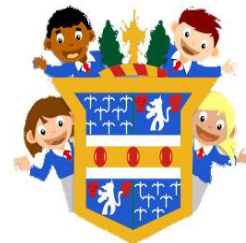


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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

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

Week ending Friday 17th April

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your families. We saw some glorious sunshine and some April showers, nature's friendly reminder to ensure that your children are prepared for all weathers in the summer term! Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, but also a sun hat, sun cream and water bottle, for when the sun is out!

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 95%**. 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 if your child is not attending school and give a specific reason for their absence, (please do not say 'unwell' or 'sick') this will need to be done for each day your child/ren is absent for our records. Our School Office is open daily from 8.45am – 3.15pm** 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



NEWS FROM OUR SMARTPHONE FREE PARENT GROUP ON PREPARING FOR THE TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL –



Back in March, families across our town found out which secondary school their child will attend this September. The transition to secondary is when the pressure to get a smartphone ramps up - but if you wish to choose a simple first phone for your child instead, Smartphone Free Childhood have an easy way to help you connect with other families doing the same.

Connecting Parents Across Feeder Schools - The SFC Year 6–7 transition resource shows how parents from different primary schools feeding into the same secondary can connect across the area, so families who want to delay smartphones can find each other early – before the “everyone else has one” narrative takes hold. It's a surprisingly simple idea, but it can make a big difference when parents realise they're not alone. There is an existing Smartphone Free Childhood group for The Corsham School, and there will be groups for all the other secondary schools your children may be attending – so don't hesitate to join up if you would like to find the other parents doing the same as you! https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/resource/my-child-is-starting-secondary-school-in-september-how-can-i-find-other-parents-delaying-smartphones?utm_source=Smartphonefreechildhood&utm_campaign=977365e45d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_11_26_05_09_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-b25eca464a-292797839&mc_cid=977365e45d&mc_eid=29f65810fd

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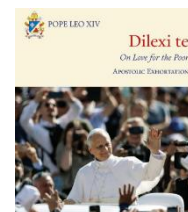
TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classroom is fully accessible to all families with children in Years 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry is available for our Reception families. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum 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

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT DILEXI TE – On Monday we gathered to learn about Pope Leo’s First Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi te. This sounds very complicated, but we know we should never worry about new or big words! An Apostolic Exhortation is a document from the Pope, which teaches us something. It encourages us (exhort) to take part in an activity or think about a virtue. Dilexi te means **“I have loved you”**. The title is taken from the words of Jesus in Revelation 3:9 and is written “to all Christians on love for the poor.”

Pope Leo XIV has written this to finish the work Pope Francis started before he died, for looking after the poor and those who some forget. Pope Leo writes as an example, that we have seen migrants in the Bible, such as Abraham, Moses and the Holy Family all had to leave their homes. Dilexi te makes clear that welcoming migrants is therefore a crucial part of the Church's mission. This Exhortation is a reminder to us all that love and care for our neighbour and those who are poor and forgotten, is an important part of our faith. Pope Leo asks us to raise our voices to call for an end to unjust systems which keep people poor and are not fair. At Saint Patrick’s we know that we are all Agents of Change and will continue to live out our values, to think of others.



ENRICHMENT

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR FIRST SAINT PATRICK’S HAPPINESS FESTIVAL – Join us on the 16th May for our very first joyful and uplifting Happiness Festival – a day dedicated to well-being, positivity, and fun for all ages! Explore a variety of themed zones designed to inspire and relax, including calm spaces for unwinding, mindfulness activities to soothe the mind, and creative areas filled with art and music. Whether you’re looking to recharge or try something new, there will be something for everyone. We’ll also be offering bookable holistic treatments such as massage, alongside opportunities to discover ways to support and improve your physical health. Take time to browse our fantastic selection of stalls featuring sustainable gifts, jewellery, skincare products, and plenty of delicious treats to enjoy. Bring the whole family along to connect with others, discover new hobbies, and soak up the positive atmosphere. It’s the perfect chance to relax, explore, chat, and most importantly—have fun!



You can find the full list of attendees so far (with more still to come!) on our Instagram page, and you can start booking for payable treatments and activities using the following link

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stpatricksschoolptfa/2123910>

NEW KS2 WRITING CLUB – Following the success of our KS2 Chess and Drawing Clubs, Audrey and Ciara will have started a creative writing lunchtime club on Thursdays, for children in KS2. They will meet outside under the trees in the playground and children can sign up outside the Year 5 classroom. All the children need to bring is a notebook, pen/pencil and their wonderful ideas! A huge thank you to Audrey and Ciara for wanting to start this club, and all of our KS2 children who are active in making our lunchtimes so creative...and fun!

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2026 CORSHAM 10K TEAM – A huge THANK YOU to our amazing runners taking part in the Corsham 10K on Sunday 26th April! 🏃💎 We are so proud of Farmer Harry, Mrs Minty, Toby Kirkby, Joey, Tom Laver and Imogen for taking on this challenge to support our school. Your effort, commitment and community spirit mean so much to us all. If you’re able to, please consider sponsoring them – every donation, big or small, will make a real difference. All money raised will go directly towards our current project: revamping our wonderful school library to create an inspiring space for our children to learn and grow. You can donate here: <https://gofund.me/258370cfd> We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has kindly volunteered to help marshal on the day. Your support helps make events like this possible and keeps everyone safe – we truly appreciate it. Thank you for supporting St Patrick’s Primary School.



Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 20th April	Gardening Club begins – KS2 – 3.15-4.15pm
Tues. 21st April	Celebration of the Word – school only – Nano Nagal Athletics Club Years 3-6 - 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thurs. 23rd April	KS2 Outdoor Lunchtime Writing Club begins 2.30pm Assembly to launch Science Week – led by Mrs Osborne Athletics Club Years 1-2 3.15 – 4.15pm
Fri. 24th April	<i>Celebration Assembly – invited families welcome</i>
Future Dates....	
Monday 4th May	<i>Bank Holiday Monday – School closed</i>
Tuesday 5th May	<i>Rosary begins, led by Chaplaincy Team, month of Mary</i>
Friday 1st May	<i>Year 6 Leavers Photos & Class Photos for Years Rec- 5</i>
Monday 11th May	<i>Start of SATs Week for Year 6</i>
Thursday 14th May	<i>Year 6 celebrate end of SATs Week</i>

Friday 15th May – PTFA Disco – more information to follow
Wednesday 20th May – Father Craig to visit KS2
Friday 22nd May – Year 5 and 6 Stratford Upon Avon Trip
Last Day of Term 5
Thursday 4th June – Term 6 begins!

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Jennie Courtney

Headteacher



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**SATURDAY
18 APRIL
10AM - 2PM**

**CORSHAM TOWN CENTRE,
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**STALLS, ACTIVITIES,
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KIDS' EASTER HOLIDAY TRAIL

Corsham Town Centre

27 March - 20 April

Some cheeky birds have flown the nest and made their homes in the windows of Corsham's shops and businesses! Pick up a trail from the Town Hall, and help us find our feathered friends.

Return your completed trail by Monday 20 April to be in with a chance to win the grand prize, as well as receive a sweet treat for taking part.

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