The St Patrick's RC High Family Forum







Prayer

God of peace, bearer of hope,
We seek your help for the people of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.
Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.
Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.
Where children are crying bring an end to tears.
Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.
Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.
Amen





Tonight's focus

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1) Lockdown: Mrs Alison Byrne - Headteacher
2) Catholic Life and Mission: Miss Terri Rosa - Deputy Head
3) Future rewards strategy: Mr Michael Connelly- Snr Assistant Head
4) AOB

Mrs Byrne to take questions from parents and carers on the recent lockdown, and how we kept all children and staff safe.



Catholic Life and Mission:

The Big Picture…

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In addition to our provision for Collective Worship and Religious Education, our provision for Catholic Life and Mission includes…

Mission, Values and Charism	**Sense of Community**	**Inclusion**
Physical Environment	**Chaplaincy**	**Pastoral Care**
Staff as Role Models	**Catholic Social Teaching (CST)**	**SMSC Development**

Catholic Life and Mission:
Our Mission Statement

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Our school community is guided by the values of **truth**, **resilience**, **service**, **love** and **faith**.

Our Catholic faith is taught, lived and celebrated.

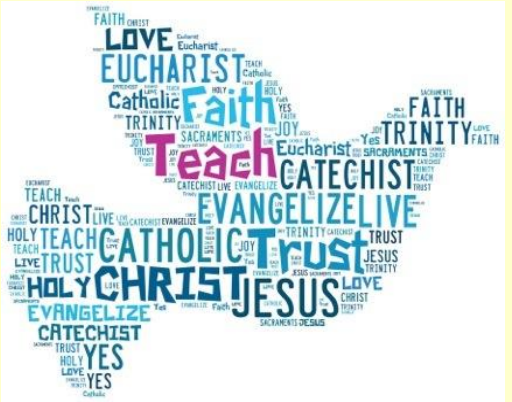
We strive for academic excellence, celebrate ambition and value the achievements of all.

We recognise the importance of kindness, the value of friendship and our role in making a difference to God's world.

The Catholic Church's mission in education that we are seeking to fulfil...

"Since true education must strive for **complete formation of the human person** that looks to his or her final end as well as to the common good of societies, children and youth are to be nurtured in such a way that they are able to develop their physical, moral, and intellectual talents harmoniously, acquire a more perfect sense of responsibility and right use of freedom, and are formed to participate actively in social life."





Catholic Life and Mission:
Our Values and Charism

Resilience

Truth



Catherine of Siena
1347-1380
Feast day 29 Apr
Italian
Mysticism
Service of poor and sick

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'



John Henry Newman
1801-1890
Feast day 9 Oct
English
Rationality
Defender of faith

'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.'

Service



Maximilian Kolbe
1894-1941
Polish
Feast day 14 Aug
Patron of drug addicts and prisoners
Martyr in Auschwitz

'Love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving.'

Love



Mother Teresa
1910-1997
Feast day 5 Sept
Albanian
Service of the poorest of the poor

'Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is yet to come. We have only today. Let us begin.'

Faith



Francis of Assisi
1181-1226
Feast day 4 Oct
Italian
God's creation

'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'



St Patrick
385-461AD, Feast Day 17th March
Faith and trust in God
Forgiveness and mercy
Courage through hardship
Service to others
Perseverance and hope

Catholic Life and Mission:
Our Commitment to CST

How we have been loving and serving our neighbours locally and globally so far this year:

- **CAFOD** - £1500 raised
- **Wood Street Mission** - 187 gifts delivered
- **Mary's Meals** – 23 children fed for a year
- **Fairtrade** - £162.33 raised
- **The Ella Roberta Foundation** - £100 raised
- **Pat's Pantry** – 100 food packages delivered
- **Supporting the wider parish community** – partner primary schools and churches





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Mr Mike Connelly

Future of rewards

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REWARDS



Every success counts!

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PASTORAL

• Verbal praise	
• Uniform achievement points - Excellent Uniform	Weekly
• Equipment achievement points - Equipped to learn	Weekly
• Form Pupil of the Week	Weekly
• Year group Pupil of the Week: Golden Tie	Weekly
• 100% attendance - achievement points	Weekly*
• 100% attendance - badges (Bronze, Silver and Gold)	Termly
• Improved attendance	Termly
• Form prizes for achievement points	
• Year group prizes for highest achievement points	

* Raffle ticket draw weekly, termly, annually

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CURRICULUM



- Excellent effort
- Excellent classwork
- Star of the lesson
- Excellent homework
- Excellent response to feedback
- Excellent assessment/exam

ST PATRICK'S WAY

- Bronze Award
- Silver Award
- Gold Award



OTHER

- Subsidised Breakfast/Hot Chocolate and Waffles with the Senior Leadership Team
- Postcards
- End of Year Award Ceremonies with parents and carers in attendance
- Invitations to award trips
- Positions of responsibility i.e. Prefects and Senior Prefects
- Certificates



Attendance Rewards

- Weekly Prizes – HM hand gives them out to pupils each week
- Half Termly Prizes – AB in Assembly/Video Raffle
- Yearly Attendance Prices – Live for all the school.
- Bespoke Christmas Raffle – To drive attendance at Christmas
- Bespoke Intervention Group for Year 10/11 Girls.



Weekly prize draw



Half termly prize draw



End of year prize draw



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- All Form Tutor groups were surveyed at the start of the spring term regards rewards

Common feedback was

- "Achievement points don't lead to anything"
- "Postcards are nice to receive": almost 1500 sent out in the spring term
- "We like food as rewards"

We moved away from Alton Towers a few years ago for a number of reasons

- One size does not fit all. Not everyone enjoys Alton Towers
- 5 years = 5 trips to the same place
- It didn't offer good value for money (get there for 10am leave at 4pm and queued for 4 rides)
- Financial pressures on families especially with siblings
- July is a long time to wait for young people

What are we moving towards?

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Rewards must

- be achievable and inclusive
- be deserved i.e. linked to attendance and positive behaviour
- be motivational/desirable (hence pupils voice)
- not be a financial punishment for families
- promote positive behaviour
- budgeted for by the school and be a good use of school funds

From Sept 2026, St Patricks will have a stand-alone rewards policy which highlights to staff, pupils, parents and carers our cohesive approach to rewards. This will mean, pupils will have a clearer awareness of what rewards they can strive towards and when.

End of term awards

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Spring Term 2026 : Silver award trial

Nearly- 200 pupils were rewarded last week 1-3pm on Thursday and Friday

Year 7 and 8: Popcorn drinks and a film

Year 9 and 10: BBQ and Music



Summer Term 2026: Bronze and Silver

Bronze: A food/breakfast treat eg Hot chocolate, waffles etc

Silver: Something in school time in the afternoon. For example, Karaoke, silent disco, Inflatables etc

Autumn Term 2026: Bronze, Silver and Gold

Bronze: A food/breakfast treat eg Hot chocolate, waffles etc

Silver: Something in school time in the afternoon eg Karaoke, silent disco, Inflatables etc

Gold: An off-site activity e.g. Cinema, Snow dome, climbing wall, Laser Tag etc

Each reward will have its own criteria based on Achievement points, Behaviour Points and Attendance.
Bronze will have the largest number of recipients followed by Silver then Gold.
For example: Each year group 50 pupils Bronze, 30 pupils Silver and 15 pupils receive Gold. This could result in 475 pupils receiving a reward every term with the only cost incurred by parents being a contribution towards the gold award.

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Family Forum

Autumn 2026

5.00pm to 6.00pm

THANK YOU

