

# ST PATRICK'S NEWS



JULY 2024



We have reached the end of another successful year at St Patrick's. We have achieved so much as a school community and we have grown by working together and helping each other. We are so proud of the children and everything they have achieved over the course of the year; as ever, there are too many things to list them all but I did want to reflect on some of the many highlights of the year.

Firstly, well done to our Year 11s. What a lovely year group they have been. They have worked so hard this year and we all felt so proud of them when we saw them taking their exams, seated row by row in the sports hall. It is at this point that we realise our work is done and they are ready to fly the nest! We had two lovely celebrations of their time at St Patrick's-a leavers' mass in school and a brilliant prom at The Last Drop Village, Bolton. It was wonderful to see them all dressed up and dancing the night away. It really has been a pleasure watching these children grow into young adults and we will miss them all. We have our fingers crossed for their GCSE results day in August and will be keeping all of Year 11 in our prayers.

Once Year 11 leave us we always turn our attention to Year 10, who will soon become Year 11 in September. We have been so very impressed with how they have grown into their role as oldest in the school. They are a mature, caring and fun group of young people who we can already see will serve the school so well in their final year. Year 7 will also move up and not be the babies of the school! They have all settled well and we look forward to them showing the new Year 7s how we do things at St Patrick's.

Recently we celebrated Mission Day. This is a day where we focus on the Catholic values of our school of Love, Faith, Truth, Resilience and Service and really engage with what these values mean to us and for us. We had a range of on-site and off-site activities that children could opt into and, for once, we had a sunny day which made the kayakers and the hikers very happy indeed (myself included!). The children were a credit to us and to you, their families. It was so enjoyable to work with the children in a different way and have time to talk to them without the bell ringing and them moving onto the next class, as we do on a typical school day. Our children are kind, thoughtful, lively and fun to be around; we got to see this in bucketloads that day and it reminded all staff of why we love working at this great school.

This week we had our school play, High School Musical, performed over two nights. It was a great show of the talent we have. It was so lovely to see some children who always join in and perform and many new faces whom we did not know were so very talented. The acting, singing and dancing was just superb! But most of all it was brilliant to see our children having the time of their lives and giving it their very best shot! Well done to all involved.

The final highlight I wanted to tell families about is the Sports Day we have just had yesterday. We were getting worried that we would have to postpone it to September. Mr Challoner has spent the best part of two weeks checking the weather forecast and discussing it with me every day! Thank goodness the sun came out this week so we could go ahead and have the whole school sports day we had planned. We were amazed at how well all the competitors performed-every single person gave it their very best and showed the resilience we value so much. We really do have some very talented athletes and we are proud of winning the Salford Schools Athletics competition recently. The support from the crowds watching was just fantastic-so many children were cheering and encouraging their classmates. Special shout out to Eden who painted faces to add to the festival atmosphere-she painted hundreds! It was a wonderful atmosphere that we won't forget.

Finally, I would like to thank our parents and carers for their unending support. As I said at the four achievement ceremonies we had, we know it isn't easy to get teenagers up and out for school on time every single day, in all the correct uniform, with all the right attitude but you do it. We are grateful for your trust in us and for working with us, even when your child is facing difficulties-it really does make such a difference. Our attendance has been very strong this year and this is because of your understanding the importance of sending your child in every day. Today a very lucky pupil in Year 7 has won our attendance draw for 2024 - she has chosen an iPad as a reward!

We hope your child has enjoyed the year at St Patrick's and is looking forward to September. We certainly have enjoyed working with them. Now it is time to rest and relax! Enjoy the summer break and let's hope for some sunshine!

Mrs Byrne

## JODRELL BANK

On Thursday 20th June, all of Year 7 spent the day at Jodrell Bank. The pupils got to visit all 4 pavilions and found out some new information and tried out some equipment. The day also featured two workshops, involving an inflatable planetarium, a visit to the Newton and Space station and interacting with the variety of exhibitions on offer. All the students enjoyed the Wolfson auditorium which was really out of this world. A great day for pupils and staff.



## LOWRY THEATRE TRIPS

This half term, Miss Davis has taken students to see performances at The Lowry theatre. First up was 2:22 A Ghost Story - the West End hit that was making a return to Manchester. Students were treated to a tense theatre performance that left them all connecting the dots afterwards! Our second trip of the half term was to see Life of Pi - a multi Olivier and Tony award winning play, based on the book by Lolita Chakrabarti. Students were amazed by the puppetry used for the animals, as well as the stunning visual effects on the stage - and we all came away feeling very heartbroken for a certain turtle...

