



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy

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Issue 4

Parents' Evening

There will be the first formal opportunity for Parents to meet the teachers during Parents Evenings in the week beginning 12th October 2026. To consider Teacher wellbeing, Teachers will offer the dates and times most appropriate to them.

Parents will have the opportunity to book a slot via SchoolPing when booking opens on **Wednesday 30th September at 6pm.**

Thank you.



School Mass

We had our first Mass of the school year this week when Father Yemane kindly visited us.

Adults and children of all faiths observe Mass without being asked to participate.

Only those children who have received the sacrament of First Communion visit the Priest while everyone else simply sits and observes.

We are very grateful to all of those from other faiths who observe the Catholic Mass so respectfully when one of our Parish Priests visits.

It is one of the things that makes St Patrick's such a special place.

Special Theme Day Lunch - Space Day 1st October

You can pre-order this for your child via ParentPay or your child can use the whiteboard to select their meal choice on Thursday 1st October.



Thank You from the School and FOS!

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated and enjoyed the sweet treats on Friday's Coffee Afternoon. Thank you to Vicky and Rachel for their help in setting up and tidying away. Please do let school know if you are a Parent who might be able to help out at the next one! A group of our Mini Vinnies helped to serve tea and coffee and sell cakes and they were very enthusiastic about their role. It was a lovely opportunity for families to get together.



Mini Vinnie Mass



Well done to our Junior Choir who visited St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds this week and sang for the Diocese Mass recognising the work of the Mini Vinnies. Our 'Mini Vinnie' group in school are children who try to see a need and then take action to help. Thank you to the 31 Year 6 children who have offered to join this year!



Important Update Regarding Free School Meals and Breakfast Club

Following recent eligibility re-assessments, we want to update families regarding our breakfast club provisions. Please note that free breakfast club provision is exclusively for pupils eligible under **Targeted FSM** (households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less).

If your household has been re-assessed and you now fall under the Expanded FSM category rather than Targeted FSM, your child will no longer be eligible for the free breakfast club place.

If you have any questions regarding your child's eligibility or breakfast club bookings, please feel free to contact the school office.

Have Your Child's Voice Heard: The Children's Commissioner's "The Big Future" Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting all pupils to take part in a national survey called **The Big Future**.

- **What it's about:** The survey asks children and young people about their lives, experiences, and hopes for the future.
- **Why it matters:** The responses will help build a national picture of what matters most to children today and ensure their views are shared directly with the Government.
- **How to take part:** It only takes a few minutes to complete. Families are encouraged to talk about it and help children share their thoughts.

You can access the survey and find out more details by visiting the <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Robinwood Residential Information Session

Year 6 parents are invited in to school on **Wednesday 21st October 3pm** for a short meeting regarding Robinwood. Thank you.

School Media Page

We're excited to launch our new school social media pages. Follow us at:
Instagram: @stpatrickshuddersfield
Facebook: St Patricks Primary, Huddersfield

Packed Lunches

Please can parents ensure that packed lunches brought into school are healthy and contain at least one piece of fruit. Can we please also ask that families are mindful of other children who may have food allergies and intolerances. We are a Nut free school. **Nuts & seeds are not allowed to be brought into school at anytime. Including on School trips.**

Thank you for your co-operation.



Virtues

This week's virtue is:

Respect and Courtesy

Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive one another just as God forgave you in Christ."

Little task for home:

Respect Role-Play

Act out simple scenarios (greeting a neighbour, sharing toys) so children can practice respectful phrases.

Parish Restoration Fundraising

HOLY REDEEMER
AUTUMN DINNER
DANCE

• **Friday 2nd October 2026** •

DRESS TO IMPRESS!

Drinks Reception - 7pm
Three Course Dinner
Plus Welcome Drink & Tea/Coffee

With Entertainment
Followed by DJ Till Midnight

Please Bring Cash for
The Raffle, Tombola & Games!

**IN AID OF THE PARISH
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UNIT IN THE COMMUNITY

Parking and Stopping Restrictions

A few reminders:

- **No stopping or parking on yellow zig-zags:** You must not stop, wait, or park on yellow zigzag "School Keep Clear" lines during the restricted times shown on the upright signs. These markings are there to keep clear sightlines so children can cross safely.
- **Do not move the safety figures.** These high-visibility visual reminders are designed to alert drivers and help ensure that children can get to & from school safely.
- **Keep Clear of the Gates:** Please avoid blocking driveways, pedestrian paths and do not drive up or park on the school driveway.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience, and continued support in keeping our school community safe.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 28th September - Y5D Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Thursday 1st October - Space Day Themed Lunch.

Friday 2nd October - Y2B Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Monday 5th October - Y5E Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Tuesday 6th October - Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents: 1:30pm, 3:30pm & 5:30pm.

Friday 9th October - Y2A Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Monday 12th October - Y4H Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Friday 16th October - Y1R Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Monday 19th October - Y4M Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Wednesday 21st October - Robinwood meeting for Parents @ 3pm.

Friday 23rd October - Y1A Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Friday 23rd October - School closes at the end of the afternoon session for half term.

