



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary & Nursery Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we begin the liturgical season of Lent with a focus on prayer, please all keep in your prayers the people of Ukraine who are suffering the effects of aggression, the people of Russia who don't want this conflict and ask for God's guidance for world leaders to find a peaceful resolution without anymore loss of life.

Thank you for your enormously generous contributions that you made to the Ukraine appeal and to one of our parents, Hayley McWhinney from Share Wear, who has organized the collection and transportation of the goods to the Ukraine border. We will continue to collect so if you would like to donate please bring items to the school office during the day. People are in need of medicines including paracetamol, Calpol, ibuprofen etc, disposable nappies, baby formula/milk, disinfectant, sanitary products and first aid kits.

During Lent each class has its own charity that they are also supporting through fundraising and prayer.

Many thanks for all that you do to help.

Have a good week,  
Tracy Lane



## Attendance

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

**Please remember that as a parent/carer you must provide school with a reason for any absences or time needed out of school and provide school with a copy of any official paperwork related to the absence e.g. for medical appointments, legal appointments, etc. It is also academy policy that you complete a leave of absence request form in advance of any planned absences e.g. to celebrate a significant faith event e.g. Eid, or for legal appointments. Without this paperwork your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised and will therefore impact on their overall attendance and could result in a fine or legal action. This has always been academy policy and the vast majority of parents/carers do always provide this in advance of any appointments.**

**Taking holidays in school time is not allowed and will result in you being fined by the local authority.**

**Fines are significant and are issued for each parent for each child in the family.**

We want to work with you to ensure continuous regular attendance and good punctuality and if you need support with this please let us know. Poor attendance or punctuality significantly impacts on children's education and they have already had so much time out of school as a result of covid.

### Message from Mrs Bradshaw:

What a fabulous week for attendance!!

Year 2 are the winners this week with 99.3%!!!

Second place is Year 6 with 98.8%!!

I would also like to say a HUGE WELL DONE to Nursery, 2 classes had 100% this week!!

For every single child that came to school every day this week, WELL DONE!!

Keep up the good work St. Patrick's,  
Miss Bradshaw xx

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Year 4 start swimming lessons weekly</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Chaplaincy Liturgy Yr 1 Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> In class liturgy <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>Please book places at breakfast or after school clubs at:</b> <a href="http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats">http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats</a>
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School Ash Wednesday Service for the start of Lent led by Fr Wilfred  World Book Day Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> <b>Thursday-</b> In class liturgy <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport Didi Rugby Dance KS 2
7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Local Governing Body Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 6pm</b>  <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> National Measurement Programme Yrs R &amp; 6</b>  <b>International Womens' Day</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> <b>Thursday-</b> House Assembly <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport Didi Rugby Thursday Dance KS 2 Wednesday
14 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Science Week</b>		<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> <b>Thursday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45 <b>Friday-</b> Science Week Assembly	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport Didi Rugby Thursday Dance KS 2 Wednesday
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Girls' Football Tournament Gresham Playing Fields Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> March  Curling 1-3pm Yr 3 & 4 Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March  EYFS Stay & Play Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Parents Welcome	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> FS 1 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> House Assembly <b>Friday-</b> Paired Acts of Worship all classes- 2.45PM	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport Didi Rugby Thursday Dance KS 2 Wednesday
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Epidemiology Survey in School</b>  <b>Whole School Geography Expert Ending Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Weekly liturgies are as follows:</b> <b>Monday-</b> whole school liturgy based on Sunday's Gospel- 2.30pm <b>Tuesday-</b> Liturgy through Music - 2.40PM <b>Wednesday-</b> Yr 2 Chaplaincy Liturgy Whole School- 2.45PM <b>Thursday-</b> <b>Friday – Expert Ending</b>	<b>After School Clubs Include:</b> 3.20pm Registration Toys & Games 3.45pm until 4.15pm Sport 4.15pm until 4.35pm Outdoor Play 4.35pm until 5.30pm Circle Games or Sport Didi Rugby Dance KS 2
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY School closed Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 School re-opens TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>			

**Our Virtue to Live By this Week... LOVE & CHARITY**

*I show my love for God through my loving concern for everyone, especially those who need my help. I treat others with the respect and kindness I want for myself.*

**This Week's Mission has been chosen by... Year 6**

**Spend some time each day talking to God in prayer.**

### **Word of the Week: Prayer**

Prayer is something that can be really hard to understand, let alone do. Sometimes it comes naturally but usually it's something we forget about and don't find time for. Prayer is simply a chat with God and you don't need to use the right words, you don't even need to use any words, you just need to put aside some time to be with God. It's amazing what a difference a few minutes a day can make - try it for yourself this week!

