St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
School Newsletter - October 2026

Learn from Jesus,
Love like Jesus,
Live like Jesus

"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe how quickly this half term has gone, even though on paper, it looked like a long 8 weeks! Our reception class have settled in wonderfully as have the other children and staff who are new to the school. Thank you for your warmth of your welcome as I return to St Patrick's; its been lovely to catch up with you and I look forward to the year ahead.

I always feel that this half term is about preparing. We have prepared for the adventure of the year ahead. We have strengthened and grown relationships. We have work together on developing the right learning behaviours in school. By focusing on these elements, we have all settled back into the new school year, establishing a rhythm that will help us reach our goals and targets this academic year.

During October, children have brought their harvest donations for Farnborough Foodbank. Thank you so much for your generous donations and for helping the children to understand the importance of being part of an active and supportive local community. Our care and service of others is mirrored in the Gospel readings that we have shared this half term. We finish this term with Jesus reminding us of the greatest commandment to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and …. Love your neighbour as yourself.". The message of Jesus' words are clear; prioritise serving each other and loving God. If we do this, our lives will be richer and we will be rewarded many times over in heaven.
Some children have already experienced a school trip or residential already this year. These trips really enrich the curriculum and we learn so much about the children in a different setting.There is something special about trips and I still fondly look back on trips that I took at school. Thank you to all those who volunteer their time to make these trips happen.

After half term, we change to the winter uniform. Please look at the school website for details of what should be worn as the weather gets colder. May I also take this opportunity to remind you to read and follow the rules in the sections on jewellery and hair styles/accessories, especially having long hair tied back.

I wish you a happy and safe half term when we get there!

With every blessing,

Miss U Clark
Acting Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Half-term (school closed)

Monday 2nd November
Year 3 Trip

Monday 9th November
Individual and Sibling Photos

Tuesday 10th November
Year 5 Trip

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day Celebration

Monday 16th November
Inset Day (School Closed)

Monday 7th December at 2:45pm
Oak Class and Pandas Christmas Sing-a-Long

Wednesday 9th December at 2pm
KS1 Nativity

Thursday 10th December at 9:15am
KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 16th December
KS2 Advent Liturgy

Thursday 17th December
Christmas Jumper Day and Chritsmas Dinner

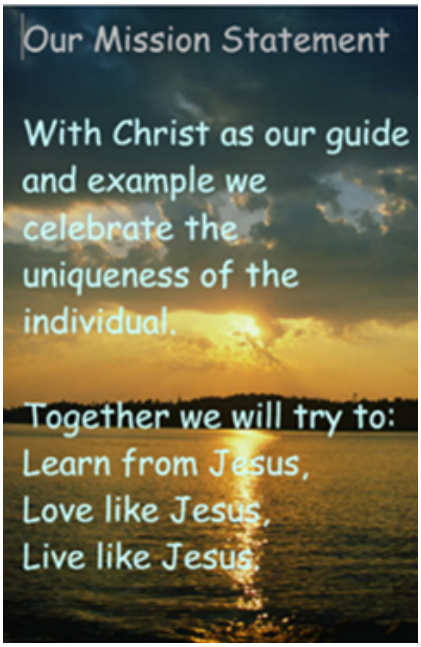
Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027
Christmas Half Term

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement is very much at the heart of our vision and school success. Any mission statement needs to be actively lived and practiced; so what does that mean for us in school?

At the core is how we relate to each other; staff to pupils; pupils to each other and staff with parents, aiming for mutually respectful relationships which show love and care for each other. Jesus gave time to those he met showing compassion and treating all with dignity; we aim to model that in all our interactions.

As you will know, we plan and organise many opportunities throughout the year where we can see our mission statement in action. For example, our recent harvest collection showed how we supported the dignity of others, ensuring they have food to eat and more importantly that those who have less than we have know people care for them.



SAFEGUARDING CORNER



Road Safety as the Days Get Shorter

With mornings and afternoons becoming darker and visibility lower, pedestrian safety is more important than ever:

- Be Bright, Be Seen: Encourage children to wear bright, reflective clothing or accessories (like backpack tags or armbands) when walking, scooting, or cycling to and from school.

Drop-Off Courtesy and Road Safety

- If you drive your child to school, please park safely, legally and considerately. Please do not park on zig-zag lines or double yellow lines or obstruct school gates. These restrictions are in place for a reason: to protect children, maintain clear sightlines and ensure pedestrians can cross the road safely.
- Please take particular care when children are getting out of vehicles. Ensure they exit safely onto the pavement wherever possible, away from moving traffic and remain mindful of other children and families walking nearby.
- We also ask all drivers to avoid turning around or performing three-point turns in the road near the school, as children may be crossing unexpectedly and can be difficult to see.
- There is ample parking more readily available on Ashley Road, and we strongly encourage parents and carers to use this option wherever possible, rather than stopping or parking in restricted or unsafe areas close to the school entrance.

Online Safety: Gaming and Chat Apps

As children spend more time indoors playing video games or connecting with friends, please take a moment to review their digital habits:

- Check Age Ratings: Ensure that games, apps, and social platforms your child uses are appropriate for their age (e.g. checking PEGI ratings for games).
- Open Conversations: Talk regularly with your child about who they are talking to online. Remind them never to share personal information such as their full name, school, address, or phone number with strangers.