## THRIFT SHOP

A big thank you to all the staff who have generously donated stock for the thrift shop this year. It has truly made a difference to the lives of others in our school community. Through their generous donations pupils have benefited in purchasing a bargain and so too have the charities all the profits went to;

CAFOD £40

Medical outreach in Africa £140

PawPurrs Halfway House £60

Also a big thank you to Y10 BG Form and the Year 9 girls who have helped all year running the thrift shop. It couldn't happen without your time and dedication. Best wishes for summer.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We had a lovely celebration at the start of July with all of our children who received the sacrament of Confirmation in May. Sr Anna was able to join us too. We are very grateful for all the support she gives our young people in their spiritual journey





## SALFORD SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 26th June we had a fantastic day at Salford Schools athletics. A selection of year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils picked up a number of medals throughout the day! All the pupils were fantastic on the day and we were proud of every single one of them, especially with the extreme heat!

To follow all of our sporting news, please follow us on Instagram [@stpatspe](https://www.instagram.com/stpatspe)



## SALFORD CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2024

This year's Salford Children's Book Award (SCBA) 2024 has been won by the author, Lily Bailey for *When I See Blue*.

The winner was announced last Wednesday at a ceremony at Salford University, attended by members of St Patrick's SCBA reading group. After the ceremony, the pupils met the authors of all 6 short-listed books for autographs and selfies - they all received a free book which they could get signed. Mrs Rothery and Mrs Parker were particularly proud of Natalia and Rhona who gave a presentation from the stage and helped with the distribution of certificates.

If you would like to take part in next year's Salford Children's Book Award, please see Mrs Parker or Mrs Rothery for more details.

## Y10 TRIP - ETIHAD STADIUM

In July we took our Year 10 Business Studies students to visit the home of Manchester City Football Club. The pupils took part in a tour of the stadium and then went into a conference room where we learnt about the Club as a Business; looking at revenue streams and the different job roles within the business. We came away with lots of useful knowledge that we can apply to our lesson. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and the staff at the Club were very complimentary about the behaviour and engagement of our pupils.





# MISSION DAY 2024



Mission Day 2024! Walking into the dining hall on Monday 8th July, you could feel the buzz in the air. All the pupils were so excited about what the day would bring. What a success! 460 pupils left school first thing in the morning to go on six different concurrent trips – a hike at Rivington, Arcade Club, a visit to Manchester United, a faith trail, creative writing at RHS Bridgewater and kayaking...meanwhile, back at school, nearly 300 pupils engaged in lots of different activities – Mobile Planetarium, salsa dancing, orienteering, Science workshops, a cookery masterclass, Dragon Race, badgemaking and, last but by no means least, Play in a Day!

What on earth has this got to do with Mission, you may ask?! The purpose of Mission Day is to come together as a community for a day of joy and celebration. St. Patrick wanted to be like the apostles and spoke of his role as a missionary 'so that I...may imitate those whom the Lord long before now had said beforehand as going to herald his own gospel'. Pope Francis has said "Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church."



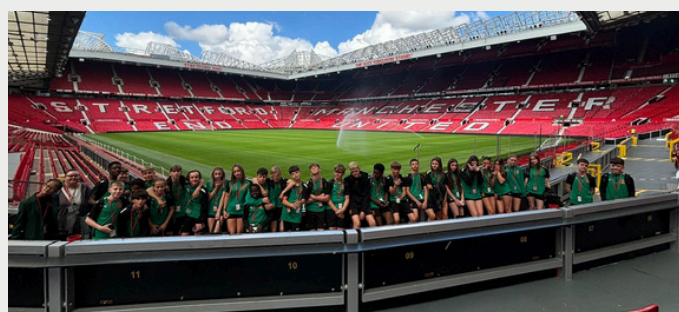




# MISSION DAY 2024

What is our mission as a modern Catholic community? We see ourselves as wanting to 'go out and make a difference to God's world'. Our values help us to think about what kind of person a 'missionary disciple' is. Mission Day is an opportunity to reflect on what that means for our school but also, what that means for our pupils as individuals. All of our trips and activities were linked clearly to one of our values and what that means for our pupils; for example, when exploring the Mobile Planetarium, our pupils were transported into a world of space and science – this links to our value of truth and our call to understand the universe that God has created and how we belong here. Many of our pupils who chose Rivington hike had never done a long walk like this before and it put our value of resilience into practice through their demonstration of a positive attitude towards physical and mental challenges.

