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Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Love first,
Live the Gospels,
Learn for Life

21st July 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we near to the end of the summer term and this academic year, there are lots of items to share with you and celebrate.

St Peter and St Paul Mass

We celebrated this wonderful occasion at school a couple of weeks ago. Pupils who have this year received The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the first time led us in our celebration, reading and singing beautifully. We thank Father Pitak for joining us and celebrating Mass on this day and wish all of our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion a huge congratulations.

We would like to invite you to our final Mass of this term tomorrow **Tuesday 22nd July at 1.45pm**, where we will celebrate and give thanks for all of our achievements this year and for our wonderful Year 6 children.

iRock and KS2 Music Concerts – A Showcase of Talent!

This term's iRock concert was an unforgettable display of confidence, skill and raw talent as our young rock stars took to the stage. Playing a range of instruments with energy and flair, they performed like real rock bands. They truly are destined for fame! To all their fans, I would start queuing now for those autographs!

In the second concert, every child across KS2 wowed the audience with their incredible musical talents. From impressive instrument playing to confident rapping, the children shone on stage thanks to the dedication and expert guidance of our wonderful music teacher, Mrs Taylor.

At both concerts, a group of talented pianists performed beautifully, showcasing their hard work and musicality. The grand finale came from our amazing Choir Club, who delivered a powerhouse performance of two sensational musical pieces. They were so brilliant they were even called back for an encore! Well done to all the children involved - you truly were spectacular!

Peter Pan

Year 6 wowed the school last week with their performance of Peter Pan. They sang with such joyful energy, spoke with confidence and there were jokes galore throughout! Everyone was thoroughly entertained by their acting and singing skills and it was quite clear to see that we have some children who were born to be on stage! They truly put a smile on everyone's face and it was a wonderful way to end last week with final performances that raised the roof! We are so proud of all the Year 6 children who let their singing, acting and dancing talents shine!

KEY DATES

First day back in September
Wednesday 3rd September

Year 6 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 10th September, 10am

Education Sunday – St Patrick's children reading at Mass
Sunday 14th September, 9am

First Whole School Mass
Tuesday 16th September, 2pm

Year 5 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 24th September, 10am

Year 4 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Wednesday 1st October, 10am

Year 3 visiting Church for Parish Mass
Thursday 8th October, 10am

Parent's Open Afternoon including EYFS Stay and Play – *NEW!*
Thursday 9th October, 2-5pm

This event will replace our usual Parent's Consultation and will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and look in your child's books. There will be more information shared nearer the time.

St Patrick's Children reading at Mass to celebrate Harvest
Sunday 12th October, 9am

Harvest Mass
Tuesday 14th October, 2pm

Black History Month Work Presentation
Thursday 16th October, 2.30pm

Open Evening for New Prospective Parents
Thursday 6th November, 4.30-6pm
Please spread the word!

Aspirations Week – Inspiring Dreams for the Future

We were thrilled to host our recent *Aspirations Week*, which proved to be an incredibly inspiring and memorable experience for our children. Throughout the week, we welcomed a wide range of visitors including parents, who kindly gave their time to talk about their careers. The children heard from a doctor, a hairdresser, a bus driver, a detective constable, local PCSOs, a charity director, firefighters from Nottingham Fire Station (along with their impressive fire engine much to the delight of the children!) and even a young MP.

The children listened with great respect and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and showing a genuine interest in the many different paths shared. It was truly uplifting to see them leave each session visibly motivated and inspired about the possibilities that lie ahead.

This special week perfectly reflected our school's commitment to nurturing high aspirations, hopes and dreams for the future. We hope to run *Aspirations Week* again next year. If you'd be willing to come in and talk to the children about your career, please do let us know. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the week such a success!

A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing PFA and OPAL Team!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible PFA for their hard work, enthusiasm and unwavering dedication to our school. This year, they have organised a fantastic range of fundraising activities, with the recent summer fair being a true highlight. It was an absolute joy to see families come together to enjoy a wide variety of stalls, sizzling hot pizza, the thrill of the tombola, bouncy inflatable fun and relaxing picnics on the grass, all under glorious sunshine. The community spirit was simply brilliant!

