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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

Week ending Friday 4th October

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and it was great to see so many Key Stage 2 parents at our Meet the Teacher Meetings. We look forward to welcoming Year 1 and Year 2 parents, next week.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our school attendance to be 96%. **At present our school attendance is 97%, which we are delighted to say is above national attendance.** If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the School Office Team and we will be happy to discuss this matter further with you. From children having difficulty sleeping to medical concerns, please contact us and we can support your family or signpost you to the best people. **Please remember to inform the School Office Team if your child is not attending school and to give a reason for their absence, for our records.** **The Department for Education published revised guidance, which came into effect from August 2024 and was shared with families last term. We have attached the guidance to this newsletter and would ask you to be fully aware of the changes, which impact procedures and penalties.**



ONLINE SAFETY – Thank you to all who have already attended our Meet the Teacher and Online Safety Meetings. We look forward to welcoming those who have not yet attended, in the next few weeks. We hope you managed to watch our online safety videos which have been uploaded to your class Tapestry / Google Classroom pages. The most recent video loaded up this week, focuses on 'Social Media', which is particularly useful for our Key Stage 2 children, but becoming more relevant for Key Stage 1.



CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms will be accessible to Years 1 to Year 6 by week 2 and Tapestry available to Reception parents in week 3. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum updates for your child/ren's class. This information includes:

- A curriculum update for the term
- Termly curriculum newsletter
- Weekly Home Learning
- * PE days for your child/ren
- * Termly key vocabulary
- * Notices e.g. school trip details, changes to normal timetable

MEET THE TEACHER DATES – The final Meet the Teacher date is below:

Year 1 and Year 2	Tues. 8 th October @ 2.15pm
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PARENTS EVENING TERM 2 – Parents Evening will be on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November, for Year 1 – Year 6. Booking will open on School Cloud, from Monday 14th October and will close on Friday 1st November. Please ensure you have booked an appointment with your class Teachers.

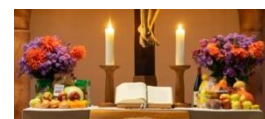
LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

TERM 1 MASS – Year 5 and Year 6 celebrated a beautiful Mass, looking at the life of Saint Vincent, with Father Bill last Friday. Many thanks to all who attended, it was lovely to have you join us. Year 3 and Year 4 will celebrate Mass on **Friday 18th October**, at 11am, at Saint Patrick's Church. We hope to see you there.

HARVEST – It was lovely to have our whole school together today, to celebrate **Harvest and CAFOD**



Family Fast Day. Many thanks to our Chaplaincy Team, Staff and Governors, who led our children in worship. We have started collecting donations, and will continue throughout October, to give to our amazing friends at The Corsham Churches Foodbank. If you can donate any items, please send them in with your child or leave at the School Office. Store cupboard items needed include cereals, coffee, custard, tinned fish, tinned meat, pasta, rice, soup, tea bags, jam/honey/marmalade,



tinned vegetables and many more. Please follow the link for further information about the Foodbank and the wonderful work they do <https://corshamchurchesfoodbank.org.uk/how-it-works/>

ENRICHMENT



BIKEABILITY – Next week some of our Year 6 children will take part in Bikeability. Bikeability is the government’s national cycle training programme, which helps our children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle safely, on today’s roads. If your child is taking part, please ensure that their bike is in good working order, and drop them off for gate opening at 8.40am.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

OPEN DAYS - Saint Patrick’s First Open Day for Reception Children joining school in September 2025, will be held on **Wednesday 16th October @ 9.30am**. Our second Open Day will be on **Thursday 14th November @ 9.30am**. All are welcome!



RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR 2025 - If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school. You must complete an application form that is available from the school’s admission team at Wiltshire County Council. **Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2025 via Wiltshire Admissions** If your child is Catholic, you must provide a copy of the Baptism Certificate to the school by this date.

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR 7 2025 - **Year 7 admissions must be submitted by 31st October 2024**. Please contact your secondary school for any supplementary information requirements.

URGENT CALL OUR FOR PARENT WALK AND TALK GROUP – I have had a response from one parents to say they would be interested in taking part in a group, who can meet once a week after school drop off, for a walk around our beautiful town and then a hot drink, cake and chat at The Methuen Arms. Toddlers, babies, dogs and of course other family members would all be welcome! We think this could be a lovely opportunity for new and existing parents, to meet and grow links within our community. **However, if we have not had enough response by Friday 18th October, we will not be able to run this group.** Please contact Mrs Courtney through the School Office Team, if you would be interested, and we will try to co-ordinate a day which suits the majority.

AND FINALLY....

Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 7 th Oct.	Bikeability – Year 6 children have been notified Rosary @ 12 noon led by Chaplaincy Team
Tues. 8 th Oct.	Year 5 and 6 Healthy Heroes am – PE uniform to be worn Key Stage Worship – focus on Dyslexia Awareness Week Meet the Teacher – Year 1 and Year 2 @ 2.15pm
Wed 9 th Oct.	Y3 swimming 5/6 Rosary @ 12 noon led by Chaplaincy Team
Fri. 11 th Oct.	PTFA Chocolate Tasting Evening 7-10pm Rosary @ 12 noon led by Chaplaincy Team No Celebration Assembly
Wed. 16 th Oct.	Open Morning @ 9.30am Rosary @ 12 noon led by Chaplaincy Team Y3 swimming 6/6
Fri. 18 th Oct.	Mufti Day Mass for Year 3 and Year 4 at Saint Patrick’s @ 11am – all welcome Rosary @ 12 noon led by Chaplaincy Team PTFA School Disco 3.15 – 4.15pm - No Celebration Assembly
Tues. 1 st Oct.	Year 5 and 6 Healthy Heroes am – PE uniform to be worn Tennis – Reception to Year 4 – PE uniform to be worn
Wed. 23 rd Oct.	Y3 swimming 4/6 Rosary begins 12 noon led by Chaplaincy Team
Future Dates....	
Mon. 4 th Nov – First Day of Term 2 - <i>All Saint and All Souls</i> day in Celebration of the Word	
Tues. 5 th and Thurs. 7 th Nov – Parents Evening (School Cloud)	

INSET DAYS FOR 2024-25
Mon. 2nd September 2024
Tues. 3rd September 2024
Mon. 2nd June 2025
Tues. 3rd June 2025
Wed. 4th June 2025

Have a lovely weekend!

J Courtney

Headteacher

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CHOCOLATE TASTING EVENING

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FUN HOT CHOCOLATE STATION

TO BOOK YOUR TICKET FOLLOW THE LINK HERE
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/STPATRIK KSSCHOOLPTA](https://buytickets.at/stpatrickksschoolpta)

@ St Patrick's school in the main hall
Bar / Hot chocolate station / wine / beer / larger / soft drinks / snack
Adults only - 7-10pm

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2025?
You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is 12 midnight, 15 January 2025

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

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Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2025?
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Autumn Disco

Friday 18th October 2024
3.15pm - 4.15pm

All Reception children must be chaperoned by a responsible adult.

Younger siblings of Reception families may attend due to childcare requirements, but remain the sole responsibility of the adult they attend with.

£2.50 per child (maximum of £6 per family)

Price includes entry to the school disco, mufti day, a small bag of sweets and unlimited squash/water.

Please send in ticket payment in a small envelope on the morning of the disco to your child's class teacher.

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