Our whole school community had a wonderful day (and God listened to our prayers about the weather!) and we were so proud of our pupils both offsite, representing school out in the community and onsite, who were so wonderful with our visitors. We can't wait to see what next year brings!



For this year's Mission Day I took part in the play in a day activity. I found the activity very fun as we played drama games as icebreakers then practised scenes and songs from Wicked and Matilda the musical. I especially enjoyed rehearsing and performing the scenes and there were a variety of scene options that allowed us to pick our own groups. The day was really fun and it was nice to spend time with pupils from other year groups as well as my own. I think the session linked to the school's values of resilience and love because we had to perform in front of other pupils and then show them respect when they did the same. Overall, I enjoyed Mission Day this year due to the fact that we could choose what we wanted to do.

***By Betws Redgrave, Year 10***



## NASA MOON ROCKS

During a week in May, pupils had an out of this world experience thanks to a loan from NASA and the Science and Technology Facilities Council. Students had the opportunity to view and handle a selection of rocks from the moon and outer space. Special Education activities written by the National Space Academy were delivered to students in the Science Department, who were then able to get up close and study the samples.



## AWARD CEREMONIES

Last week we celebrated the achievements of Years 7-10 with our End of Year Award Ceremonies. These special events were a chance to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students this academic year. Awards ranged from subject specific awards, to those who display our school values of Faith, Love, Resilience, Truth and Service in everything they do. We were also thrilled to present Jack Grehan (Y7), Martyna Michalak (Y8), Adelaide Lopes Simao (Y9) and Stefan Ogundokun (Y10) with the Headteachers Awards! Well done to all of our winners. Your achievements inspire us all!



## STAFF CHANGES FOR 2024-2025

The end of the school year sadly brings us the news of some staff leavers:

**Mr Steven Ladley** - Teacher of Maths  
**Mr Frazer Heath** - Teacher of Humanities and Transition Lead  
**Miss Victoria Conhye** - SEND & Pastoral Admin Assistant  
**Mr Max Worthington** - Teacher of Music  
**Mr Leighton Lawson** - Teacher of Computer Science  
**Mr Samuel Arrowsmith** - Teaching Assistant  
**Mrs Nirali Patel** - Teacher of Maths  
**Mrs Jenny Tandy-Hall** - Teacher of English  
**Miss Abbey Gooding** - Teaching Assistant  
**Mr Alex Rabbitte** - Teaching Assistant  
**Miss Elizabeth Smith** - Teacher of English  
**Mrs Helen Stewart** - Teacher of MFL

Please be aware that we review classes and sides of the year ahead of September and so there may be changes to your child's classes.

This term we have been thrilled to welcome the following members of staff to St Patrick's:

**Mrs Lauren Mulholland** - Head of Music  
**Mr Luke Turner** - Teacher of Geography  
**Miss Hannah Healy** - Design Technology and Art Technician

We are excited to be welcoming the following teachers in September:

**Mrs Terri Rosa** - Deputy Headteacher  
**Mrs Rachael Salih** - Pastoral Lead  
**Mrs Rebecca Lawrence-Hardinge** - Lead Teacher of Computer Science and Whole School ICT Lead  
**Ms Abbey Costello** - Key Stage Leader of Maths  
**Mr Adam Pate** - Progress Lead in English  
**Miss Daria Necula** - Progress & Wellbeing Volunteer





## HEAD OF YEAR TEAM 2024-2025



*Miss Hogan*  
Head of Year 7



*Mr Elliott*  
Head of Year 8



*Mr Ingram*  
Head of Year 9



*Mr Hindmarch*  
Head of Year 10



*Mrs Millar*  
Head of Year 11

## EQUIPMENT

All pupils should arrive to school every day with the following items:

Pens (Black/Blue Ink only)

Pencils

Ruler

Calculator (Scientific)

Student Planner (school provided)

A school bag that is strong enough and large enough to hold equipment and multiple A4 books/revision guides



Every pupil who arrives to school on the first day with full equipment and dressed in full complete uniform with no corrections needed will receive Achievement Points from their form tutor.



All parents should have now received their access codes to ClassCharts, if you haven't, please contact school as soon as we return in September. Year 8 and 9 will be bringing access codes home today.

