

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School



**Headteacher: Mr R. Protsiv**

**School Closures:**

Easter Holidays	Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 12th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Friday 29th March 2024 Monday 1st April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024 Monday 27th May 2024
Half Term:	Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May 2024
Summer Holidays	Begins Monday 22nd July 2024

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**Congratulations!**

<b>This week's attendance</b> 15/03/2024	<b>Class: 4P</b> <b>Class: 4B</b> <b>Class: RE</b>	<b>98.4%</b> <b>98.0%</b> <b>97.4%</b>
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**Congratulations!**

**House Points  
w/e 08<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Bethlehem	577
Galilee	<b>635</b>
Jerusalem	421
Nazareth	558

**Congratulations!**

<b>This week's punctuality</b> 15/03/2024	<b>Class</b> <b>Class</b> <b>Class</b>	<b>1M</b> <b>4P</b> <b>RH</b>
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**Building Fund:** Each year every parent who has chosen to send their child to a voluntary-aided Catholic School is asked to make a contribution to the school Building Fund so that the school can continue to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment. Governors at St Patrick's ask for a donation of £30 a year for families with one child, plus an additional £10 for families with more than one child at the school.

Reminder letters have been sent out this week so, if you haven't yet made your contribution, you can do so by logging in to your ParentPay account or by taking the barcoded letter to any PayPoint store along with your donation. Thank you to all the families that have already contributed to the Building Fund for this school year.

**Holiday Club:** Tuesday 02nd April to Friday 12th April 2024. To book your child's place, you will need access to ParentPay and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the school office for your login details. The daily cost is £26.00 per child, £20.00 for siblings. The club runs from 8:00am to 6:00pm. A range of exciting activities will be offered for the children. We will also be offering daily Reading and Mathematics to help children with their learning. If you would like us to provide your child with additional Mathematics and Reading work, please let the office know. Outdoor activities will also be available (weather permitting). Children will be offered a healthy breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack with choices of fresh fruit, fresh juice, milk or water.

**To book, please follow the link:** <https://www.parentpay.com/>



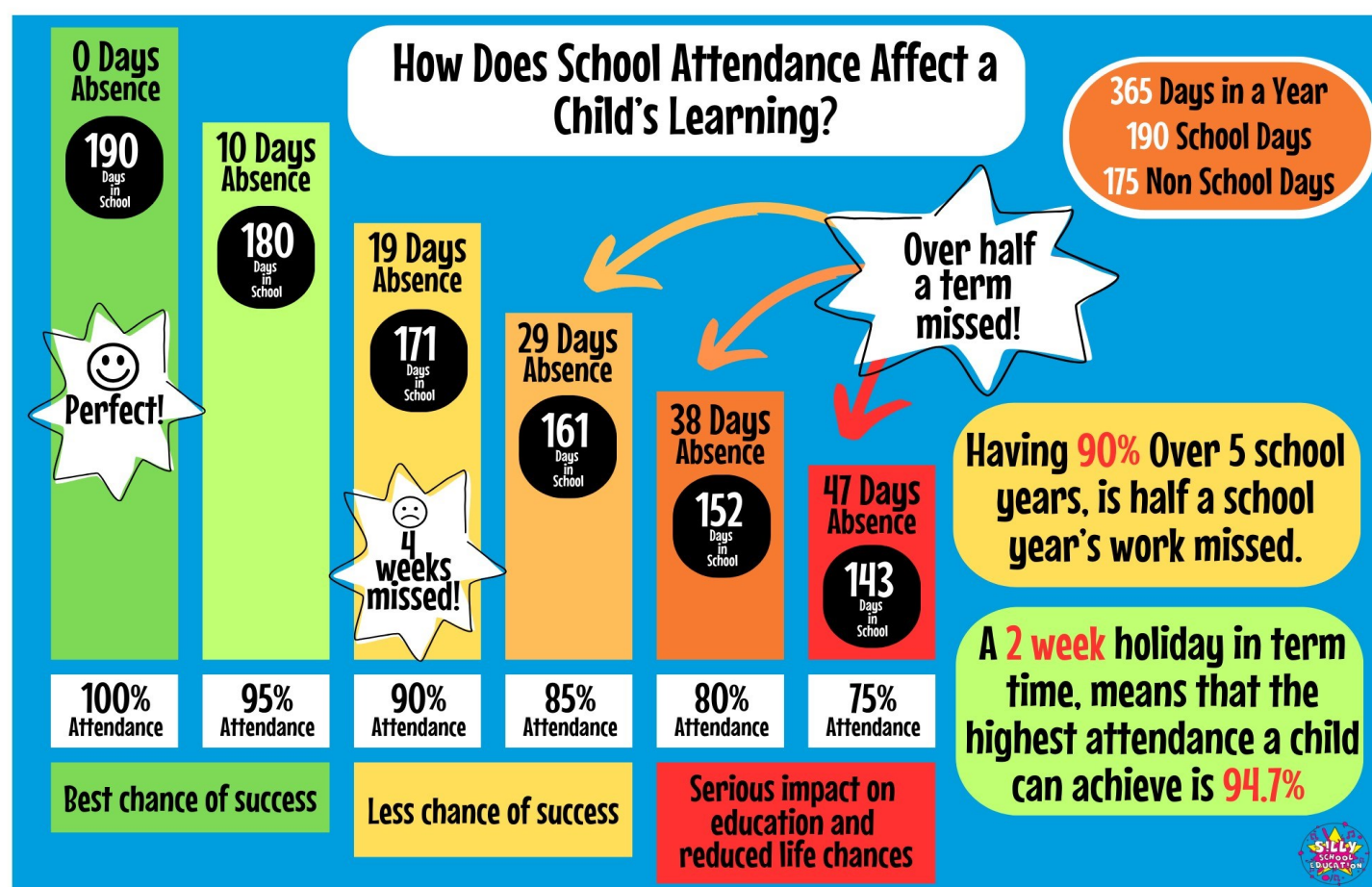
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### Attendance and Punctuality:

As a school, we are working with the Local Authority to improve our overall attendance. You will need to provide evidence for illnesses longer than three days. A reminder, that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised by the school. Unauthorised absence may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice, being issued by the Borough of Waltham Forest. The local Authority will be looking into absences that are taken in the lead up to the holidays and the week we return. We also inform the Local Authority of any persistent absence below 90%.

