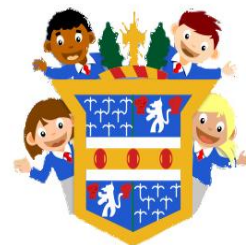


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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

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

Week ending Friday 25th September

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

It has been a busy few weeks for the start of term 1, with children and staff quickly getting use to new classes and new routines. Please remember our Meet the Teacher dates, see below, to hear all of the news for the year ahead from your class teacher(s). Our first parent workshop was a great success and a huge thank you to all of those parents who joined myself, Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Minty, to hear about the changes to the PSHE and RHSE curriculum. A huge thank you to Mrs. Solomon for leading the evening and making available the resources through Tapestry and Google Classrooms, to those who could not join us. Please do keep an eye out for future workshops for information and how to support your child, in the year ahead.

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 94%**. 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 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.



UK PARLIAMENT – NEW RESEARCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA - A new research briefing from the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology has been directed to us and we believe it is worth reading, especially for those interested in the possible future social media age restrictions being discussed at present. The briefing looks specifically at the impacts of social media on children and young people, including the potential benefits and risks, the strength of the available evidence and where gaps in the research still exist. Given the current debate and proposed restrictions around children's use of social media in the UK, we would recommend following the link for further details



<https://post.parliament.uk/research-briefings/post-pn-0780/>

CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms and Tapestry will be accesible to parents by 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 – Please remember that our Meet the Teacher meetings will be from 2.15 – 3.10pm, meeting at the main school entrance, on the dates below. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fri. 2 nd Oct	Year 6	Mon. 12 th Oct	Year 5
Mon. 5 th Oct	Years 3 and 4	Reception will have this meeting in January	
Tues. 6 th Oct	Years 1 and 2		

PARENTS EVENING YEARS 1-6 – Parents evening will be on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October, from 3.30 – 6pm. **Bookings will open via School Cloud on Friday 25th September and will close on Friday 9th October.** Please book your appointment early, to guarantee the most convenient date and time.

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2026 – On Education Sunday, we joined with the Catholic Church in celebrating Catholic schools, colleges and universities, and giving thanks for all those who work in, support and dedicate their time to Catholic education. We are particularly grateful to Father Michael for celebrating this special occasion in Mass and for recognising the important role our schools play within our community. We are also still looking for Foundation Governors to join our school community. If you would be interested in finding out more about this rewarding role, please contact our school office team.



HARVEST 2026 – On Monday 5th October, we will gather as a school, to celebrate the Harvest. This year Cafod will be focussing on the importance of clean water in our world and we will also link these ideas to community, thinking of the Pilgrim Fathers journey to America, and 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. **As usual, we will be collecting for the Corsham Churches Foodbank, which is a vital community resource for our community. Any donations will be gratefully received.**



ENRICHMENT

GARDENING CLUB – Gardening club is back for another year! We have kicked off with KS2 who have been busy weeding and mulching and will be planting some late winter crops. The gardening club alternates between Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to work together in a relaxed atmosphere, learning how to grow and nurture our plants, benefitting not just ourselves but our environment too!

Mrs Minty Gardening Club Leader

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

OPEN DAYS - Saint Patrick's First Open Day for Reception Children joining school in September 2027, will be held on **Tuesday 6th October @ 9.30am**. Our second Open Day will be on **Wednesday 4th November @ 9.30am**. All are welcome!



PTFA AGM: Thank you to our PTFA committee members and those parents who attend our recent PTFA AGM Meeting. We are glad to say that our current committee have all agreed to remain in their current roles, which we are very grateful for, and it was lovely to see some new faces at the meeting. If you could volunteer at an event or have a talent or skill to share, please contact our PTFA through the school office team. Please see a list of Autumn events, at the end of this newsletter.

AND FINALLY....Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 28th Sept.	Celebration of the Word – School only KS2 Gardening Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tues. 29th Sept.	Football Club – Years 3/4/5/6 – 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wed. 30th Sept	Year 3 Swimming 4/6
Thurs. 1st Oct	Mrs Sykes Senco Coffee Morning 12 noon Rosary Multisports Club – Years 1/2/ – 3.15 - 4.15pm
Fri. 2nd Oct	Saint Francis Feast Day with Pet Visitors 9am Saint Francis Celebration of the Word 12 noon Rosary 2.15pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher Celebration Assembly @ 2.30pm – <i>Invited parents will be contacted</i>

INSET DAYS FOR 2026-27

Tues. 1st September 2026
Wed. 2nd September 2026
Mon. 4th January 2027
Thurs. 22nd July 2027
Fri. 23rd July 2027

Future Dates....

October – Month of Holy Rosary gatherings x3 per week, led by Chaplaincy Team
Mon. 5th Oct – Harvest Celebration school only– collection for Corsham Churches Foodbank
Tues. 6th October – Open Day
Wed. 7th October – Wear Yellow or Happy Colours for Young Minds Mental Health Day
Fri. 9th October – Smartphone Free Childhood Drop in @ school 9-10am
 PTFA Chocolate Tasting @ 7pm
Tues. 13th and Thurs. 15th October – Individual School Photos and Parents Evening Years 1- Year 6 (online through School Cloud)
Fri. 16th October - PTFA Mufti Day and Autumn Disco

As we enter October, please do ensure that your child/ren have a waterproof coat at school, to be able to still go out in the autumnal weather.

Happy Friday!

J Courtney

Headteacher



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL PTFA EVENTS

♥ *Dates for your diary!* ♥

♥ TOGETHER WE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MONDAY
14TH
SEPTEMBER

PTFA AGM



2.30PM

Everyone welcome!



FRIDAY
9TH
OCTOBER

**CHOCOLATE
TASTING EVENING**



IN THE EVENING

*A delicious night
not to be missed!*



FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER

**AUTUMN DISCO
& MUFTI DAY**



3.15 – 4.15PM

*Disco: Get your dancing
shoes ready!*

*Mufti: Wear your own
clothes & donate*



FRIDAY
13TH
NOVEMBER



**MUSIC BY
CANDLELIGHT**



**CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE
IN THE EVENING**

A magical evening!



SATURDAY
21ST
NOVEMBER

**WREATH
MAKING**



*Get creative for
Christmas!*



NOVEMBER /
DECEMBER

**CHRISTMAS
TREES**



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

*Perfect for your
festive season!*



FRIDAY
4TH
DECEMBER

**SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**



**& CORSHAM LIGHTS
SWITCH ON
IN TOWN IN THE EVENING**



WE ARE GOING INTO...
OUR 60TH YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL AND MAKING IT SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE!

*Lots of fun
celebrations
coming up for
2026/2027!*