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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

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

Week ending Friday 9th October

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

Last week was a week for celebrating nature and God's creation, with our first St. Francis Day celebrations. Read on for more details…

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 %. 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

SAFEGUARDING AND MEET THE TEACHER- A huge thank you to all of our families who have already attended the Meet the Teacher and pre online safety talk. Every year, we are sent new information to share with families, about online risks and how to keep your child/ren as safe as possible. This year focused on social media and AI. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Courtney (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Minty (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Computing Subject Lead)

CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms and Tapestry will be accesible to parents by week 3. 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

MEET THE TEACHER DATES – Thank you to all those who have already attended our Meet the Teacher meetings. **Year 5 families will be invited in from 2.15 – 3.10pm on Monday 12th October, meeting at the main school entrance.** We look forward to seeing you there.

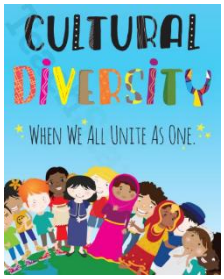
PARENTS EVENING YEARS 1-6 – Parents evening will be on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October, from 3.30 – 6pm. ***Bookings are now open via School Cloud and close today, Friday 9th October.*** Please contact the School Office Team, if you have any difficulties.

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

HARVEST 2026 – We gathered on Monday to celebrate our Harvest, as a whole school. This year we focussed on Harvest and our local community, remembering the Pilgrim Fathers journey to America and how they were supported by the Native Americans, in their time of need. We were led by members of our wonderful Chaplaincy Team, who reenacted the story, before we discussed the vital role that the Corsham Churches Foodbank play, in our local community. Some of our Key Stage 2 children have previously visited the Corsham Churches Foodbank to help pack bags and it was lovely to hear them share what community means to them and how important it is to help others in need. They really embody the value of the Foodbank, 'Local People Helping Local People'

Thank you to those families and school staff, who have already started sending in donations. For those wondering what items are most needed, we have compiled a list to help you…Fruit Juice (long life carton, 1 litre), breakfast cereal (small packets, 1kg packets, variety packs), soup (tinned, 400g), baked beans (tinned, 400g and 200g), tomatoes (tinned, 400g and 200g), tinned Vegetables (assorted, 400g and 200g), instant mashed potato, Meat (tinned, 400g and 200g), fish (tinned, 100g), fruit (tinned, 400g and 200g), rice pudding (tinned), UHT milk (long life, 1 litre and 2 litre), sponge pudding (tinned, 400g and 200g), pasta (various, 500g), cooking sauces (tins or packets), sugar (500g), tea Bags (40s,80s,160s), biscuits (large packet, small packet), snack Bars (e.g. cereal bars), chocolate bar (single bars or multipacks) and baby foods (tinned, jarred).

Thank you so much for supporting this vital community resource. Any donation will be gratefully received and make a huge difference!



RE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK – In the last week of term, we will be working with our fellow Camino schools, on a RE and Cultural Diversity Week at school. As part of the Week, the children will be enjoying a short focus on learning about different religions, cultures and traditions from around the world. We want to celebrate the wonderful diversity within our school community and help our children to appreciate and respect what makes each of us unique, with visitors such as our friends Mr Singh and Iris, coming to talk to us about their religions of Sikhism and Judaism.

As part of the week, we would love the children to come to school on Tuesday 20th October wearing clothing that represents their own culture, a culture that is special to their family, or a culture they have visited or admire. This could be traditional clothing, colours, patterns or accessories. As with all of our events, this is optional, and children can come in their school uniform as usual.

We are looking forward to celebrating the many different cultures, traditions and experiences that make our Saint Patrick's family so wonderfully unique!

