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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

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

Week ending Friday 3rd October

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

We would like to share with all of our families a reminder about the morning supervision of children, before gates open at 8.40am. For the safety of all children, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children remain with you and are supervised until the school gates open. Please remind your child to wait safely with you and not play near the road or car park area, so that they do not injure themselves or anyone's property. Staff supervision begins once the gates are open at 8.40am, and we appreciate your support in helping to keep all of our children safe.

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 96%**. 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 Team if your child is not attending school and to give a detailed reason for their absence, for our records. 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.**



ONLINE SAFETY – A huge thank you to everyone who has attended our Online Safety talks, as part of your class Meet the Teacher meeting. As you know this is a vital part of our school safeguarding, and a way in which we can work together with families, to keep our children as safe as possible in our world. This week your class teacher(s) will upload the first in a series of valuable videos, hosted by Alan Mackenzie (The E-Safety Adviser). This week's is a general introduction, but more will follow on subjects such as Online Life and AI. We would encourage you to watch the videos, which are approx. 6 - 12 mins long. If you have any questions, please speak with your class teacher(s) or myself.



CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms is fully accessible to all families with children in Years 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry is available for our Reception families. 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

PARENT WORKSHOPS – Thank you to those who attended our first parent workshop on *'Being the Best We Can Be for Our Children...by Putting Ourselves First Sometimes!*'. Although small in numbers, it felt incredibly beneficial to those attending and it was great to talk about different challenges in parenting and our lives in 2025! A number of parents have asked if we will be rerunning the workshop.

Parent Workshops

We have decided to run a workshop on the same subject, but with the seasonal theme *'How to Survive Christmas and Find the Joy Again!'* This workshop will be on **Wednesday 12th November @ 5.45pm (arrival and wine) until 7.30pm. We do hope you will be able to attend.**

OPEN EVENING BOOKING NOW OPEN – Bookings are now open for Year 1 – Year 6 Parents Evenings, through School Cloud. These online meetings will be held on **Mon. 13th and Wed. 15th October**. If you have any further queries, please speak to your class teacher(s).

WE WELCOME MISS VANSON TO YEAR 1 – Miss Vanson has joined Year 1 on placement this term and is currently a PGCE student from Bath Spa University. During her time with us, she will begin leading whole-class lessons, working with small groups, and supporting individual children with their learning. Miss Vanson has said how lucky she feels to be working with such a lovely class and that she is really looking forward to getting to know the children, staff, and wider school community. We know you will join us in making her feel welcome.

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION



HARVEST CELEBRATION 2025 – Many thanks to our Chaplaincy Team and Governors for leading our Harvest Family Fast Day on Friday 3rd October. It was a lovely service and thank you to all of our families who sent in donations for our friends at The Corsham Churches Foodbank, who support our local community. **You can still donate items until Friday 17th October**, please send them in with your child or leave at the School Office. Store cupboard



items needed include cereals, coffee, custard, tinned fish, tinned meat, pasta, rice, soup, tea bags, jam/honey/marmalade, tinned vegetables and many more. Please follow the link for further information about the Foodbank and the wonderful work they do <https://corshamchurchesfoodbank.org.uk/how-it-works/>

YEAR 5 AND 6 MASS AT SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH – It was lovely to be able to celebrate Mass last week, with Year 5 and 6, their parents and families. The Mass was led by Father Michael and we learnt all about Our Lady of Walsingham, whose feast day it was. On **Wednesday 22nd October it will be Year 3 and 4 class mass, held at Saint Patrick's Church**. Families are welcome to join us and we hope to see you there.

ENRICHMENT

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – On Monday our Celebration of the Word, focussed on Black History Month. Black History Month takes place in October in the UK and this year its theme is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. We all need to recognise what we bring to our community and the wider world, celebrating our gifts and talents. Black History Month is a way to celebrate and recognise the contribution of the Black community to our history, sports, politics, arts and culture. We looked at various role models from sport, politics, the arts and literature, recognising their achievements and at times the resilience they have had to show. We thanked God for their courage, their talents, their leadership and their love. We prayed for a world which could be kind and fair to everyone, no matter their skin colour or background, and that we could all work together as a loving family.



PARENTS AS PARTNERS

OPEN DAYS - Saint Patrick's First Open Day for Reception Children joining school in September 2026, will be held on **Tuesday 7th October @ 9.30am**. Our second Open Day will be on **Wednesday 5th November @ 9.30am**. All are welcome!



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

Mon. 6th Oct	Celebration of the Word – St Francis led by Year 5 - school only Reception Online Safety Meeting for families @ 2.30pm Gardening Club (KS2) 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tues. 7th Oct	Open Morning @ 9.30am Healthy Heroes Years 5 and 6 – PE uniform to be worn Football Club – Years 4/5/6 – 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wed. 8th Oct	Rosary – led by Chaplaincy Team Year 3 Swimming 5/6
Thurs. 9th Oct	Multisports Club – Years 1/2/3 – 3.15 - 4.15pm
Fri. 10th Oct	Smartphone Free Childhood Drop in @ school 9-10am Celebration Assembly @ 2.30pm – <i>Invited parents will be contacted</i>
Future Dates....	
Mon. 13th and Wed. 15th Oct	Parents Evening Years 1- Year 6 (online through School Cloud) Celebration of the Word – Carlo Acutis led by Year 6 – school only
Tues. 14th Oct.	Individuals and siblings school photos
Wed. 15th Oct.	Chaplaincy Day at Downside – those attending have been contacted
Fri. 17th Oct.	PTFA Autumn Disco 3.15 – 4.15pm – book online
Wed. 22nd Oct	Year 3 and Year 4 Mass @ Saint Patrick's Church – families welcome Last Day of Term 1

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



Have a lovely weekend!

J Courtney
Headteacher



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Autumn Disco

All Reception children must be chaperoned by a responsible adult.

Younger siblings of Reception families may attend due to childcare requirements, but remain the sole responsibility of the adult they attend with.

Friday 17th
October 2025
3.15pm -
4.15pm

£3.00 per child (maximum of £7.50 per family)

Price includes entry to the school disco, refreshments, a small bag of sweets and unlimited squash/water.

Please purchase your tickets via the PTFAs online ticket store.