

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus



## A message from the Acting Head

Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe we have come to the end of another school year! Time has flown by!

Last week we celebrated Mrs Dix with a wonderful Mass at Farnborough Hill. The children were a real credit to the school and it felt so special to come together to thank Mrs Dix for her dedication to the children and staff of St. Patrick's.

Sadly we also say farewell to Mrs Merry, Mrs Marais, Mrs Carter and Mrs Stockford. We thank them for all they have done for our school and wish them the very best for their next adventures. I am so grateful to all our staff who are committed to doing the best for the children in their care.

Our Y6 children are moving on to secondary school, we have watched them grow and flourish and wish them lots of happiness for the future.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank you for your unwavering support for our school. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Cole

## A message from the Executive Head

Dear parents and carers,

This is the last newsletter of the academic year and the final one I will write to you as Executive Headteacher.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your good wishes, prayers and gifts as I come to the end of many busy years in education and move into a quieter phase of life, in retirement.

I have always considered teaching to be a vocation, a calling to make a difference to the lives of children and their families. Over the years, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with many wonderful children, nurturing their growth and supporting their development, be that academic, social, physical or spiritual.

Each leader of a Catholic school acts as a custodian, a guardian who not only moves the school forward at the present time but preserves the ethos and traditions of the school for future generations. I hope that in some small way I have managed to achieve this aim.

Finally, I know that the future of St Patrick's is in safe hands with Mrs Tong and I will be thinking of you all when you return to school on 3rd September.

With thanks for your constant support and every blessing for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dix



# Safeguarding Corner

## Summertime Screen Time

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group have published information on their website to help manage your child's screen time during the summer break.

Their website includes top tips for managing screen time, activities and guides to popular apps:

<https://ineqe.com/2024/06/20/summertime-screen-time-2024/>

## Helping your child transition to secondary school

Is your child moving to secondary school in September? Internet Matters have published lots of useful advice and resources to help you during this transition, including discussing if your child is ready for a smartphone and explaining the challenges they may face in secondary school:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

What's coming up?

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS!!!

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Children back to school

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Start of term Mass

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Year 1 at Milestones

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents Evening Online

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents Evening Online

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Inset Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 6 to visit Knellwood

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Open morning



# What's been going on?



Earlier this year we were fortunate enough to be successful securing a grant from Universal Music UK Sound Foundation.

Year 4 and 5 at St Patrick's have really enjoyed learning how to play the keyboards which were recently purchased. They have been learning and composing melodies to a Salsa song called 'Vamos, Let's Go!' Once they were confidently able to play their melodies on glockenspiels, they were then taught how to transfer this onto the keyboard.

They were so excited to learn new skills, test out the different sounds that could be made and try to focus on a 5 finger position. Mrs Day can't wait to start using these across the music curriculum!

Our thanks go to the Foundation for their generous donation.



Year 2 have been learning all about England's history and in particular, the Great Fire of London!

As shown in the pictures, they had a go at making their own versions of the sort of houses that you would've seen in London back then and they done an absolutely incredible job of it.

Well done, Year 2!



The children in year 4 championed starting a basketball team and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, a friendly match was organised with St Bernadette's. An exciting game ended in a close 4-3 loss for St Patrick's. All the players showed courage and perseverance during the match and sportsmanship after the match was decided. We look forward to organising more games and are proud of the great example set by our players.



The children in year 3 and older members of the school took their first holy communion in June. This came after months of work in their respective parishes on their communion promises.

The children came together for a mass at school to celebrate the milestone together. We at St. Patrick's are very proud of the children and hope they will be a shining example in their churches.



On 13th June, six children from St Patrick's joined six children from St Bernadette's to travel to St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth for the annual Diocesan Schools Mass.

The cathedral was packed with children from all the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth as Bishop Philip celebrated Mass amid a sea of school banners and different coloured uniforms.

After Mass, we enjoyed a picnic in the park where the children were delighted to meet the Bishop in person as he chatted to everyone and oversaw the distribution of lollipops!

We also bumped into Mrs Mulholland who sends her best wishes to everyone at St Patrick's.

