

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Summer 2 is always a busy time and this year is no different. During July in the weekly Gospels, we are encouraged to think about living in faith, hope and love, and following Jesus through our words and actions. Our everyday lives are filled with opportunities to live out the Gospel and if we pay attention, we can challenge ourselves to never miss a moment!

Congratulations to all our children who have made their First Holy Communion over the past few weekends. Please keep them in your prayers now that they receive the Lord. As a school community, we will celebrate with them at our Mass on Friday 4th July at 10.30am – all are welcome to join us.

Please keep an eye on the calendar as the next few weeks are packed with celebrations and events preparing for September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tong

Safeguarding Corner

Do you know about Jeffy?

This is a YouTube cartoon series which, at first glance, seems to be a puppet-style cartoon. However, Jeffy is part of a wider trend of animated videos that look child-friendly but the content is definitely not.



What is Jeffy?

- Jeffy is a puppet character featured in series of YouTube videos. The channel behind Jeffy has over five million subscribers and each video posted gains millions of views.
- The character of Jeffy has been criticised for portraying an offensive stereotype of someone with unspecified learning difficulties or disability. The creator has argued against this characterisation, saying Jeffy is meant to be funny and does not represent someone with a disability.
- Despite the video's child-friendly animation style, our online safety experts found videos portraying sexual content, nudity, violence, gore, profanity and more inappropriate themes.

Dates For Your Diary

27th June – Sports Day

30th June – Inset Day

14th July – YR Trip

15th July – Leavers Play

18th July – Day of Reflection for Y6

21st July – Leavers Mass

23rd July – Summer Holidays

For more diary dates please check the calendar on our website

School Nurse Feedback Form

Have you or your child had contact with a health visitor or school nurse in the last two years?

Hampshire county Council want to hear from parents and carers of children aged 0–19 about your experiences with Hampshire’s public health nursing service.

Your feedback will help them make sure the service continues to meet the changing needs of families across the county.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and is open until 1 July. Share your views here:

<https://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/s/PHNfeedback>

Attendance Corner

Year Group	Attendance %	Days missed in the class
Year R	94.65%	272 days
Year 1	96.69%	168.5 days
Year 2	96.44%	173 days
Year 3	97.17%	156.5 days
Year 4	95.25%	257 days
Year 5	96.11%	219.5 days
Year 6	95.98%	196.5 days



It's been a busy and important time in Year 2 as we've been focusing on equipping our students with the knowledge and skills to navigate the internet safely and responsibly.

Our Year 2 class has been actively learning about how to stay safe online through engaging discussions and practical activities. We've covered key topics such as:

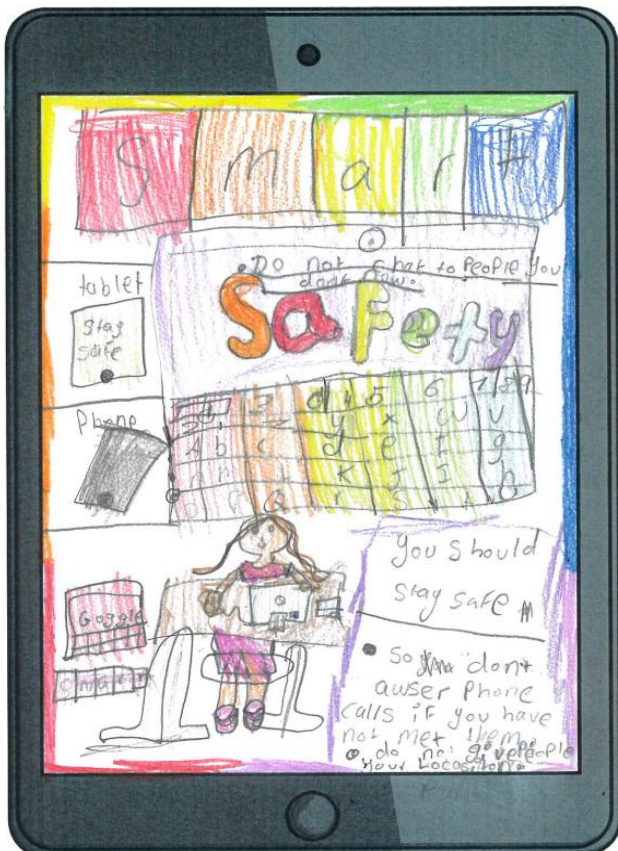
- **Understanding "Private" Information:** We've discussed what information is personal (like their full name, address, and phone number) and why it's vital *never* to share this with strangers online.
- **The Power of "Tell a Trusted Adult":** We've emphasised that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, worried, or confused, their first and most important step is to tell a parent, guardian, or teacher.
- **"Think Before You Click":** We've introduced the concept of pausing and thinking before clicking on links or opening attachments, especially if they're unsure about the source.

