



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

An outstanding Catholic School



Newsletter: 20th October 2023

Dear Families,

Well, what a busy half-term that was! I'm sure that the next one will be just as busy, but we wouldn't have it any other way!

This week has seen a full schedule of Reception Baseline feedback appointments, YR, Y1 and Y2 trip to Hardwick Park and an Open the Book assembly. Parents sessions took place for Y4 times tables as well as Reception phonics. The half-term has ended with our brilliant autumn disco, where we saw some interesting dance moves and our pupils (and staff) strutting their stuff on the dance floor!

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved week off with your families and come back refreshed for the remainder of the term.

Have a fantastic break,
Mrs Gardner and Mrs Burgess



General news

Cross Country

Once again, a big 'Well done' to our children who have taken part in the cross country competition. The children were met with tricky routes and muddy conditions, but they improved every week. We are proud to announce that the girls' team finished 5th and the boys' team finished 8th out of 16 schools competing. Brilliant results for the school and for each individual runner.



Christmas Fayre Donations

We plan to run a sweets raffle stall and would be grateful of any donations for this. Thank you for the soft toy/raffle donations that have begun to come into school. Please continue to send these into school with your child after the half-term holiday.

After School Clubs

All club places have now been allocated. Clubs will commence immediately after the October break and will run for 8 weeks unless otherwise stated. You will receive further information regarding payment when the Arbor parent system goes live.

October Wellbeing Activities

I am loved.

I am thankful.

Acts of Kindness October Calendar

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

2 Write down something you are grateful for.

3 Donate books or toys to a local charity.

4 **BOO!** During a family meal, ask everyone to share the best part of their day.

5 Offer to help someone.

6 Give someone a compliment to help them feel better about themselves.

7 Play a boardgame with your family.

1 Share a favourite memory with a friend or family member.

9 Write a thank-you note to someone who helped you.

10 Encourage someone that you see is struggling.

11 Set yourself a goal to achieve today.

12 Do a chore to help someone in your family.

13 Write a note to someone to show them that you care.

14 Wish the first person that you see an amazing day.

15 Make a card for someone special.

16 Share your toys with a friend or sibling.

17 Find a positive quote and share it with someone.

18 Introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before at school.

19 Help tidy your classroom or home.

20 Be kind to yourself and do something special for you.

21 Recycle.

22 Do a puzzle with your family.

23 Do something nice for someone who is special to you.

24 Help prepare a meal with your family.

25 Help a teacher without being asked.

26 Teach someone something you are good at.

27 **SPOOKY** Draw a picture and give it to someone special.

28 Do something that you love to do.

29 At the end of the day, write or draw one great thing that happened.

30 Ask your teacher how their day is going.

31 Be a friend to someone in need at school.

Calming STRATEGIES

take a deep breath

count to ten

draw or doodle

read a book

hug a cuddly toy

listen to calm music

drink some water

play with playdough

build a tower with blocks

make a yoga pose

blow bubbles

sing a song



Spider Chocolate Crispy Cake

Ingredients

100g chocolate – dark or milk.

60g butter

3 tbsp golden syrup

90g crispy rice cereal

Small marshmallows for eyes

Lace sweets for legs and mouth

Black icing (from a tube if possible)

Equipment

Mixing bowl

Wooden spoon

Cake cases

Microwave

Spoon

Method

1. Melt the chocolate slowly in the microwave, 10 seconds at a time, stirring each time.
2. Add the butter, making sure it melts.
3. Add the syrup and then the crispy rice cereal, mix well.
4. Make into balls and put into cake cases.
5. Using a little black icing, attach 8 legs and marshmallow eyes.



Head Teacher's Angel Wings Awards

The following children have received a head teacher's Angel Wings certificate this week:

Reception	Being Respectful	Evie	For always being so polite when talking to adults in school.
Year 1	Being Responsible	Raeson	For being very responsible whilst on our trip.
Year 2	Being Respectful	George P	For always displaying good manners around school.
Year 3	Being Ready to Learn	Matthew	For showing a good attitude to learning. Matthew listens and shows an interest in all subjects.
Year 4	Being Respectful	Torin	For always being polite to adults and his friends, in and out of the classroom.
Year 5	Being Ready to Learn	Lola	For carefully following instructions in class.
Year 6	Being Respectful	Ella-Mae	Joining our school so positively and showing beautiful manners to all.



Class Teacher Special Mention Awards

The following children have received a Class Teacher Special Mention certificate this week:

Reception	Whole class	For being so well behaved on our trip to Hardwick Park.
Year 1	Hannah	For always having a great attitude towards her work.
Year 2	Logan	For persevering with his writing and not giving up when it got tricky.
Year 3	Lara	For being such a kind and friendly member of our class.
Year 4	Lucas	For putting great effort in his writing about the ancient Egyptians.
Year 5	Mary-Kate	For beautifully presented work in both Maths and English.
Year 6	Jacob	For a real improvement in focus and applying himself to work.



Parent/Carer Information

October Half Term

Raby Estates

Halloween Trail

THE PLOTTERS' FOREST RABY CASTLE

21st & 22nd October
25th October - 5th November



Mischievous Mog Trail in the Deer Park, Raby Castle

Everyday until the 5th November

Kids Go Free

into Raby Castle with a valid
Plotters' Forest ticket

Until 5th November



School of Wizardry

at High Force Waterfall

Everyday until 5th November

Summary of upcoming events

Friday 20th October 3.20pm School closes for half term break

Monday 30th October School re-opens to pupils

Monday 30 th	After School Clubs commence
Wednesday 1 st	Acorns Support Group in school 9am-10am
Friday 3 rd	Firework Safety Talk with Consett Fire Department (TBC)
Friday 10 th	Remembrance Day minute silence 11am
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week – Make A Noise About Bullying
Wednesday 15 th	Rec-Y6 Parents' Evening 1pm-6pm in school (Details to follow)
Thursday 16 th	Open the Book Assembly 2.30pm in school. Parents/Carers Welcome.
Friday 17 th	Children in Need (Non-uniform)
Wednesday 22 nd	Reception – Heights, Weights and Vision Y6 – Heights and Weights

[Please click here to view our Diary of Events for the rest of the Academic year](#)