Any parents who receive a letter from the school, the Local Authority will be sending you a Notification of Parental Responsibility (NPR).



**Packed Lunches:** According to advice from the Food Standards Agency, a healthy packed lunch should include:

- Meat, fish or a dairy source of protein
- Starchy carbohydrate, such as a wholegrain sandwich, to provide energy
- At least one portion each of a fruit, vegetable or salad
- Water or milk to drink



Please **DO NOT** put crisps, chocolate or fizzy drinks in your child's packed lunch.

We are a nut-free school and as such, please **DO NOT** put nuts or foods that contain nuts in your child's packed lunch. We have children who have nut allergies so they would be put a risk.



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On Thursday 14th March, the Year 2 children had a whole day **Great Fire of London** workshop. During the morning, the children used practical activities and drama to find out what it was like living through the Great Fire. They explored many of the jobs of the people in that time, including: a barber surgeon, apothecary, leather worker, Chandler, perfumer, baker, metal worker, seamstress and weaver. They also visited a Stuart schoolhouse to make ink and learn how to write with quill pens! In the afternoon, the children began an archaeological investigation. They used 'dig' boxes to search the remains of the fire for artefacts that would help them to find out more about a specific job or family that may have been living in London in 1666.

In order for this workshop and its many activities to run so smoothly, we needed a lot of extra hands and support. So, we want to thank the many parent volunteers and staff for travelling back in time with us and training up all the keen apprentices in the trades of that time – it would not have been possible without them.



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### The British Library – Making Books

On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, the students of 4P embarked on an enriching educational journey to the British Library. Immersed in the fascinating world of literature, they delved into the intricate process of bookmaking, discovering the diverse array of shapes, materials, and techniques involved in crafting these timeless treasures. With boundless curiosity, they eagerly engaged in hands-on activities, even trying their hand at creating their own books. This immersive experience not only deepened their appreciation for the art of bookmaking but also ignited a passion for storytelling and creativity within each student. They also had the opportunity to go into the Treasure Library which was filled with the most beautiful and very different forms of books.



### Extension Questions:

Write a short summary of what you have learnt and what you did on our trip.  
What did you see? What was your favourite part?  
What was your favourite book that you saw in the British Library and why was it?  
What word did you choose to make a book about?  
Will you visit this beautiful library again?  
Would you recommend a visit to friends and family, if yes, why would you?



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### WORLD BOOK DAY



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**BOOK WEEK:** Last week we celebrated Book Week in style with a range of activities designed to promote books and get children excited about reading.

On Monday, there was a Giant Book Swap in the hall, where pupils exchanged books they are no longer reading for a book from another child. Many children took part. Thank you to parents and children who brought in books to swap! Our homework competition winners wrote fantastic book reviews or designed wonderful book character posters to recommend books to others. The winners received a £5 Book Voucher to spend at the school Book Fair.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed in pyjamas to 'Get cosy with a book!' We had a special assembly where the winners of the homework competition were presented with their prizes and we heard from some famous authors. To see more please visit [Families - World Book Day](#). The majority of our older children went to read a book a buddy in a younger class. It was a joy to watch our KS2 children taking responsibility for reading to a younger pupil and the excitement of younger pupils to spend time reading with an older friend!

On Friday, we finished our book week by listening to stories read by parents and staff in other languages. Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered to come in and read a story in their home language, we appreciate your support and the richness of diversity you brought to Book Week!

Of course all children received their World Book Day token. If you have not already spent yours, please go along to a bookshop and trade it in for a FREE book (from the World Book Day selection) or use it to get £1 off a book of your choice. In the meantime, KEEP READING!!!



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## The Gospel for Sunday 17th March 2024 1 EXALTATION THROUGH SUFFERING

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. Taken from John 12:20-30 The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

**Does Jesus fear death? Do you? What are the grounds for Jesus' confidence? To what degree do you share this confidence?**

**This week's Wednesday Word for parents and children:**

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=123.5>



**Fifth Sunday of Lent:** By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Happy St  
Patrick's Day



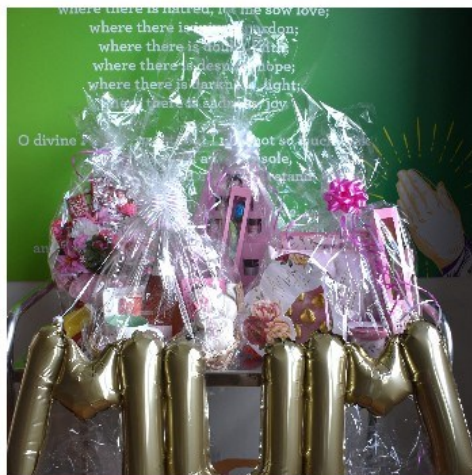
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**FOSPA** held the Mother's Day raffle at the school assembly on Friday 8th March where eight winners were announced.

Thank you to everyone who purchased the tickets and supported the school. Thank you to FOSPA members who helped sell the tickets and prepare the prizes.



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