

# 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!**

**This week's  
attendance  
08/03/2024**

**Class: 6J  
Class: 5F  
Class: 1G**

**100%  
100%  
99.3%**

**Congratulations!**

**House Points  
w/e 01<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Bethlehem	366
Galilee	596
Jerusalem	609
Nazareth	<b>647</b>

**Congratulations!**

**This week's  
punctuality  
08/03/2024**

**Class  
Class  
Class**

**1G & 1M  
4B  
4P**

**Lent:** Lent is a movable time, occurring between February and April. Lent lasts a period of forty days, echoing the period of time Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his public ministry. During Lent, Christians devote more time to prayer, charity, and sacrifice as they prepare for the greatest feast in the Church year, Easter – when Jesus rose from the dead. This interactive calendar highlights each Sunday's Gospel reading and invites children and adults to reflect on Jesus' words and actions.

**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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**ST PATRICK'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OUR NETBALL TEAM  
ARE THE WINNERS!**



**St Patrick's Year 5/6 Netball Team  
emerged victorious  
in the Borough Final  
on Wednesday 6th March.**



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In a outstanding display of skill, resilience, and sportsmanship, St Patrick's Year 5/6 Netball Team emerged victorious in the Borough Final on Wednesday 6th March. The goal was clear: to defend their title as Borough Champions and secure a coveted spot in the London Youth Games. Our team motto was 'in it to win it.'" Little did the children know their journey to triumph would be laced with unexpected challenges, making their achievement all the more remarkable.

The path to victory began on February 8th, where a highly competitive, netball competition unfolded in two sessions. St Patrick's made it to the finals, earning their spot as the champions of the morning session. The original plan, as communicated by the School Games Organiser, was for the two winning teams to play in the Borough final. However, an unforeseen twist awaited us!

To our surprise, the School Games Organiser invited five teams from the morning session to the finals, citing the reason was to 'find the very best' due to the London Youth Games being fiercely competitive. This unexpected development did not faze the St Patrick's netball team; instead, it fuelled our determination to prove our calibre on the court. Remaining calm and confident, the team faced their opponents - they were PREPARED and READY!!!! The Organiser's decision to expand the final into a full-blown competition only amplified the challenge and St Patrick's embraced it wholeheartedly.

As the games unfolded, St Patrick's showcased unparalleled dominance, outplaying each opponent with flair and finesse. The first match against Sybourn saw an astounding 8-0 victory, setting the tone for a series of triumphs: 9-0 against Mayville, 4-0 against St Saviours, 4-1 against Roger Ascham, and a final 2-0 against South Grove. Notably, the only goal conceded was due to an illegal throw, highlighting St Patrick's commitment to fair play and sportsmanship. Their hard work and dedication paid off in splendid fashion, with the team receiving well deserved praise for their exceptional play and thoroughly earned gold medals.

St Patrick's netball team, Otaoghene, Samara, Esther, Phoebe, Jacob, Jesururu, Brayan and Valentina delivered a dazzling performance. Their triumph sends a resounding message: hard work, teamwork, determination, and self-belief can turn dreams into reality. In the face of unexpected challenges, St Patrick's rose to the occasion, proving that resilience and commitment are the keys to success.

We extend a special thanks to Mr McFarlane, a committed Friend of St Patrick's, for volunteering his time to help train the team and for his unwavering support on the day. This is a prime example of the unity within our school community and what we can achieve when we work together. As a school we are incredibly proud that we have once again secured the title of Borough Netball Champions. We now look forward with great anticipation as St Patrick's prepares to represent Waltham Forest in the prestigious London Youth Games – a testament to our school's commitment to excellence, teamwork and sportsmanship.

It is needless to say that without our outstanding PE teacher Ms Le Blond these champions and many other children would not have been able to have such amazing opportunities to develop, shine and firmly place the name of St Patrick's sports talents and sportsmanship on the borough and London map. We wholeheartedly thank Ms Le Blond for her unfailing energy, inspiration and dedication to getting the best from our children.



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## ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SAFE CYCLE TRAINING

St Patrick's pupils  
took part in a safe  
cycle training  
programme  
learning how to  
cycle safely  
on the road.



Well done!

To all participants.



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Our Year 5 children have had an exciting time taking part in the National Bikeability programme. Over the course of a week, 23 of our children set off on a journey to discover and develop important life skills through cycling.

Bikeability cycle training goes beyond learning to ride; it is an experience that empowers our children with independence, social skills, and an enhanced sense of well-being. The programme commenced in the playground, where our children 'polished' their cycling skills in a controlled environment before confidently taking to the roads.

Guided by vigilant instructors, our young cyclists navigated local roads, mastering all challenges and hazards. We are delighted to share that children successfully completed the Level 2 Bikeability course. Now, we hope they can use their bikes more often - as a mode of sustainable transport, for fun, and to stay fit and healthy. In turn, this will help contribute to a greener planet and all the benefits that cycling brings, like a healthier mind and body.

At St Patrick's, our ultimate goal is to ensure the happiness, safety, and health of all our children. While we celebrate their cycling proficiency, let's remember that roads can be unpredictable and risky. Whenever possible, encourage the use of cycle paths, and always ensure your child wears a protective helmet. Remind your child about the importance of safety each and every time they go out on their bikes so we can collectively ensure our young cyclists remain safe.



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Wishing All Moms  
Happy

Mother's  
Day



Here on Earth  
and up in Heaven



St Patrick's

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**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 and as such, they would be put at risk.



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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).



**Cake and sweets sale!** FOSPA will hold a cake and sweets sale on Friday 15th March in the school playground from 3:15pm to 3:30pm in celebration of St Patrick's Day !!

FOSPA members have made great efforts in arranging the cake and sweets sale. Cake donations will be accepted. Please bring them to the school office by Thursday 14th March.

Enjoy a variety of goodies and help raise funds for the school! Have your 20p and 50p coins at the ready. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The Gospel for Sunday 10th March 2024 1 NICODEMUS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God". Taken from John 3:14-21 The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

**When confronted by Jesus, do we come to the light so that our deeds may be known, or do we shun the light?**

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/self-giving?pid=MTA101634&v=121.5>

**Link to mission together for children:**

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/#>



**Lent 4 Mothering Sunday:** We pray especially for mothers and for stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all those women who have loved and laughed, wept and worked to care for others. Let us be a source of encouragement, support and friendship for them as they courageously accept this inspiring responsibility.



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