



Shamrock Newsletter

27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a joy to welcome the children back to school after the half-term break. The corridors and classrooms have been filled with energy, smiles and a renewed sense of enthusiasm for learning. Their positivity has been a wonderful reminder of the strength of our school community.

As we enter the season of Lent - a time traditionally associated with reflection, growth and kindness - it has been especially uplifting to see these values already shining through in the way our pupils have returned: supporting one another, embracing challenges and contributing to the life of the school with such enthusiasm.

There are a few items of note which I hope you will read:

Drop-offs and pick-ups

We would like to remind all parents and carers that parking on both zig-zag lines and double yellow lines is not permitted. These road markings are in place to keep the area around school safe and visible for children, families and staff. Please help us maintain a safe environment by ensuring that you only park in designated areas and avoid stopping on the zig-zags, even briefly, during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Your support makes a real difference to the safety of our whole school community.

Additionally, if your child is in Reception (St Francis class), please ensure that you accompany them to their entry door at the front of the school. This helps them arrive at school positively and allows us to check with you that they have everything that they need for the day or find out whether there is anything specific we need to know to help support your child through the day.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of children wearing the correct school uniform each day. A consistent approach to uniform helps pupils feel part of our school community, supports a sense of pride, and ensures everyone is ready to learn. Over the last couple of weeks either side of half term, we have noticed an increase in pupils arriving in trainers instead of school shoes, without the correct jumper, or missing their tie. We kindly ask for your support in helping your child meet our uniform expectations so that we can maintain high standards across the school.

Please remember that we are able to offer some support for families in this regard. Please speak to the school office in confidence if you would like some support.

Charitable Donations

St Patrick's is proud to continue supporting charitable causes within our community. This year, the school raised £46 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, thanks to the generosity of our families.

The school also received £50 from the recent Rags 2 Riches collection, following the donation of clothing from our school community. We are grateful to everyone who contributed and helped make a positive difference.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

A reminder that next Thursday is World Book Day! Children are very welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they would like to. There is no expectation to buy a costume, and children are equally welcome to come in their usual school uniform if they prefer. We're looking forward to celebrating a love of reading across St Patrick's.

PTA event – World Book Day Disco – Friday 6th March

Next Friday is our next PTA event, the World Book Day Disco! Please check out the posters around the school site to scan the QR code. Alternatively, the poster has been attached to the same email as this newsletter.

What's been going on

There has been lots going on either side of half term. Before the break, we had our Chaplaincy Team plan and set up a pop-up prayer space at the beginning of the school day. This gave the children the opportunity for the children to reflect on the start of Lent.

This week, we have welcomed some special visitors into Key Stage 1. We have had several different adults visit us to tell us about their jobs and how they can help us and the wider community. We have tried on different uniforms and clothing, as well as getting a peek inside a fire engine!

Photos

Here are some pictures which showcase some of the things that have been going on recently at St Patrick's.

		
Key Stage 1 met several different visitors.		
		
We got to try on some really cool uniforms!	The children created some artwork for a combined display to brighten our corridors.	We celebrate the positive achievements in school each Friday morning.

Dates for diaries

2 nd March	Phonics Workshop for Parents	2:45pm in school
3 rd March	Y5 Swimming	
5 th March	World Book Day	
6 th March	PTA Event – World Book Day Disco	5pm in the Brooks Hall

9 th March	Phonics Workshops for Parents	2:45pm
10 th March	Y5 Swimming School Nurse - Coffee Morning	9am in the school hall
16 th March	NSPCC workshops – Y2/Y5/Y6	Please see the separate letter sent out to those year groups.
17 th March	Y5 swimming St Patrick's Day – more details to follow soon!	9:15am – Mass at St Patrick's church 1:30pm – School concert at St Patrick's church
19 th March	EYFS/Y6 Parents' Evening	Please book a slot via Arbor
24 th March	Y5 Swimming	
25 th March	Phonics Q&A drop-in	3pm – 3:40pm
26 th March	EYFS/Y6 Parents' Evening	Please book a slot via Arbor
27 th March	Y3/4 Stations of the cross	2:30pm
31 st March	Y5 Swimming	
1 st April	Y3/Y4 Stations of the cross	7pm
2 nd April	INSET DAY	No school for children
3 rd April	Good Friday	
5 th April 2026	Easter Sunday	
3 rd April – 17 th April	Easter Holiday	
20 th April	Children return to school for Term 5. <i>Please remember to book your child's lunch via the Arbor app.</i>	8:40am

And finally...

As we come to the end of this week, Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain, where Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of His glory. This moment of light and reassurance encouraged them to keep going, even when the path ahead felt uncertain. As a school community, may we also find strength in those glimpses of goodness we see each day: the kindness of our children, the support of families, the joy of learning together. Let us continue to listen to God's guiding voice as we journey through this term.

I wish you a wonderful weekend,



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