The children were fantastic ambassadors for their schools with their impeccable behaviour, mature approach and good spirits; it was a pleasure to spend the day together in Portsmouth.



Last week, Year 6 walked to Knellwood care home to visit the residents. We had a really good afternoon and the staff had set up interactive games, cake decorating and plant pot decorating. It was so lovely to watch the children interact with the people who live at Knellwood; they shared stories, sang some songs and found out about their interests.



As part of their Design and Technology curriculum, children in Year 6 Sycamore class designed and created impressive playground equipment. Their well-thought-out 3D models showcased not only creativity but also excellent engineering skills. The materials they chose ensured the stability and durability of the structures.

Professional builders who visited our exhibition last week in the prayer garden, were amazed by the complexity and quality of work produced by these 11-year-olds. Well done, Year 6!



On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, Year 5 and 6 got to go to Wintershall which focuses on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They had a lovely time and luckily, it was nice and warm for them, too!



# Discounted Events Basingstoke

Half  
Price

## Aquadrome Youth Swim

21st and 28th June, 5th & 12th July  
6-8pm - £3.50

Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 6PG

## Family Atmosphere Trampoline

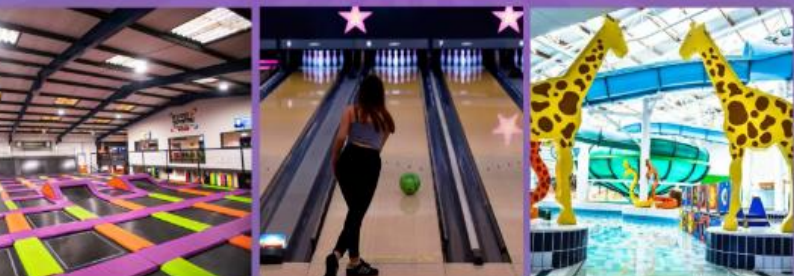
19th June, 10th July, 7th & 28th August  
6-8pm - £3

Unit B, Daneshill Industrial Estate, Rutherford Road,  
Basingstoke RG24 8PD

## Bowling

9th July - 6pm - £4.50

Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 6PG



Please book via email - [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)  
For more information visit the events calendar on our website  
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# Discounted Events Aldershot

## Aldershot Lido

6th July - 10am

£6.50 adults and £4.50 children

## Cinema - Despicable Me 4

6th August - 2pm - £3

## Cinema - Inside Out 2

13th August - 2pm - £3

## Cinema - Garfield Movie

20th August - 2pm - £3

## Cinema - Little Monsters

27th August - 2pm - £3



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# Discounted Events Reading

Half  
Price

## Lagoona Waterpark

29th June and 11th August - 2pm - £5  
Pingewood Road, Reading RG30 3UH

## Dinton Park Paddleboarding

17th August - 10am - £5

Sandford Lane, Hurst, Wokingham RG10 0SU

## Clip 'n' Climb

26th August - 6pm - £6.50

The Grain Store, Bridge Farm, Reading RG2 9HT



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# Discounted Events Farnborough

Half  
Price

## High Score

10th August - 12:45pm - £5

The Meads, Unit 29, Farnborough GU14 7SL

## 360 Play

18th August - 6:30pm - 8:30pm - £3.50

The Meads, Farnborough GU14 7GL



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## School Summer Holiday Activities

**MONDAY 29TH JULY 10AM - 12PM**

### FAMILY FUN

A SESSION FOR ALL THE FAMILY, OF ANY AGE, TO ENJOY SPENDING QUALITY TIME IN NATURE TOGETHER.

