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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

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

Week ending Thursday 24th July

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

I cannot quiet believe this is the final week of the school Year. Last week saw our spirits lifted, after the wonderful Key Stage 2 production of Bugsy Malone. Many thanks to our Key Stage 2 Team and our talented children for such a great end to the term. This week we have not said goodbye but see you soon, to our lovely Year 6 class, who leave us to start new adventures at their various secondary schools. We know they take with them their skills, their talents and most importantly their kindness to share with others along the way. We hope they, and their families remember, that they will always be part of our Saint Patrick's family and we cannot wait to hear of their many accomplishments and achievements!

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 97% Our attendance for this year has been 94%. If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the school office 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 for the Autumn, 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 needs to be done for each day you child/ren is absent for our records. Our School Office is open daily from 8.45am – 3.15pm**. We are required to monitor the amount of time missed due to medical appointments carefully. We acknowledge that hospital and specialist clinic appointments, including orthodontic and on-going dental treatment may require a student having time out of school. Our expectation is that the minimum amount of learning is lost. We must seek an explanation from parents where a whole day is missed for this reason. Proof of unavoidable medical appointments in school time must be provided for the school. Routine, non-urgent appointments must be made after school time and during the 13-week school holidays.

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR...

TO OUR FANTASTIC STAFF: I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff at Saint Patrick's. It has been a very challenging year in many ways and yet one full of achievements and so much to celebrate. I feel incredibly lucky to work with such a dedicated group of Teachers, TAs, Mrs White our School Business manager and Mrs Fudge our Office Administrator who work tirelessly to provide the very best school experience for our children. Our staff always go above and beyond to make our children feel safe and welcome at school, as well as working to inspire our children through their learning and enrichment experiences, and most of all making our school a safe and fun place to learn! A huge thank you to Mrs Minty, for her support to me throughout the year, in her role as Deputy Headteacher. We take this opportunity to say a final thank you, goodbye and good luck to Mrs King, who will be greatly missed by us all.

THANK YOU TO OUR GOVERNORS – Thank you to our Governing Body, led by our Chair of Governors Mrs. Charlotte Gilbert, who has been a huge support to me this year. Our Governors dedicate many hours of their free time to volunteer to guide and support our school. They ensure our school has a clear vision, is true to our catholic ethos and help to plan the strategic direction for our school's future. Many thanks to Mrs. Charlotte Gilbert, Mrs. Deborah Chebley, Mr. David Moore, Mrs. Jane Wragg, Mrs. Laura Cadman, Mr. Toby Kirkby, Miss. Rosie Wilkinson and Mrs. Charlotte Minty for their all of their support and guidance this year. Many thanks to Mrs Sharon Gilbert for her role as clerk to governors, which she will be continuing next academic year.

THANK YOU TO FATHER MICHAEL, OUR PARISH AND OUR FRIENDS FROM ALL FAITHS – Many thanks to Father Michael for leading us in Class Mass at Saint Patrick's Church, visiting our Key Stage 1 and Reception children, and his support throughout the year. Thank you to our parishioners, catechists, and those who have celebrated their own faiths with us such as Iris Segall (Bristol and West Progressive Synagogue). This is such an important part of our school and we will look forward to inviting families to join us for Mass again in the Autumn.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEERKATZ TEAM – Thank you to our Meerkatz team of Mrs Painting and Mrs Pike, led by Mrs White, who look after our children so well at our breakfast and after school club. It is always lovely to see children from all of our classes playing together, making the most of the outdoors and thoroughly themselves.

THANK YOU TO OUR MDSAs, CLEANING AND CATERING TEAMS – I would like to thank our MDSAs Mrs Cowen and Mrs Partridge, who support our children so well during lunchtimes and I know they love hearing all of their news! Thank you to our cleaning team Wendy, Jason and Mitchell for keeping our school in good order and to the catering team, led by Ms. Smith and ably assisted by Mrs. Quinn for ensuring our children are well fed and happy!

