



# Shamrock Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see the children's smiling faces over the last two weeks and to hear what they got up to over the Christmas break. They have got down to their work with a great enthusiasm, whether creating pyramids in Year 5 or writing wonderful stories in Year 2. There are a few things that I would like to bring to your attention, so please read on.

## School Vacancy - Cleaner

One of our existing members of cleaning staff is leaving us after several years of great service. We are looking to recruit someone for this position. If you or anyone you know is looking for a part-time role as part of our team, please find the advert here:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/138465/EDV-2026-SPCPS-57422>

Please feel free to share this more widely if you think you might find the right person to help keep our learning environment clean and safe for our children.

## After School Club

Our After School Club is incredibly popular. If you have not registered your child via the Arbor app then we might not be able to accommodate them. If you are having problems booking via the Arbor app please speak to the school office. Mrs Plumstead will be communicating the process for children not registered with After School Club.

## Blackswarth Road Pelican Crossing

We are aware that there are plans to move the existing pelican crossing outside school. Further details can be found here:

[https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/10503-5-notice-of-proposal-blackswarth-road-pile-marsh-  
junction/file](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/10503-5-notice-of-proposal-blackswarth-road-pile-marsh-junction/file)

Whilst two extra crossing points will mean a safer journey to school for many of you, I am seeking clarification from Bristol City Council about when we might expect these works to begin and how they might work with us to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum.

### Lost Property

Further to my email about lost property, any remaining clothing which is not claimed by 4<sup>th</sup> February will be donated to a worthy cause. It is available inside our KS2 entrance for your perusal at the beginning and the end of the school day.

### What's been going on?

We had a wonderful Epiphany Mass at St Patrick's Church. The children did exceptionally well and it was brilliant to welcome St Francis class to mass for the first time this year. The learning in classrooms has been purposeful and this term is so important for continuing the routines and high expectations of learning behaviours that we hold for all the children in our school. Thank you for engaging with staff around their learning and behaviour. We are all working together to support the children.

### RSE (Relationships and sex education)

Please have a read of the letter attached to a separate email on this subject. It contains information about what (and how) we teach this area of the curriculum at St Patrick's. There is also a parental login to the platform that we use, allowing you to engage with the resources your children will see in school. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with them as this will help conversations at home and will help you to understand what your child will be learning at school.

### Mobile Phones

We kindly ask parents to avoid using mobile phones during pick-up time. This short moment at the end of the day is an important one for your child - they are excited to see you, share what they've learned, and feel your full attention after being away for several hours. Being phone-free also helps us keep the site safe and ensures children leave calmly and confidently. Thank you for helping us make the end of the school day a positive and connected moment for your child.

### House Point Competition

St John's house wore their own clothes last week as a reward for winning the house point competition for Term 1. Keep working hard and earning your house points. The House Captains for St Luke are gathering opinions from the other children about their reward for winning the house point competition in Term 2!



## Dates for diaries

There's lots going on this term:

Date	Event	Notes
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Swimming Coffee Morning School Nurse	9am in the school hall
21 <sup>st</sup> January	PTA event – Pajamarama	See separate flyer for more information
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Swimming	
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y5 Swimming Rags to Riches Clothes Collection	Collect any lost property before this date
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Swimming Safer Internet Day	
13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET DAY - No school for Children</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> February – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Swimming	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5 Swimming	
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	More information to follow separately
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Swimming Coffee Morning – School Nurse	9am in the school hall
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 swimming St Patrick's Day	More information to follow separately
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Swimming	
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5 Swimming	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>INSET DAY - No school for children</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Good Friday - No school for children</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Easter Sunday	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday	
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school	Gates open at 8:40am

## And finally...

In this week's gospel reading, John the Baptist points towards Jesus and says, "Look, the Lamb of God." John's words remind us of the importance of recognising goodness when we see it. He doesn't point to himself or seek attention; instead, he notices something special in Jesus and shares it with others.

In school, we see this same spirit in our children every day. They notice kindness in one another, celebrate others' achievements, and encourage their friends when things feel difficult. Like John, they remind us that community grows stronger when we lift each other up. Our current table display in the corridor focuses on the words of Florence Littauer and the 'gift of encouragement', asking children to think about what they have said to encourage someone.

As we continue through the term, may we all take a moment to pause, notice the good around us, and celebrate the gifts each child brings to our school family. John's message encourages us to look for light - even in small moments - and to share that light generously with others.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend,



Mr Broyd

