital that we control who sees what.

What are Privacy settings?

Privacy settings are tools available on most social media apps, websites and games. They allow users to control who can view what they share online.

What can we do to support our children with their online privacy?

Talk to your child regularly: Talk to your child about what is personal information and get them to think about what they share online. Personal information includes their name, address, current location and their school. This includes information within photos and videos that they may share without realising it, for example, does it show their current location?

Apply appropriate privacy settings: For any app, game or device that your child uses, check the privacy settings. For example:

- Check if their location is being shared
- Check who can tag them in posts (as what others tag them in can also affect their digital footprint)
- Check who can share their content.

Check these settings regularly as new options may become available or sometimes updates can change previous settings.

Children learn from us: Think about what you are sharing online – do you share photos of your child in their school uniform or include their current location?

Set strong/complex passwords: Teach your child to create strong passwords and to never share them with others.

Search their name: Search their name to see what information can be seen about your child. Remind your child that they can delete information that they no longer want others to see.

Want more information?

Follow these links:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/child-care/online-privacy>

https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/online-safety/privacy-settings/

Arbor

In September we will be making the changeover from Parentmail to Arbor. Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS, meaning the data isn't physically stored in school, making Arbor very secure. It also means you can log into Arbor to see and update your child's information.

Information – What will you be able to see

- Attendance Data
- Student Profile

New Facilities

- From September, all parent communication will be through Arbor as Parentmail will no longer be used.
- Registers
- Payments

Please use the summer holidays to familiarise yourself with Arbor, more information can be found on the Arbor website, including an introduction to the Arbor Parent Portal:

https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/212097029-A-quick-introductionto-Arbor-for-guardians-and-parents#h_01HAPC98YPK9K3K74KOCT3M9PH



2025-2026 Calendar



3rd September – Inset Day

9th September – Beginning of Year Mass @ 10.30am

19th September – Nasal flu vaccinations (for YR-Y6)

26th September – Macmillan coffee morning

29th September – 3rd October – Y6 trip to Little Canada

7th & 9th October – Parents Evening

23rd October – Open morning @ 9:30

27th October – 31st October – Autumn half-term

14th November – Open morning @ 9:30

14th November – Odd socks day

17th November – Inset Day

21st November – Jubilee celebration day

5th December – Advent Reconciliation (Yr4-6)

10th December – EYFS Nativity @ 2.30pm

11th December – KS1 Nativity @ 9.15am & 2.30pm

16th December – KS2 Advent Liturgy @ 2.30pm & 6pm

17th December – Christmas lunch and jumper day

22nd December – 2nd January – Christmas holiday

6th January – Epiphany Mass

19th January - EYFS + KS1 Book Looks

20th January – Y3/4 Book Looks

21st January – Y5/6 Book Looks

10th February – Safer Internet Day

16th February – 20th February – Spring half-term

26th February – Parent meetings

5th March – World Book Day

11th March – Pantomime

13th March – Inset Day

17th March – St Patrick's Day Mass @ 10.30am

20th March – Lent Reconciliation (Yr4-6)

26th March – Y3 + 4 Easter Play @ 2.30pm & 6pm

30th March – 10th April – Easter holiday

14th April – Beginning of term Mass @ 10.30am

16th – 17th April – Y4 Residential

27th April – Y5/6 Book Looks

28th April – EYFS/KS1 Book Looks

30th April – Y3/4 Book Looks

1st May – Crowning of Mary Liturgy @ 10am

11th – 15th May – KS2 SATS

15th May – Ascension Day Mass (time tbc)

25th – 29th May – Summer half-term

1st – 12th June – Multiplication checks (Y4)

8th – 12th June – Phonics Screening week (Y1)

25th June – Sports Day

26th June – Inset Day

29th June – Inset Day

3rd July – First Holy Communion Mass @ 10.30am

14th July – Y6 Leavers' Play @ 2pm & 6pm

17th July – Y6 Day of Reflection

21st July – Leavers' Mass @ 10am

23rd July – 31st August – Summer Holidays

Uniform

With the end of the school year looming and I'm sure parents are preparing for September, I thought it would be helpful to remind parents of our school uniform expectations.

Our uniform consists of:

- White school shirt
 - School tie
- Bottle green v-neck woollen jumper or cardigan
 - Dark grey school trousers
 - Dark grey shorts
 - Dark green skirt or pinafore
- Green and white gingham dress as a school option
 - Green school coat (optional)
 - White or grey socks
 - Green tights

All school uniform is available from Brenda's Schoolwear Shop at 130 Frimley Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2QN. Tel 01276 818424. Website: www.brendas.co.uk.

The only branded uniform we require is a jumper/cardigan and school tie.

Infants - Reception to Year 2

All children may wear either a shirt and tie or a polo shirt all year round. You know your child's needs best and may choose either option, however, please do not mix the two – if the children wear a shirt please ensure they are also wearing a tie; if they wear a polo shirt please do not add a tie.

Juniors - Years 3 to 6

All children are required to wear a shirt and tie. White polo shirts are only permitted during the Summer Term (from after Easter until October). This aspect of our uniform policy was specifically designed as a "rite of passage" into the junior section of the school.

PE Kit

- White round neck T-shirt
 - Green shorts
 - White sports socks
- Trainers for outside games
 - Dark tracksuit

Hair should be of a natural hue with hair ties in school colours. Children should not have beads in their hair or coloured weaves. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. We do not allow jewellery to be worn in school other than stud earrings and a watch. Smart watches are not allowed.



