



In faith we grow, with hope for the future and love for one another.
Tyfwn mewn ffydd â gobaith ar gyfer y dyfodol a chariad tuag at ein gilydd



St Patrick's RC Primary

Reception Intake Meeting
St. Patrick's RC Primary School

2025-26

Overview



Thinkers that are... **Curious**
about everything.

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About our School *What the experts say...*



At St. Patrick's RC Primary School we are fortunate to have an incredible team of highly committed and caring staff, both in and out of the classroom. Our teaching staff and non teaching staff all share a common goal; that we will improve the lives of every single child that walks through our doors.

Catholic School **315 pupils**
Welcoming all faiths, all families **11 class**





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"Across the school all staff have effective working relationships with pupils, which fosters a highly supportive environment for learning."

"Pupils show great pride in themselves, their school and their work"

"St Patrick's R.C. Primary School is a happy, inclusive school that places a high priority on the well-being of its pupils."

Estyn Inspection Team 2022



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Meet the Staff

St. Patrick's
Prayer Garden



Commemorating 150 years of St. Patrick's RC Primary School.
1873-2023



The Reception Team

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Teacher

SLT
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Support Staff



Mrs Parsons

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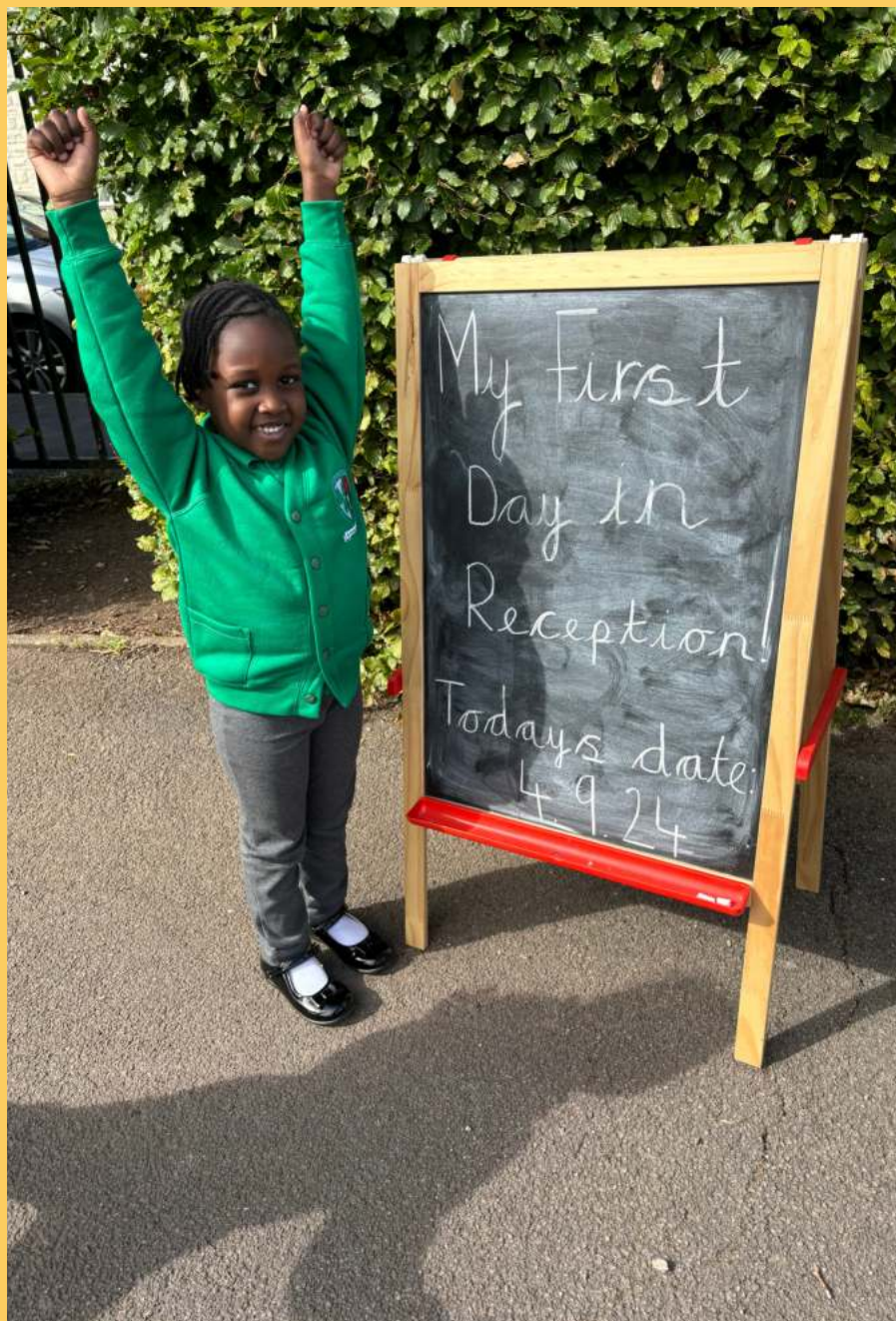