On ClassCharts you can see all homework, behaviour and attendance records for your child.

- What homework your child has for the week
- Details about specific subject homework and what needs to be completed
- Any relevant links to online learning platforms, such as Seneca
- The due date for the homework
- A record of whether your child has completed and handed in their homework

## PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS



All pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd September. All pupils are expected to be on site by 8.25am every day. Pupils are therefore expected to be sat down in Form period at 8.30am. Anyone arriving to school or Form after 8.30am is to be marked down as late which results in a 30 min lunch detention on that day. Anyone pupil arriving after 9.30am is marked as absent for the morning session and this results in a loss of attendance of 0.5 days. Pupil who arrive on bikes need to be on site by 8.20am at the latest to give themselves time to secure their bike in the bike storage area and then be ready to attend form period.

## UNIFORM

If you have to replace any uniform (including PE kit) from our suppliers Whittakers, may I recommend doing it earlier in the summer holidays as opposed to the last week, to avoid disappointment.

The link to our suppliers can be found on our School Uniform section on our website at [School Uniform | St Patrick's RC High School](#)

Please familiarise yourself with all sections on this part of the website regards our Uniform expectations. The last thing we want is for our parents to waste their money purchasing clothing items which are not compliant with our Uniform Policy. We want every single pupil to commence the new school year in a positive manner.





Year 11 prom took place on Thursday 4th July at Last Drop Village. A huge thank you to our wonderful prom fundraisers who helped make it such a success! The pupils were on the dance floor all night and it was great to highlight some individual contributions in a very special awards ceremony, including crowning this years' Prom King (Nick De Almeida) and Prom Queen (Abi Eboda)!







Another big thank you must go to [MB Carroll Photography](#) for being our photographer again. The photos are beautiful. More photos can be found on our Facebook page.





# IN OTHER NEWS...



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2nd September - INSET Day  
3rd September - All students return to school  
18th September - Open Morning  
27th September - Year 7 Photographs  
18th October - School closes for half term  
22nd October - Iceland Trip  
15th November - Year 11 Photographs  
29th November - INSET Day  
2nd December - School closed to all  
3rd December - School reopens to all students  
5th December - GCSE Award Night  
18th December - Advent Service  
20th December - School closes for Christmas

## FANTASTIC FOOTBALLERS

Well done to some of our Year 7 boys who play for Irlam JFC U12s. They were crowned league champions, a huge achievement on their first season together, and 2 weeks after that they were crowned champions of the Timperley League cup!

William received Man of the match in the Cup Final and Oliver scored a hat trick in the final league game!

Well done to William Ridgeway, Oliver Broadist, Noah McCann, Riley Perry, Leo Pike, Finlay Hatch and Zac Hamblett!



## BRILLIANT BEN

Congratulations to Year 11 student Ben Angwaba who was selected to represent Sale Sharks 🐟 at U17 level. Ben who plays as a winger is a really exciting up and coming talent



## RUGBY SUPERSTAR

Congratulations to Lewis Moran who plays for Lymm U14s RFC (Spartans), who won their first trophy after playing against 8 different teams including Caldý, the Wirral and Mold (Wales). Well done Lewis!



If your child has any news they would like to feature in our next newsletter, please email us and we would be thrilled to share it! [stpatricks.rchighschool@salford.gov.uk](mailto:stpatricks.rchighschool@salford.gov.uk)





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## HARRY SIGNS FOR BURNLEY!

Well done to Harry Kelsall in Year 7 who has recently signed for Burnley Football Club on a 2 year deal. We are so proud of you Harry, keep up the hard work!



## KARATE KUDOS

A huge well done to Archie, Noah and Sam in Year 10 who last week competed in the WUKF World Karate Championships in Mexico and received 2 gold medals for team competitions!



## YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

On 27th and 28th June, we welcomed the pupils who will be starting with us in September for their transition days! Staff were so impressed by their behaviour and attitude and it was great to see so many get involved with the various activities and lessons over the two days. What a fantastic way to begin their St Patrick's journey!



## YEAR 11 EVENTS

On 26th June, our Y11 pupils joined us in school for one last time for their Leavers Mass- it was a wonderful celebration, led by Fr Martin and it was a lovely way to come together in faith and thank God for the many blessings the last five years have brought

We will miss everyone in this very special year group lots and lots and we wish them every success in the future!



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