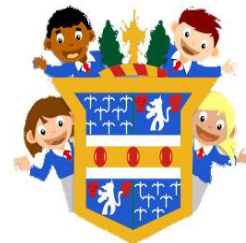


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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

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

Week ending Friday 26th June

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

Well this was a very different week for us all and not one we expected. This term we have seen temperatures change from October weather to August, and we would like to thank all children, staff and families for working together to keep our community safe.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our school attendance to be 96% and **this week our whole school attendance has been 91%**. 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 if your child is not attending school and give a specific reason for their absence, (please do not say 'unwell' or 'sick') this will need to be done for each day your child/ren is absent for our records. Our School Office is open daily from 8.45am – 3.15pm** The Department for Education published revised guidance, which came into effect from August 2024. We have attached the guidance to this newsletter and the letter previously sent out to families from Wiltshire LA, which advises of all of the changes and penalties which you could incur. We would ask you to be fully aware of these changes when requesting time away from school or holidays



UNDER 16'S SOCIAL MEDIA BAN AND LAYERING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR ONLINE SAFETY

 - As you will have seen, there

has been a lot of focus in the news, centered around the under 16's social media ban here in the UK. There are many questions from schools about this which are yet to be answered, but as soon as we have government guidance for our computing curriculum, we will share these with you. At present, protecting our children and mitigating risk at home, doesn't just mean applying a filter and changing app settings. It needs a layered approach. This is where the Internet Matters 'Layering Up for Online Safety' resources are very helpful. These resources help and guide you to set up devices safely across networks, set up the devices themselves and the apps alongside them. There is a downloadable guide which will show you how to layer up in a simple, manageable way, which we would urge you to read. <https://www.internetmatters.org/setupsafe/>



CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classroom is fully accessible to all families with children in Years 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry is available for our Reception families. 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

RED ALERT FOR HEAT – We would like to thank all parents and carers for their understanding, support, and cooperation during the school closure due to the Red Heat Alert affecting our area. Your flexibility and commitment to keeping children safe are greatly appreciated. As these weather conditions continue, please remember to follow local safety advice, stay hydrated, avoid unnecessary outdoor activities during peak temperatures, and take care of yourselves and your families.

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS – Last week, our Year 6 pupils attended their Leavers' Mass, where they represented our school with great respect and exemplary behaviour. The Mass, beautifully led by Bishop Bosco, was a special opportunity to reflect on their primary school journey and celebrate all they have achieved. Our pupils were wonderful ambassadors for the school throughout the day, and all staff felt incredibly proud of the maturity and respect they demonstrated. Well done Year 6!

ENRICHMENT

WORLD CUP MUFTI - Today, our school came together for a World Cup-themed mufti day, with children arriving in football kits, the colours of countries taking part in the tournament, or outfits celebrating the spirit of unity and togetherness that we hope to see from both

the teams and their supporters. Everyone looked fantastic, and the vibrant colours around the school brought a wonderful energy to the day—making it even brighter than the hot weather we have been experiencing! Thank you to all our families for helping to make the event such a success and for your kind donations.

PREPARING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL RESOURCES – Any change can be exciting, but also daunting, and how to approach these times in our lives is a life skill we are focussing on with our Year 6. To help with discussions at home, BBC Bitesize has some good resources to look at with your child, with some top tips to help you prepare and know what to expect. There are videos from children who have experienced the move to secondary school, as well as discussions about some common questions’ children have, with Dr Amir. Please follow the link to learn more - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbj3xg8?dm_i=3YNL,1SOWJ,9APMZ,74UAO,1,0,0,0

PARENTS AS PARTNERS



WHELIE WEDNESDAY POSTPONED DUE TO HEAT! – Thank you for your understanding about the cancellation of Whelie Wednesday. We think you will agree that our PTFA made a very wise choice in the early cancellation and we thank them for keeping us all safe. Please remember there is another fantastic event coming this term, with Lucan Jet and his high energy circus show. Please see the poster below for further details and we hope to see you for circus fun on 20th July!

Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 29th June	KS1 Gardening Club – 3.15-4.15pm
Tues. 30th June	Racket Club Years 1 and 2 - 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thurs. 1st July	Sports Day Reception, Y1 and Y2 AM – Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 PM Racket Club Years 3-6 3.15 – 4.15pm
Fri. 2nd July	Celebration Assembly @ 9.05am – invited families
Future Dates....	
<i>Thursday 16th July – Reserve Sports Day</i>	
<i>Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th July – Parents Evening Online (Y1-Y6)</i>	
<i>Tuesday 14th July – KS2 Play ‘Shakespeare Rocks’</i>	
<i>Monday 20th July – Circus Day and Evening</i>	
<i>Wednesday 22nd July - Leavers’ Assembly @ school for Year 6 families</i> <i>Last Day of School Year</i>	

INSET DAYS FOR 2025-26
Mon. 1st September 2025
Mon. 5th January 2025
Mon. 1st June 2026
Tues. 2nd June 2026
Wed. 3rd June 2026

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.
 Please follow Teddy’s ‘Stay Safe in the Heat’ rules to take care of yourselves and others!

Jennie Courtney
Headteacher





Corsham Summer Fete

Saturday 4 July
11am - 3pm
 Springfield Rec

Stalls • Live Music • Dog Show • Food
 Beer Tent • Funfair • Arts and Crafts
 Sports • Games and more!

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Monday 20th July

TICKETS £6 pp
 Under 2's FREE
(Must purchase the appropriate ticket so we can manage capacity)

FAMILY TICKET £20
 for 4 people

GET READY FOR FUN!!!

SHOWTIMES
 1ST SHOW **3.45pm**
 2ND SHOW **5pm**

Each show lasts approx. 1 hour

A high energy circus show where the children become the stars!

4 x British Unicycle Champion

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL
 Taking place in St Patrick's School

SNACKS, DRINKS AND CIRCUS ACCESSORIES available to purchase before and after shows.

Scan the QR code to buy your tickets today!