Mrs Cooper

Reception



Starting School



Starting School



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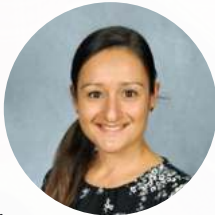


Progression Step 1 (PS1)	Reception	Reception E Reception Mc D
Progression Step 2 (PS2)	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3	Year 1 Year 1-2 Year 1-2 Year 3-4 Year 3-4
Progression Step 3 (PS3)	Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 4-5 Year 4-5 Year 5-6 Year 5-6



Starting School



	Group A	Group B	Group C
Staff & Pupil Arrangements	 12 children	 12 children	 12 children
Week One: Induction Day 9.30am - 1:30pm	Wednesday 3rd Sept	Thursday 4th Sept	Friday 5th Sept
9:30am - 1:30pm	Week Two beginning Monday 8th September 2025		
9:30am - 2pm	Week Three beginning Monday 15th September 2025		
8:45am - 3pm	Week Four beginning Monday 22nd September 2025		



Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	week 8
3/4/5.9.25	8.9.25	15.9.25	22.9.25	29.9.25	6.10.25	13.10.25	20.10.25
Induction Day	9:30am start 1:30pm Finish	9:30am start 2pm Finish	8:45am - 3pm	8:45am - 3pm	8:45am - 3pm	8:45am - 3pm	8:45am - 3pm

Half Term

On Entry Assessments
Fluid Classes

- mixed ability classes
- appropriate behaviour and relationships for learning
- catering for all needs

Uniform





Uniform



- ✓ green polo shirt
- ✓ green round neck jumper
- ✓ green cardigan
- ✓ dark grey trousers/ shorts
- ✓ dark grey pinafore/ skirt
- ✓ gingham dress (summer term)



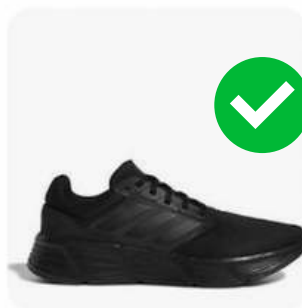
Uniform



✓ black foot wear
shoes, boots, trainers

✓ black logo or no
logo

✓ velcro





St. Patrick's Uniform Shop



Mrs Thomas

Community Engagement



Every fortnight!