ENRICHMENT

CELEBRATING SAINT FRANCIS DAY WITH SOME WONDERFUL VISITORS – What a wonderful day we had celebrating the Feast of St Francis! Our school was filled with lots of furry friends, who came in to visit the children and who were greatly admired by Teddy, our very own school dog! We began the day with a wonderful assembly led by our Year 5 children, who shared the story of St Francis and his deep love for creation and all living things. Their thoughtful message set the tone for a beautiful day of celebrating, caring and appreciating the world around us. It was a truly special day that inspired St Francis' love of creation in all of us — and reminded us of the joy, responsibility and wonder we share in looking after God's wonderful world.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

OPEN DAYS – We had a great Open Morning on Tuesday, with lots of new and familiar faces visiting our school. Our second Open Day will be on **Wednesday 4h November @ 9.30am**. Please do share this with any families who have children starting school in September 2027. All are welcome!



PTFA EVENTS: We are very much looking forward to seeing some of you at our Chocolate Tasting Event tonight, for some history of chocolate, advise on how to taste it and of course the most important part…some eating!! Please look at the other fantastic events coming up, such as the Autumn Disco, Wreath Making and our School Bazaar! All can be booked online for your convenience.

*AND FINALLY….*Dates for your Diary…

Mon. 12th Oct	Celebration of the Word – St. Carlo Acutis led by Year 6 School only 12 noon Rosary 2.15pm Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Tues. 13th Oct	Individual School Photos Football Club – Years 3/4/5/6 – 3.15 – 4.15pm Parents Evening – School Cloud
Wed. 14th Oct	Chaplaincy Camino Mass and Training at Downside School, families have been contacted 12 noon Rosary Year 3 Swimming 6/6
Thurs. 15th Oct	Multisports Club – Years 1/2 – 3.15 - 4.15pm Parents Evening – School Cloud
Fri. 16th Oct	PTFA Mufti Day and Autumn Disco 12 noon Rosary No Celebration Assembly due to disco
Future Dates….	
Monday 19th Oct –	**RE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK** 12 noon Rosary Celebration of the Word – Sikhism (Mr Singh)
Tuesday 20th Oct -	**Dress up** to celebrate your own culture, a culture special to your family or one you have visited or admire **C**elebration of the Word – Judaism (Iris)
Wednesday 21st Oct –	Celebration in class with assembly from St Gregory Catholic College Opening of our new school library – school only but details to follow!

INSET DAYS FOR 2026-27
Tues. 1st September 2026
Wed. 2nd September 2026
Mon. 4th January 2027
Thurs. 22nd July 2027
Fri. 23rd July 2027

Have a lovely weekend!

J Courtney
Headteacher

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL
PTFA EVENTS

Dates for your diary!

TOGETHER WE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER	**PTFA AGM**	2.30PM *Everyone welcome!*
FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER	**CHOCOLATE TASTING EVENING**	IN THE EVENING *A delicious night not to be missed!*
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER	**AUTUMN DISCO & MUFTI DAY**	3.15 – 4.15PM *Disco: Get your dancing shoes ready!* *Mufti: Wear your own clothes & donate*
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	**MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT**	CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE IN THE EVENING *A magical evening!*
SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	**WREATH MAKING**	*Get creative for Christmas!*
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER	**CHRISTMAS TREES**	MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW *Perfect for your festive season!*
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER	**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**	& CORSHAM LIGHTS SWITCH ON IN TOWN IN THE EVENING

WE ARE GOING INTO...

OUR 60TH YEAR!

Lots of fun celebrations coming up for 2026/2027!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL AND MAKING IT SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE!


CORSHAM SKATE PARK PROJECT
ROUTE ONE present:
RAMPANTICS
SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 12PM-6PM
SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS (REAR CAR PARK), BEECHFIELD RD, CORSHAM
• 12 - 2pm: Free Skate Lessons
• 3 - 4pm: Under 16's Jam
• 4 - 5pm: Over 16's Jam
• 5 - 6pm: Limbo Challenge
• Pop-Up Skate Park + Prizes & Giveaways
• Stalls, Refreshments & Raffles in aid of C.S.P
• All Abilities Welcome
*Minimum participant age 7+
supported by
NIKE SB
Corsham TOWN COUNCIL
BURT'S BOARDS
R&B
birdhouse
cliché
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INDEPENDENT
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STANCE
A WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.