PIANO LESSONS

Mrs Fisher currently has capacity for four additional students to join her piano lessons on Mondays. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to start learning the piano or continue developing their musical skills in a supportive learning environment.

Please get in touch if this is of interest to you.



HELP OUR PRAYER GARDEN BLOOM!

We would be very grateful for donations of flower bulbs that each class can plant in the garden after half term. Bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, grape hyacinths and crocuses would be very welcome.

If you would prefer to make a small monetary donation instead, a contribution of £1 would be greatly appreciated and will be collected by the Chaplaincy Team after half term.

RE UNITS

This year we are using a new scheme for the teaching of Religious Education called Lighting the Path. It is a scheme approved for Catholic schools to use by Bishop Philip. Although the unit titles are now called Branches and have different titles, the curriculum follows the liturgical year.



The branch for the second half of the Autumn term is called Prophecy and Promise and links with the season of Advent. Children will learn about the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, promised by God. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6, will also read the stories of the Old Testament prophets and how these stories point to the fulfilment of God's promise in Jesus.

POPPY APPEAL



We are pleased to be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. After half term, our Year 6 children will be visiting classes to sell poppies, wristbands and reflective poppies. If your child would like to purchase an item, please send them into school with some cash.

Thank you for helping us support this important cause and remember all those who have served and sacrificed for others.

RECEPTION DONATIONS

We're developing our small world area and outdoor water play café in Reception and would be grateful for donations of pre-loved toys and items to support imaginative play.

- Dolls and doll's house people
- Playmobil figures, buildings and accessories
- Small farm, zoo, jungle and woodland animals
- Dinosaurs and sea creatures
- Toy cars, tractors and diggers
- Little houses, barns, castles and furniture
- Stainless steel items - teapots, milk jugs

Please ensure all donations are clean, safe and in good condition, with no broken or loose parts.



THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has generously donated to Farnborough Food Bank.

We are especially grateful to Our Lady Help of Christians Church and all our Parishioners for their kindness, generosity and continued support. Every donation, no matter how big or small, makes a real difference to individuals and families in our local community who are facing difficult times.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, this year's donations weighed a fantastic 173kg, compared with 118kg last year! This is an increase of 55kg, a wonderful reflection of the kindness and community spirit shown by everyone involved.

Your generosity helps provide essential food and support to those who need it most, and we are truly grateful for your compassion and willingness to help others.











LITURGIES AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORD



Parents are invited to join us for the following celebrations of the word:

REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION



Wednesday 11th November at 10.45am on the playground.

Children in Scouting, Cadets or Girl Guides groups may wear their uniforms as a sign of our commitment to remembering those who serve.

OAK CLASS AND PANDAS CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG



Monday 7th December at 2.45pm in the hall

The children will be sharing some Christmas songs and a simple Nativity.

KS1 NATIVITY



Wednesday 9th December at 2pm in the hall
Thursday 10th December at 9:15am in the hall

Parents will be able to book tickets mid November

KS2 ADVENT LITURGY



Wednesday 16th December at 9:15am and 2pm in the hall

Parents will be able to book tickets mid November.

CHILDRENS CHRITSMAS LUNCH



Thursday 17th December

Children can wear their Christmas jumper on this day instead of their St Patrick's jumper.

ADVENT CHARITY



The Chaplaincy Team led by Mrs Livingston -Payne will be organising a charity collection for the homeless (Step by Step) during Advent.

We will be looking for items to create Christmas gift bags, eg warm socks, scarves, hats, gloves, toiletries, chocolate and biscuits.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform and that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check our website for up-to-date uniform and PE kit information. Please note that your child must have the correct PE kit, as specified on the school website. **Branded T-shirts, shorts and jumpers are not suitable, and items in colours other than those specified on the website should not be worn.**

INFANT UNIFORM



School Cardigan or V Necked Jumper with Logo



White Shirt and Tie or Polo Shirt



Green Pinafore Dress or Skirt



Grey Trousers with Dark Socks

Plus the following:
- Green or Grey Tights *(Winter)*
- White Knee or Ankle Socks *(no trainer socks)*
- Green/Gold Hair Accessories
- Sensible Black Shoes *(no boots or trainers)*



White School PE Top



Green PE Shorts

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

JUNIORS UNIFORM



School Cardigan or V Necked Jumper with Logo



White Shirt and Tie or Polo Shirt (Summer Uniform)



Green Pinafore Dress or Skirt



Grey Trousers with Dark Socks

Plus the following:
- Green or Grey Tights *(Winter)*
- White Knee or Ankle Socks *(no trainer socks)*
- Green/Gold Hair Accessories
- Sensible Black Shoes *(no boots or trainers)*



White School PE Top



Green PE Shorts

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

OTHER ITEMS
- Junior Back Pack
- Baseball Cap
- Drinks Bottle

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Can you help by donating a new and unwrapped gift this Christmas for a child who may go without across Hampshire and Berkshire?

Last year Spotlight UK donated over 5500 presents to local children via referrals from schools and social workers and we hope to do it again this year.

Visit
www.spotlightuk.org/Christmas-appeal 2026
for local collection points.

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