To help solidify their understanding and get them thinking creatively about these important messages, our Year 2 students have also been **designing their own internet safety posters!** They've done a fantastic job of capturing key safety rules in a visual and memorable way.

You can continue to support your child's online safety at home by:

- **Having open and regular conversations** about their online activities and what they encounter.
- **Reinforcing the "Tell a trusted adult" message** if something feels wrong.
- **Setting clear family rules and boundaries** for internet usage and screen time.
- **Exploring safe and age-appropriate websites and apps together.**

Design Your Own Online Safety Poster



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✨ 🎉 What a fantastic day! 🎉 ✨

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along to our Summer Fete this year, we had an absolute blast and raised a HUGE £1579.33 for our school community!

The bottle and sweet tombola's were a total sell-out (as always!) and the sound of children's laughter from the Bounce & Games Zone reminded us exactly what these days are all about. A big well done to our brilliant Dance Club for their fabulous performance even with a little technical hitch, they kept smiling and dancing, and lucky for us, Mr McArthur was on hand to save the day!

Congratulations to all our lucky raffle winners, and how great was it to see the Silent Auction back in action too? A massive shout-out to our amazing Year 6 helpers and our brilliant parent volunteers, we simply couldn't pull off days like this without you. Your support means the world, and we're so grateful to have such a wonderful community around us.

We still have a number of unclaimed prizes from both the Silent Auction and the Raffle. If your child's name appears below, or if you recognise a winning bid, please collect your prize from the school office at your earliest convenience.

Silent Auction Winners:

- Hall Hire from Miss Ryan — Jacqui McGreal (£40)
- KS2 Tutoring with Mrs Cole — Leanne Philp (£22.50)
- Ironing by Mrs Tong — Amelie C (£10)





NSPCC Visit to Year 5 and Year 6

This term, children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an important session led by the NSPCC. The visit focused on helping pupils understand how to stay safe, speak out, and seek help when they need it.

The sessions were interactive and engaging, with children given the opportunity to ask and answer questions throughout. They showed great maturity in their responses and listened carefully to the key messages shared.

We're proud of how thoughtfully our pupils engaged with the topic, and we know this visit will help strengthen their understanding of personal safety and wellbeing.

On Wednesday 18th June, six children who made their First Holy Communion this year were invited to the Annual Schools mass at Portsmouth. This was a chance to celebrate Mass with representatives from every school in our diocese. The Mass was led by the Bishop.

Bishop Philip spoke to us about how prayer was significant to our faith and that it was important to let God into the very centre of our heart – to that place where our real thoughts, feelings, fears and joys are kept. When we do that, everything feels a little bit easier to manage.

Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch in the park and got to meet Bishop Philip and have a conversation with him.



Last week, Year 2 from St Patrick's had an exciting adventure at Wellington Country Park, diving into their new science topic all about animals and their habitats. The children explored woodland trails, discovered hidden minibeasts and took on the role of real-life bug detectives!

Despite the soggy rain, spirits remained high and the children were full of curiosity and enthusiasm. From spotting wriggly worms to learning about woodland creatures, every moment was action packed with learning and fun. They also enjoyed a ride on the park's train, Arthur, which chugged through the grounds, and had a brilliant time playing in the large adventure playground.

A fantastic day was had by all, and the children represented St Patrick's beautifully with their outstanding behaviour and teamwork. We are so proud of them!



St Patrick's hosted the EARA meeting this term, welcoming 36 children and some staff from schools across Hampshire.

Our EARA delegates were exemplary hosts, showcasing their leadership and enthusiasm throughout the day. As part of the meeting, they presented their future plans for our school, demonstrating a strong commitment to making a positive impact.

One of their current initiatives is a survey on gender equality in games. The findings from this will help us identify areas for improvement and ensure that everyone feels included and engaged in games and sports at St Patrick's.



ARMED FORCES DAY PROM IN THE PARK

Saturday 28th June
Princes Gardens, Aldershot
2pm to 5pm

Prom concert, jazz singer,
Lindy Hop dancers, children's
crafts, face painting & more!

FREE



ARMED FORCES DAY
28 JUNE 2025



Free hot drink
for military



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