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

Thank you to the enormous amount of effort you put in to prepare your children for the event. They looked incredible. The children had a great day celebrating their love of reading in different ways across school and ended the day with a catwalk of costumes. Congratulations to everyone who took part. Choosing just 2 winners in each class was incredibly difficult.

**Nursery-** Aarna-Leigh & Theo

**Reception-** Penelope & Fabian

**Year 1-** Teddy & Loveaya

**Year 2-** Eliza & Elijah

**Year 3-** Joe & Julia

**Year 4-** Isaac & Ruby

**Year 5-** Sasha & Fabian

**Year 6-** Max & Nina

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFERS

Last week our year 6 parents and pupils were given their secondary school offer for September 2022. Most parents were given their first choice but some were disappointed in the school offer made. We would strongly advise you accept the school offered to be certain your child has a school place for September and then should you wish to make an appeal to the school you would prefer your child to attend follow the appeals process on that school's website. Good Luck with appeals

## FOREST SCHOOLS

You will notice over the coming weeks part of the school field changing as we develop our Forest Schools area. Miss Wall & Miss Moody are now qualified Forest Schools providers and will be providing sessions for pupils to join in with the Forest Schools activities e.g. den building, fire pit cooking, wild life protection etc. For now, children selected are asked to bring in their own waterproofs and wellies but we are looking for donations of old wellies and waterproofs your child may have grown out of at home. We would be grateful for any you have.

## After School Care

After school clubs now run until 5.30pm  
Monday-Friday.

The TBSport Team are fantastic and the numbers are growing, particularly in breakfast club. They are working with us to listen to you views and have increased their hours as a result. At £3 per session it's the cheapest provision for after school care in the area. Please book on to clubs and pay using their online booking system at:

<http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats>

Please be on time to collect your child after clubs especially as they have extended their hours to meet parents' needs.

## PE KIT UNIFORM

***Thank you, parents, we are seeing a huge improvement in pupils wearing the correct PE Kit.***

PE Kits can be worn to school on PE days:

**Monday:** Year 1 and 2

**Tuesday:** year 3, 5 and 6 will have an additional PE lesson until Easter hols

**Wednesday:** Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Friday:** Reception

PE Kit is part of our school uniform so children must have the correct kit:

- Plain black hoody and joggers, **no logos, no leggings** please, this can be bought at any shop/supplier/online.
- School white T Shirt and green shorts from the school supplier.

## First Holy Communion Group

Please keep in your prayers this year's children preparing to make their first Holy Communion in June this year. Last week they made their first reconciliation. Well done to:

**Freya, Aurelia, Oliver, Lena,  
Josh, Alisha-Leigh**

Thank you to all the catechists and parents who support them on their sacramental journey.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

Please be mindful of the speed limit when travelling to school especially down Main Street as the speed limit is 20 miles per hour. This limit is put in place to protect the children and families travelling to schools in the area. As there are two schools very close together, it is a very congested area at drop off and pick up times with many pedestrians and children travelling to school. We had a member of the public come into school this morning to report a driver, who she thought may be one of our parents, who passed her on main street who she felt was speeding in a dangerous way. She has taken the driver's registration plate number and is reporting this to the police. We have had other reports from our own parents who cycle to school and have been put at risk by drivers speeding or coming far too close to them on the road. If cycling please do wear reflective clothing, use bike lights, especially on these dark mornings and wear a helmet. Thank you for trying to get your children to school each day and on time but please drive and cycle safely for your safety and the safety of other road users.

## **School Meals**

The new school meal menu has been running now since the half term break and has been very popular with the children. In addition to the two hot meal choices each day (at least one being vegetarian) pupils can also choose a sandwich, snack and salad option, jacket potato & filling option or pasta and tomato sauce option.

## **SPORTS IN SCHOOL**

Miss Thornhill from TBSport is working with Miss Lane to increase the number of sporting opportunities in school and raising engagement in physical activity. So far since Christmas, Miss Thornhill has provided two additional PE training sessions per week with staff and children, set up a girls' football club, provided a free dance class to KS 2 pupils, organized an athletics tournament and booked in Didi Rugby for KS1 pupils. In coming weeks, they will be taking the girls' football club to Gresham Park for a tournament and organizing an outside provider for taster sessions in curling. Thank you to parents and pupils for engaging with these opportunities and to Miss Thornhill, TBSport and Miss Lane.