Thanks to the PFA's support, we have successfully completed our latest project: the creation of a fantastic sandpit for the children to enjoy. This achievement was also only made possible with the help of our wonderful OPAL team in school – Mrs Foote, Miss Wall, Mrs Trueman and Miss Lane; Mr Etches' impressive building skills and Mr Formosa's generosity in giving up his weekend to dig out the space. The children enjoyed a grand opening which included the cutting of the ribbon and big cheer!

A huge thank you to everyone involved for their teamwork in bringing this incredible project to life. The children have absolutely loved spending time in the sandpit and I'm sure many parents have discovered a little bit of it brought home in their shoes!

Arts Week

This was a fantastic week-long event where the children had the opportunity to enter our school Art competition. As a school, we enjoyed celebrating and showcasing their homework efforts. Mrs Pirie put together a video montage of the homework projects which were delightful to see, from robots to musical performances. We were also able to celebrate the children's art work

Remembrance Liturgical Prayer – Parents/Carers Welcome

Tuesday 11th November, 10.45am

Year 2 visiting Church for Parish Mass

Wednesday 12th November, 10am

Individual/Class Photographs

Friday 14th November

Yr1 visiting Church for Parish Mass

Wednesday 19th November, 10am

St Patrick's Children reading at Mass to celebrate Youth Sunday/Christ The King

Sunday 23rd November, 9am

FS2 visiting Church for Parish Mass

Wednesday 26th November

Advent Mass in School led by Year 4

Tues 2nd December, 2pm

HOPE Liturgical Prayer led by Year 6

Friday 5th December, 2.30pm

FS/KS1 Nativity Performance

Friday 12th December, 9.30am and
1.15pm

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December

PEACE Liturgical Prayer led by Year 3

Fri 12th December, 2.30pm

JOY Liturgical Prayer led by Year 4

Fri 19th December, 2.30pm

Last day of Advent Term

Friday 19th December

First day back in January 2025

Monday 5th January



at the Summer Fair and provide the opportunity for families to purchase and display the art at home. There are just a few framed pieces left so if you'd still like to buy your child's, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Thank You to Our Departing Governors

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to two of our school governors who are stepping down from their roles. Pauline Baptist has served as a dedicated governor for the past seven years, offering her time, insight and commitment to supporting the school's ongoing improvement. We also say goodbye to Mr Treloar, who has not only served as a governor but has also shared his musical talents leading our Year 3 and 4 choir. We are truly grateful to them both for their valuable contributions and their efforts in helping to drive standards forward. We wish them every success in their next ventures.

Good Luck Miss Sutton!

As you know, Miss Sutton will be leaving us at the end of the week to begin an exciting new teaching adventure in Dubai. During her time at St Patrick's, Miss Sutton has brought creativity, energy and a real flair for engaging teaching in the classroom. She has delighted the children with her imaginative lessons and infectious enthusiasm and her shining personality will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike. We wish her all the very best as she takes this next step in her journey - Dubai is lucky to have her!

Thank You and Farewell to Mrs Faulconbridge!

After an incredible 19 years of dedicated service, we say a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Mrs Faulconbridge who has made the decision to retire. We have truly been blessed to have had her as part of the St Patrick's family for so many years. Her good humour, legendary phrases and vibrant personality have brought warmth and joy to the school every single day. Most importantly, her unwavering care and love for the children have left a lasting legacy that will be remembered for years to come. Mrs Faulconbridge will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike and we wish her a wonderful, happy retirement filled with all the things she loves most.

INSET Day Dates

Please make a note of useful dates on the previous pages. Please also find the INSET day dates for the academic year 2025-2026 below along with a reminder of school registration and collection times:

INSET Day Dates 2025-26

Return to school Wednesday 3rd September
Friday 19th September 2025 – INSET Day
Friday 13th February 2026 – INSET Day
Friday 24th July 2026 – INSET Day
Monday 27th July 2026 – INSET Day
(Children finish school on Thursday 23rd July 2026)

School Start Times

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

Please note, we have this final full week of school until we finish on Friday 25th July.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and myself, thank you for your continued support throughout this year, I look forward to starting the new school year with you this September 2025.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer and will see you when we return on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

With very best wishes,

Miss Ferrara



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 School Holidays

 Public Holidays

 Administration Day
& ISE Days