Class Celebration of the Word

We warmly invite you to join us for our **Class Celebration of the Word** events. These special moments of prayer and reflection begin at **9:30am** and last around **15-20 minutes**. It's a lovely way to share in your child's spiritual journey.

Here are the dates for KS2:

Monday 28th September - Y5D

Monday 5th October - Y5E

Monday 12th October - Y4H

Monday 19th October - Y4M

Monday 2nd November - Y3A

Monday 9th November - Y3W

Here are the dates for EYFS & KS1:

Friday 2nd October - Y2B

Friday 9th October - Y2A

Friday 16th October - Y1R

Friday 23rd October - Y1A

Friday 6th November - R6

Free School Meals – Changes from September 2026

All children in households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of household income.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM**, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- **Expanded FSM**, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit

If your FSM application was previously refused because your income was above £7,400, **you should reapply now** if you receive Universal Credit.

Important: Temporary protection for existing FSM recipients ended in July 2026. From September, eligibility will be reviewed regularly, so families must continue to meet the criteria.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children in these year groups already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. However, families receiving qualifying benefits are still encouraged to apply for FSM to help schools access additional funding and support.

What should parents do?

- Apply for FSM if you receive Universal Credit.
- Reapply if you were previously refused due to income.

For more information or to apply, visit: [Kirklees Free School Meals Information](#)

St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy, Huddersfield 2026-2027

Academic Year 2026-2027													
AUTUMN TERM				SPRING TERM				SUMMER TERM					
37 Days		35 Days			30 Days		24 Days			32 Days		32 Days	
FIRST DAY	HALF TERM		LAST DAY		FIRST DAY	HALF TERM		LAST DAY		FIRST DAY	HALF TERM		LAST DAY
Thurs 3 Sept 2026	Mon 26 Oct 2026 to Fri 30 Oct 2026		Fri 18 Dec 2026	Christmas Holiday	Mon 4 Jan 2027	Mon 15 Feb 2027 to Fri 19 Feb 2027		Thurs 25 March 2027	Easter Holiday	Tues 6 April 2027	Mon 24 May 2027 to Fri 4 June 2027		Tues 20 July 2027

August Bank Holiday
Christmas Day
Boxing Day
New Years Day

Monday 31 August 2026
Friday 25 December 2026
Monday 28 December 2026
Friday 1 January 2027

Good Friday
Easter Monday
Inset Day/May Day
School Closed
Spring Bank

Friday 26 March 2027
Monday 29 March 2027
Friday 30 April & Monday 3 May 2027
Monday 31 May 2027

Reception 2027

If your child is starting Primary School (Reception) in September 2027 (for children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023). You must apply online via the Kirklees website by 15th January 2027.

You are asked to list three schools and it is important that all three schools are listed in order of preference.

If you apply late, your application will NOT be considered until all on time applicants have been allocated school places.

If you are applying for a place at a Catholic School you will also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (obtainable from either the school's website or the school office).

Please apply as soon as possible on:-

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions>



★ Apply online, apply on time

★ Name three preferences

★ Include your catchment school

● If your child is starting **Secondary School in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 31 October 2026

● If your child is starting **Junior or Middle School in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 15 January 2027

● If your child is starting **Primary School (Reception) in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 15 January 2027
(for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023)

quick secure easy

www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions Kirklees COUNCIL

Year Six - Secondary School

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to fill and submit an online application for a Secondary School place in September 2026. You must submit your online application by **31st October 2026** to:-

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions>



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Open Evening

Judged GOOD
Catholic Inspectorate, 2025

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Thursday 8th October 2026
4:15pm - 7:15pm
Principal's speech at 5pm and 6pm

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AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS,
SEND DETAILS, POSTCODE, HOUSE NUMBER,
DATES REQUIRED, CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

Ages
8 - 18



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MUSIC

ARTS & CRAFTS

SOCIAL EXPERIENCES

ENRICHING SPORTING
ACTIVITIES

THE DATES

Monday 26th & Tuesday
27th October
(individual booking dates available)

TIMES

09:30 - 13:30

AGES

8 - 17 years

COST

FREE



GIANTS
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01484 442235

jordan@hgct.co.uk

Location: The Zone, St Andrews Road, HD1 6PT

FOOTBALL & SPORTS CAMP

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR 8 - 17 YEAR OLDS WITH DISABILITIES
AND LEARNING DISABILITIES

WHEN:

Tuesday 27th October 2026
Wednesday 28th October 2026

10AM - 2PM DAILY

Individual Day & Full week Bookings AVAILABLE

WHERE?

HAT-TRICKS, MILFORD STREET, HUDDERSFIELD (HD1 3DY)

FREE | ALL SPORTING ABILITIES WELCOME | LUNCH INCLUDED

ACTIVITY'S INCLUDE

FOOTBALL | DODGEBALL | INVASION GAMES | OLYMPICS

TO GET INFORMATION ON HOW TO BOOK CONTACT US VIA:

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CALLING: 01484 503773

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