## **Parent Governor Position**

Nominations for parent governor role were sent out almost two weeks ago. If you feel you can commit to this role, please submit your nomination form to the school office before end of day no later than **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm**

## **EYFS STAY & PLAY**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March in the morning, EYFS are inviting parents to join them in the unit for a Stay & Play event to celebrate Special Women in their lives. Come along and join your child as they learn through play.

## **Year 4 Swimming**

Year 4 swimming is cancelled for the rest of this term due to an issue with the pool. We hope to rearrange lessons for later in the summer term. We will keep you updated.

## **THANK YOU**

An enormous thank you to Mr Bingley and Miss Thornhill from TBSport who have provided a new school football kit. Our girls football team will be the first to wear it to represent the school later this month. Many thanks for this generous gift.



## Coronavirus Symptomatic Pupils and Household Members

If you or your child develops coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature, a new or continuous cough, loss or change of sense of smell or taste please take the following advice.

- Symptomatic person is advised to take a lateral flow test and if positive self-isolate. Until further notice, you no longer need to book a confirmation PCR test if you test positive.
- Please let school know if you, your child or anyone in your household has tested positive using a lateral flow test.
- If a person **tests positive** for COVID-19, government advice is to self-isolate for 5 days from the day after the positive result. On day 5 and 24 hours later on day 6 if you take two lateral flow tests (one on each day 24 hours apart) and each test is negative you can now return to school if well enough and no longer have a temperature.
- If you can't get hold of any lateral flow tests you can still order them online
- Contact <https://111.nhs.uk/COVID-19> or call 111 if at any point symptoms get worse

### Breakfast & After School Clubs

TBSport provide breakfast and after school clubs in school daily. Breakfast club begins from 7.30-8.45am after which the children are taken to class.

After school clubs run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm Mon-Thurs.

Please book directly at:

<http://www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats>

Payments must be made within 7 days of booking or the booking will be cancelled.

### Nursery Places

If you would like a place for your child in our amazing nursery, please collect and complete an application form from the school office. Morning places are free for all 3 and 4 year olds receiving a 15 hours code and free all day places are available for those eligible for the 30 hours code. You must apply now for a code. We also offer full day places to all children if parents would like to pay for afternoon sessions and top up their free 15 hours places. The cost will be £77 per week paid in advance via online payments. Please contact the office or Mrs Sarno if this is something you'd be interested in.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS

We know that many parents may be entitled to claim Free School Meals but don't apply especially if their children are in EYFS or KS 1.

Please do make an application for free school meals as school will receive additional funding for your child which will greatly help to provide extra resources.

**Any parent who completes an application for Free School Meals via the website:**

<https://ololcmat.co.uk/ppcheck>

**and is successful in being awarded it, will receive £10 S&A Uniform voucher for their children.**

It costs you nothing to apply but will help your child and school if you are successful.

### Parish Newsletter

The link to this week's parish newsletter is:

[Newsletters \(olspnottingham.com\)](http://olspnottingham.com)

### Safe Car Parking

Please use the Ferry Inn car park or the tram car park for dropping off and collection. If these are full, as a last resort, use the marked bays for parking outside school.

Please don't just park on the road as it is causing a danger to children arriving and leaving school. The available car parks are just a few steps away from school.

If you have any further questions about anything in the newsletter please call school on 0115 9152961 or email the admin team on [admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you have a **safeguarding concern** about a child please contact Miss Moody, Mrs Lane or Miss Lane in person, by telephone or email.

Alternatively, you can call Children and Families Direct 0115 876 4800 or NSPCC [0808 800 5000](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

# Celebrating

International Women's Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

UEFA Women's EURO 2022 – Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July

By 2024, The FA's and Barclays ambition is for girls to have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to drive influence and change perceptions, showing that football can and should be played by girls. It is bringing together a growing community of people of all genders, ages and backgrounds who want to champion equal access for girls, helping create independent, resilient young girls who will be a force for good in all local communities.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, England Football and Barclays want to put on the biggest EVER football session for girls in school! Keep an eye on our Twitter page **#LetGirlsPlay** and **#GirlsFootballinSchools**.