### 5 TO 11 YEAR OLD WILD EXPLORERS DROP AND GO SESSIONS

TUESDAY 30TH JULY,  
WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY  
THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST  
10AM - 11:55AM

### 8 TO 13 YEAR OLD WILD ADVENTURERS DROP AND GO SESSIONS

TUESDAY 30TH JULY,  
WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY  
THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST  
1PM - 4PM



**Bookings Open:**

[www.farnboroughforestschool.co.uk](http://www.farnboroughforestschool.co.uk)

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RAY OF HOPE**

**DISCOUNTED  
FAMILY PASSES**

## BEALE PARK, PANGBOURNE

# BEALE WILDLIFE PARK

VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE

SPOTLIGHT UK ARE OFFERING DISCOUNTED FAMILY DAY PASSES TO BEALE PARK BETWEEN NOW & NOVEMBER  
£5 PER PERSON ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE BOOKING FOR SPOTLIGHT UK

Bookings must be made by emailing  
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## LIVING RAINFOREST, NEWBURY



VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE

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## Deborah Jayne SCHOOL OF DANCE AND THEATRE

For all children aged 6-15 years. Come and join a fun packed summer camp of learning all genres of dance, drama, musical theatre, acting for camera. Children will learn extracts from Annie The Musical, Grease, Shrek The Musical.

9.30 - 3.00pm 6 - 15 years £95.00 for 3 days (Early Bird Fee £90.00 book by 1<sup>st</sup> July) or £37.00 per day

**10% Sibling Discount.**

Contact Deborah to reserve a place [info@deborahjayneschoolofdance.co.uk](mailto:info@deborahjayneschoolofdance.co.uk) or 07973 426775



**Farnborough Summer School 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> July  
At St Peter's School Farnborough**

**Children will learn various styles of dance, acting and singing. Learn how to act for camera and theatre. A performance will take place at the end of the week.**





Build Your Tomorrow. Today!

# SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

31 July 2024

Construction Equipment

7 August 2024

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

13, 14 & 15 August 2024

Making a Stop Motion Video

21 August 2024

Theme Park Rides

**CHILDREN AGES 6 - 12**

Join us for a holiday full of

**FUN and EXCITEMENT!!**

Construction Vehicles, Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Theme Park Rides and we teach you how to make your own Stop Motion Video!!

10% on multiple day bookings

12% on sibling booking

**Time:**  
10:00 - 16:00

**Venue:**  
High Cross Church,  
1 Knoll Rd, Camberley,  
GU15 3SY

**Price:**  
£35

FREE PARKING for drop off & pick up.

At the High Cross Cafe, They offer meals of excellent quality, delicious, healthy, affordable and fresh food for you and your family.

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# Active Rushmoor



## Rushmoor Sports and Physical Activities Day

10 am - 4 pm

Saturday 14th September 2024  
King George V Playing Field,  
Sycamore Road, Farnborough  
GU14 6RE

We're encouraging everyone to come and explore new activities for free. We hope you'll consider signing up for something that you'd truly enjoy. It's all about finding connection and community to keep you engaged! There will also be mental health services providers, gardening activities, and befriending space for mental health support too!

Mental Health

Speak to someone

You're not alone

activerushmoor@gmail.com



## Fins Swimming Club

### Summer Holiday Intensive Swim Courses

Come rain or shine ... keep them busy!



Small Group & 1-1/1-2 Swim Lessons From Age 3+  
Lessons for children & Adults

www.FinsSwimmingClub.org

## WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER WITH ARTFUL KIDS?

6TH JULY - THE BOURNE SHOW, FARNHAM  
MAKE AND TAKE CRAFTS - PRICES FROM £2

13TH JULY - HOGMOOR INCLOSURE, BORDON  
COME AND MAKE A NATURE CROWN - £5

5TH AUGUST - HASLEMERE YOUTH HUB  
MAKE AND TAKE CRAFTS - PRICES FROM £2

6TH AUGUST - THE SQUARE CAMBERLEY  
MAKE A PIRATE/ MERMAID TREASURE CHEST - FREE

8TH AUGUST - G-LIVE WITH EXPERIENCE GUILDFORD  
MAKE A BEADED BRACELET - FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE

19TH AUGUST - HASLEMERE YOUTH HUB  
FUN SUMMER CRAFTS

22ND AUGUST - GUILDFORD TOURIST OFFICE  
MAKE A HOOP SUNCATCHER WITH EXPERIENCE GUILDFORD

27TH + 28TH AUGUST - POP UP AT PACKHOUSE, FARNHAM  
LOTS OF AMAZING CRAFT WORKSHOPS HAPPENING OVER THE TWO DAYS - PLACES LIMITED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE:

www.artfulkids.uk