THANK YOU TO OUR PTFA – This small but amazing group have worked tirelessly throughout the year to come up with imaginative and fun ideas to bring our community together. From Crazy Hair Days to Cinema Evenings, Wheelie Wednesday's to our recent and wonderful St. Pat's Fest. A sincere thank you to Mrs Steph Laver, Miss Lisa Murton, Mrs Emily Pillinger and Ms Anna Kay for their work this year and please keep your eyes open for future events in the Autumn. Your support is crucial and means the world to us as a school.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ENRICHED THE YEAR – To all those members of the community who have worked with us throughout the year, PC Redmond, Corsham Town Council, Corsham Library, The Pound Arts, club leaders, sports coaches, music teachers, special visitors, parents, artists, musicians, scientists...the list goes on. Thank you for enriching our children's learning through your knowledge, passion, experiences and fun! We love our special days, weeks and events, from the sensible to the slightly crazy and unusual, and look forward to continuing to work with you all on many more in the next academic year.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES – I would like to thank our families for working in partnership with us, to support their child/ren's learning and growth, while at Saint Patrick's. A big thank you to those of our Year 6 families who have their youngest children leaving our school this year. You will always be part of our Saint Patrick's family and we hope to see you at many of our future events and hearing all of your news and updates.

TO OUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN: Thank you for the enthusiasm, energy, creativity and kindness you bring to your learning and our school. From our very youngest children, to our Year 6, we feel very privileged to teach you and your Teachers and TAs look forward to working with their new classes in September. To our Year 6 children, we wish you lots of love and luck for the new adventures, and we know you will all be brilliant ambassadors for your new schools. Make sure to visit us, as we cannot wait to hear about your growing skills and achievements!

FINALLY... Bishop Bosco recently shared his vision for the schools of Clifton Diocese, during the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. In this, he referred to 'Fratelli Tutti when Pope Francis wrote about, "dark clouds over a closed world", a world marked by fragmentation and fear.' Bishop Bosco explained that, 'this context resonates in the experience of our times and that it is all the more important, that our Catholic schools are places of light and hospitality.' We agree and were over the moon in May, when we celebrated the success of our Section 48 Inspection, which reflected how Saint Patrick's is indeed a place of 'light and hospitality'. It celebrated our catholic life and mission as a school community and highlighted that, 'Catholic values and mission are woven into everything' and parents feel 'blessed to be part of the school.' This is what we know to be true of our school and why it is a privilege to be part of such a special community.

Dates for your...

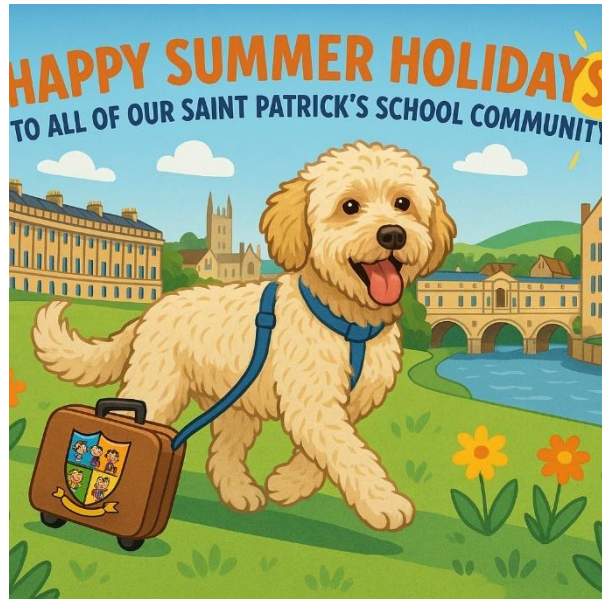
Tues 2nd Sept	First day back to school for start of new academic year Celebration of the Word – school only
Fri. 5th Sept	No Celebration Assembly – first week back
Wed. 10th Sept	Year 1 and Year 2 School Trip to Bath
Fri. 12th Sept	Celebration Assembly– invited families
Future Dates for your Diary...	
Fri. 3rd Oct – Harvest Festival – we will be collecting all term for the Corsham Churches Foodbank	
Fri. 10th Oct - Smartphone Free Childhood drop-in session 9 – 10am	
Sat 18th Oct – Recording of School Song @ Real World Studios – times TBC	

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

I wish you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break, making many happy memories with your family and loved ones. Our team looks forward to welcoming you back on 2nd September, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year!

Jennie Courtney (Headteacher)





FREE



POKEMON TRAIL!
26 JULY - 31 AUGUST

Find the 10 Pokémon hiding in the town centre shops and win a Pokémon treat!

Pick up an entry form from the Town Hall, The Corsham Toy Shop or the Tourist Information Centre - or go to corsham.gov.uk for all the details.



You can pick up a list of all the other free, or low-cost things to do in Corsham over the holidays too!





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SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

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12PM - 4PM

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