



Shamrock Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent is always a wonderful time of year in a primary school. Walking the corridors and checking in with classes during the day, you experience carols, play rehearsals, discussion around this special time of preparation and some excitement as we head towards the end of the term and the Christmas holidays. At St Patrick's we've been very busy and you will have received notification about Christmas plays and Christmas discos. There is more information about some of the things we've been up to at school as well as a reminder of some of the key dates over the next couple of weeks and into January (2026!).

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and progress. Every day at school counts. Missing just one day can mean losing up to five hours of valuable learning time. Over a term, even a few absences can add up to weeks of missed lessons, making it harder for children to keep up and feel confident. Good attendance helps children build strong foundations in reading, writing, and maths, and supports their social development too. Let's work together to make every school day count! If you need any support with your child's attendance please do get in touch with us. Should your child's attendance dip below 90%, we will be in touch with you to see how we can help.

After School Club Options

There is going to be a change in the clubs that we offer after school. We will still be offering the school-run After School Club, but we are going to be able to offer some additional sports clubs as well during Term 3. Details of these will follow in a separate email next week. Look out for it – they will book up fast!

Parking reminders

Parking on the white zig zag lines outside the school can result in £120 fine, 3 points added to the licence holder and a day in court. It would pain me if someone were to be fined at school drop-off or pick-up. Please ensure you leave enough time to park in a safe location when driving to school.

Uniform

A polite reminder about our school uniform. It is worn with pride in school and looks very smart when the children are out and about, representing our wonderful school community. Please could you ensure your child is wearing the **correct school jumper and PE shirt**. The school jumper should be green and can have the school logo or not. The PE shirt should be plain white, without pictures of decoration.

There are lots of items of school uniform available on the rail in our school entrance foyer should you require them.

What's been going on

There has been plenty going on over the last couple of weeks. It has been wonderful to see and hear of the successes around the school. Some highlights include:

Advent Mass – Year 3 and Year 4 led our Advent Mass at St Patrick's Church. Thank you if you came to support them and well done to all the children who were involved with reading and serving.

Chaplaincy Team – Mr Beasley-Suffolk and I were honoured to take the new members of our Chaplaincy Team to Clifton Cathedral to celebrate Mass with Bishop Bosco and to be welcomed into their new role by the director of Clifton Diocese Schools & Education department.

Jubilee year of Hope celebration – As we approach the end of this Jubilee Year of Hope, we marked the celebration day on Thursday 20th November (one day early due to our INSET day on the 21st). It was lovely to look back on and reflect upon the amazing things that have happened over the course of the year (I still have the seed of Hope that Y6 gave me in July) and think about how we can be Pilgrims of Hope for the remainder of the year and beyond.

Piano concert – KS2 were amazed by the performance of our pianists this afternoon. They have worked so hard on their piano skills and Mrs Wring has done a brilliant job in helping them learn new skills. They all looked wonderfully confident playing their Christmas tunes. If you would be interested in piano lessons for your child, please pop into the school office to ask about them.

Photos

Here are some of the things we've been getting up to in the last couple of weeks:

		
<p>The new members of the Chaplaincy Team visited Clifton Cathedral.</p>	<p>We were reminded of the amazing things we have done during the Jubilee Year of Hope.</p>	<p>We lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath.</p>
		
<p>We heard about some of the amazing things our Stars Of The Week have done.</p>	<p>KS1 thought about our CST principle of Solidarity in their key stage worship.</p>	<p>Year 5 have been working really hard on their lanterns for the parade!</p>

Dates for your diaries

The next couple of weeks are incredibly busy with lots going on. Please make sure you check and get things in the calendar!

Date	Event/Activity	Notes/Location
9 th December	YR Nativity Play Y4 Swimming	2:30pm in the school hall
10 th December	Y1/Y2 Nativity Play – ticketed	2:30pm in the school hall
11 th December	Y1/Y2 Nativity Play – ticketed	2:30pm in the school hall
14 th December	Parish Carol Concert	St Patrick's Church
16 th December	Y4 Swimming	
17 th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day	Please make sure you have ordered a Christmas lunch via Arbor!
18 th December	School Christmas Carol Concert – all welcome	2:15pm in St Patrick's Church
22 nd December – 2 nd January	Christmas Break	
5 th January	INSET DAY – No school for children	
6 th January	Epiphany Mass – all welcome Y5 Swimming	9:15am in St Patrick's Church
8 th January	School Tour	3.30pm
13 th January	Y5 Swimming	
20 th January	Y5 Swimming Coffee Morning with the School Nursing team.	9am in the school hall
27 th January	Y5 Swimming	
28 th January	EYFS / KS1 Mass – all welcome PTA Event – Pyjamarama – please book!	9:15am at St Patrick's Church After school

And finally...

As we enter this season of preparation, let us take inspiration from Luke's Gospel. Advent is a time to clear away distractions and open our hearts to God's presence. May we, as a school community, walk together in hope and readiness, supporting one another as we await the joy and peace that Christ brings.



I wish you all a very peaceful weekend,

Handwritten signature of Edwin Broyd in black ink.

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