As well as taking part in this, to honour the St Patricks pledge made to Learn through football in PE lessons, participate in girls' only football sessions, compete in girls' football school fixtures/events and to Lead girls' football activity for others, Miss Thornhill will be holding a Year 5 & 6 Girls football lunchtime club every Tuesday. All our sessions will lead up to taking part in U11 NLY tournament on 21<sup>st</sup> March.



Dance club for years 4,5 and 6 restarted on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and will continue every Wednesday until the end of term (collection from the hall at 4.30). Children who signed up for Lent 1 still have their place but if you wish you cancel this, please inform the office.

# E-SAFETY UPDATE FROM MISS LANE

## This week Tik Tok

Within school, children are discussing and joining social media sites such as tik tok. Whilst the legal age for a tik tok account is 13. If you allow your child to join the social media site, please take the time to read through this help guide. Especially the parental controls aspect.

### What is TikTok?

TikTok is an entertainment platform. After downloading the TikTok app, you can start creating your own videos or watch content created by other users.

You can also find trending content by clicking the 'Discover' button. Creating and editing videos is simple, with different effects, filters, and stickers to choose from.

### Age restrictions

TikTok is only for users aged 13 and over, and we actively remove underage accounts. You can report underage users in-app, by emailing [privacy@tiktok.com](mailto:privacy@tiktok.com) or completing an online form [tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy](https://tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy)

Accounts for users **under 16** are set to **Private by Default**. Only someone the user approves can view or comment on their videos, they cannot Direct Message, their accounts are not suggested to others, and their videos cannot be downloaded.

For **16-17s** other features have enhanced privacy settings, with many set to **'Off' by default** unless the user actively decides to enable it.

### How to stay safe on TikTok

Choosing to **make your account private** allows you to approve or deny followers and restrict your uploaded content to followers only. To make your account private:

- Tap on the profile tab
- Go to the **three-dot** menu in the top-right corner
- Tap on **Privacy**
- Then toggle **Private account**

You can keep your identity secure by not including any personal information, such as name, address, phone number or age in your profile.

Users can also manage their experience through the **Digital Wellbeing** tool in their settings, using 'Screen Time Management' and 'Restricted Mode', to limit the type and amount of content viewable.

### What about parental controls?

The **Family Pairing** feature allows parents to customise their teen's safety settings based on their individual needs. It allows a parent to link their TikTok account to their teen's and set controls including:

- **Screen Time Management:** Control how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day.
- **Restricted Mode:** Limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate for them.
- **Direct Messages:** Restrict who can send messages to the connected account, or turn off direct messaging completely.
- **Search:** Decide whether teens are able to proactively search for content

Parents or caregivers that enable Family Pairing receive advice for parents, which are also available on the Guardian's Guide section of TikTok's Safety Centre - [tiktok.com/safety](https://tiktok.com/safety)

### How do I report a problem?

If you feel someone is harassing you or otherwise being inappropriate you can report them or a specific video to TikTok's dedicated moderation team in the app. You can also report via the web form - [tiktok.com/legal/report/feedback](https://tiktok.com/legal/report/feedback)

To report a specific user:

- Access the user's profile
- Tap on the **three-dot** menu in the top-right corner
- An option saying **report** will come up
- Follow the on-screen instructions

To report a specific video:

- **Hold** your finger on the video
- Tap **report** and follow the on-screen instructions

TikTok also works with the **Professional Online Safety Helpline (0344 381 4772 or [helpline@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:helpline@saferinternet.org.uk))** If you're a professional working with children and you come across content that you do not think should be on TikTok, you can call or email POSH. The team will then report the content directly to TikTok's Trust and Safety to take action.

### Blocking users on TikTok

You can also block a user so they won't be able to view your videos or interact with you through direct messages, comments, follows, or likes.

- Go to the profile of the account you want to report
- Tap the **settings** icon
- Tap **block** and follow the steps in the app

Users can also **bulk report**, delete or block up to 100 comments or accounts at once by long-pressing on a comment or tapping the pencil icon in the upper-left corner to open a window of further options.

### Control your comment section

You have the power to decide whether you want to allow comments on videos from everyone, followers only, or restrict them altogether. Using profile settings, you can filter all comments to prevent certain keywords, or pre-approve any comment that appears on your video.

We will continue to provide advice to parents on ways to protect your child online. However, we would always advise that you follow age restrictions on social media and gaming sites to protect your child. Most of these sites are not suitable for primary age pupils.