School Cardigan or V Necked Jumper with Logo

White Shirt and Tie or Polo Shirt



- Plus the following**
- Green or Grey Tights (Winter)
 - White Knee or Ankle Socks (no trainers socks)
 - Green/Gold Hair Accessories
 - Sensible Black Shoes (no boots or trainers and no open toed shoes in the Summer)

Green Pinafore Dress or Skirt

Grey Trousers with dark socks

- Summer Uniform**
(From after Easter until October)
- Green and White Gingham Dress
 - Grey Shorts with Dark Socks

PE Kit

- Trainers - Outdoor Use
- Plimsolls - Indoor Use
- A Drawstring Bag for PE Kit
- Dark Tracksuit to Wear Outside



Other Items

- Reversible Jacket
- Infant Back Pack
- Baseball Cap or Legionnaires Hat
- Drinks Bottle

White School PE Top

Green PE Shorts

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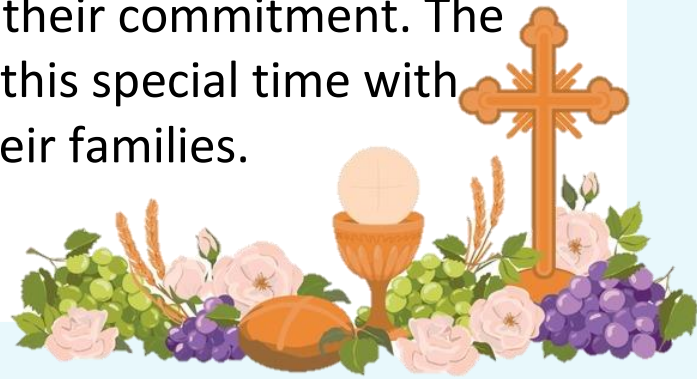
- Junior Back Pack
- Baseball Cap
- Drinks Bottle

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JUNIOR UNIFORM

On the 4th of July we celebrated the children who had recently done their First Holy Communion with a mass that was held within school. This was a very special time for both the children and their families and provided them a time to come together to celebrate their commitment. The children were able to enjoy sharing this special time with their peers, the wider school and their families.



Attendance Corner

Year Group	Attendance %	Days missed in the class
Year R	94.87%	282 days
Year 1	96.77%	177 days
Year 2	96.61%	177.5 days
Year 3	97.13%	172.5 days
Year 4	95.27%	278.5 days
Year 5	96.19%	231 days
Year 6	95.56%	232 days

Attendance Ladder



Oak Class had a fantastic day out in the sunshine on their trip to Wisley Gardens. They took part in two exciting workshops – pond dipping, where they found tiny pond creatures, and planting oxeye daisies to take home and grow.

The children also went on a mini beast hunt, carefully searching for bugs and insects hiding in the gardens. They explored the amazing glasshouse full of tropical plants, spotted a heron, and admired the beautiful lily pads and butterflies.

Everyone enjoyed a sunny picnic together and came back full of excitement and stories to share!



Year 6 absolutely *shone* in their production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. From the very first scene to the final curtain call, the performance was packed with energy, humour and singing.

The acting was superb — every child embraced their role with confidence and enthusiasm. Whether they were the crew of the crunchy frog or pirates of the curry bean, captains, sailors, the Periwinkles, the health and safety technicians, quirky natives or the sellers, each performer brought their character to life with flair and personality.

The singing was just as impressive. The songs were delivered with strength and joy, and it was clear the children had worked hard to master the melodies and lyrics.

A huge well done to all of Year 6. You were truly *fantastic* — a talented, hard-working, and confident crew who gave us three unforgettable performances!

With the help of our wonderful community, we also managed to raise £111.95 for the Y6's chosen charity, Make a Wish!

A big thank you to everyone!



What a fantastic Sports Day we had at St Patrick's Catholic School! Under a bright blue sky and glorious sunshine, our school grounds were filled with energy, laughter, and a wonderful sense of community spirit.

The children thoroughly enjoyed every moment, from racing and cheering to celebrating one another's efforts. The vibrant atmosphere was a true testament to the solidarity we share as a school family. In line with our Catholic Social Teaching of *solidarity*, we saw our children come together as one, encouraging, supporting, and competing with joy and respect across all year groups and house teams.

A special thank you goes to CM Sports for leading a range of exciting athletic activities that kept our pupils engaged and active throughout the morning. We also extend heartfelt thanks to our PTA, parents, and teachers, whose support, enthusiasm, and cheers from the sidelines helped create an unforgettable experience for our children. The parents' race and the toddler dash brought even more smiles and fun to the day, while our Upper Key Stage enjoyed fast-paced team games like over and under.

The structure of the day was a little different than usual, but our pupils adapted wonderfully. We are incredibly proud of their behaviour, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

And finally, we are delighted to offer a huge **congratulations** to our winning house—St Maximillian! Well done for your outstanding effort, teamwork, and spirit.

Thank you again to everyone who made this day so special. It truly was a shining example of the joy and unity we share here at St Patrick's.



Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?


- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.




Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.


Help your child start their reading adventure today!


**THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**


**Teatimes
£303**


**Father's Day
£126**

Things we've been able to contribute to this year include the Christmas lunch and panto, an EYFS outdoor refresh, the annual Class spends and book corner refreshers, the Year 6 Leavers gifts, and finally new bibles.



**Mother's Day
£215**


**Big Book Swap
£81**

Without everyone's help and support we couldn't make this happen so a huge thank you to the children, teachers, parents and the school community.


**Christmas Festivities
£959**

If you have any ideas, or want to get more involved next year please get in touch with your details by emailing stpatricks-pta@hotmail.com.


**Summer Fete
£1533**

St Patrick's PTA
Fundraising
2024-2025