



**St Patrick's**  
Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Love first,  
Live the Gospels,  
Learn for Life

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term of 2023! We've certainly missed you and your children and have enjoyed listening to their summer adventures and news.

I extend a warm welcome especially to our new children and families who have joined us in Nursery and Reception, and new children across the school. Here at St Patrick's, you will find a caring, friendly and inclusive community who are dedicated to keeping our children safe and happy so they can learn well and thrive.

The maintenance team, with the help of Mr Etches, have been busy over the summer refurbishing the Reception classroom and the outdoor seating area in the KS2 playground. It looks fantastic and we're grateful for their hard work.

### Happy Birthday St Patrick's School!

This half term we will be celebrating the school's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday! Please join us for Mass on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**. Please do put the date in your diary. It will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick whom we are very excited to have in school. We would love to celebrate this important occasion for the school with as many of you as possible, including past pupils and staff. Please spread the word! Watch this space for more information shortly.

### New School Cross and Altar

As you visit school this term, you will have noticed the new school cross at the front of the hall. It is a beautiful addition to our school hall which will act as a focal point for prayer. We also have a new altar which, along with the cross, will be blessed by Bishop Patrick when he comes to visit in October.

### Belief In Brief

The Nottingham Diocese are hosting a series of sessions for parents and carers called 'Belief In Brief'. The aim of the virtual sessions is to provide an exploration of the Catholic faith in a relaxed and informal way. Further information can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter.

### KEY DATES

**Education Sunday – St Patrick's children reading at Mass**  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 9am

**Year 6 visiting Church for Parish Mass**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10am

**First Whole School Mass**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 9.45am

**Year 5 visiting Church for Parish Mass**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 10am

**Year 4 visiting Church for Parish Mass**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am

**Open Evening for New Parents**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30 – 6.30pm

**Harvest Mass**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 9.45am

**Parent's Consultations**  
11<sup>th</sup> October, 1pm – 7pm

**Bishop Patrick visiting school to celebrate the schools 60<sup>th</sup> birthday!**  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2-3pm

**St Patrick's Children reading at Mass to celebrate Harvest**  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 9am

**Year 3 visiting Church for Parish Mass**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 10am

### The St Patrick's Way

In the last newsletter, I informed you about our new behaviour initiatives to encourage our children to listen and respond well in lessons and speak with clarity and confidence.

We will spend the first full week of term reminding children of our behaviour policy in order for learning time to be maximised and for children to enjoy school as much as possible.

We have introduced the school's new values to the children this week to encourage the children to live and learn with positive habits. These have been created from the outcomes of questionnaires given to children, parents, staff and governors.

These values will be linked to the school's behaviour rewards which include house points, class discipleship diamonds and new value wristbands which the children will take home. Please find the values these below:



### INSET Days and Dates

Please make a note of useful dates detailed in the column on the right. Please also find the INSET day dates for this academic year below:

#### INSET Day Dates 2023-24

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day  
(Children return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day

### School Start Times

Please find a quick reminder about the school start times below. Please try your very best to ensure children are as punctual as possible to school so they can start the day well and make the most of their learning time when at school.

#### School Start Times

Classroom doors open at **8.40am**  
School Start time **8.45am**. Classroom doors close at **8.50am**  
School End Time: **3.15pm**

Finally, thank you once again for all your support. Please feel free to join us at our first welcome Mass of the term on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9.45am.

With best wishes,  
Miss Ferrara

**Remembrance Liturgical Prayer**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.45am

**Year 6 visiting Church for Parish Mass**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10am

**Individual/Class Photographs**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**FS2 & Yr1 visiting Church for Parish Mass**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 10am

**St Patrick's Children reading at Mass to celebrate Youth Sunday**  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9am

**Advent Mass in School**  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9.45am

**HOPE Liturgical Prayer, led by Yr 3**  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm

**PEACE Liturgical Prayer led by Yr 4**  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm

**JOY Liturgical Prayer led by Yr 5**  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm

**LOVE Liturgical Prayer led by Year 6**  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1.30pm

**FS/KS1 Nativity Performance**  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am

**Last day of Advent Term**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**First day back in January 2024**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January





The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

# BELIEF IN BRIEF

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A different aspect of our faith to explore each session. For example, God, the Saints, prayer, sacraments and living out faith.



Meet parents from across our diocese who share your desire to know more about the Catholic Faith.



10:00am–11:15am

on Tuesdays

12th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec,  
16th Jan, 6th Feb, 27th Feb, 19th Mar,  
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