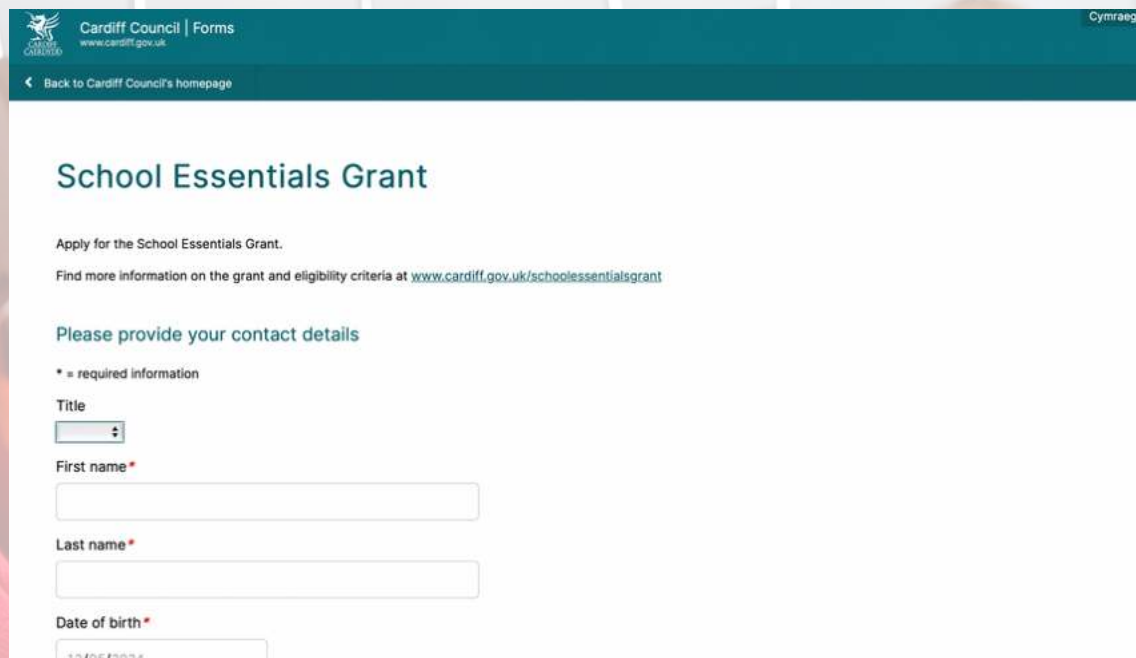
School Essentials Grant

You could receive a grant of £125 per child if they attend primary school or are in years 8, 9, 10, or 11. As the applying parent or guardian, you must be receiving one of the following:

- Income Support,
- Jobseeker's Allowance (income based),
- Employment Support Allowance (income related),
- Child Tax Credit, with a household income of £16,190 or less,
- Pension Credit (guarantee element), or
- Universal Credit with net household earnings of less than £7,400.

If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to the grant.

If you meet these criteria, please complete the School Essentials Grant application form. We will check if you are entitled to this payment with the Department for Work and Pensions. Tel: 029 2087 1071



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School Essentials Grant

Apply for the School Essentials Grant.

Find more information on the grant and eligibility criteria at www.cardiff.gov.uk/school essentials grant

Please provide your contact details

* = required information

Title

First name*

Last name*

Date of birth*

Apply here



SCAN ME



Snacks & Lunch





Allergies & Intolerances



Medical Information

B I U  

In the event where an allergy or intolerance is disclosed you will be asked to provide medical advice forms.

Name of Child (First Name & Surname) *

Short-answer text.

A food allergy is where your body reacts to certain foods. It's often mild, but can be very serious for some people. A food allergy is different from having a food intolerance. A food allergy causes symptoms such as itchy skin, wheezing or swelling of the lips, face and eyes. (NHS)

Does your child have a food allergy or any other allergy e.g. pollen (hay fever), dust, animals, insect stings, medication.

☐ Yes

☐ No

SCAN ME





Snacks



- Member of Healthy School Programme
- Fruit - donated on a Monday
- Rolling snack each day
- Labelled Water Bottles



Packed Lunches

- *Pack Healthy Options*
- *Warmer months provide cool pack*
- *Top Table Awards*

Lunch bags/ boxes must fit within the parameter of A4 paper





School Dinners



ParentPay
COUNT ON US



Group



Login



Menu

Totally Cashless Income Collection

Collect payments for meals,
clubs, trips, uniform and
more.



Collect & manage payments
for meals, clubs, trips and
more - all from one place.

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Jun Tu 04	Jun We 05	Jun Th 06	Jun Fr 07	
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Wednesday, 05 June

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Main

Chicken Korma

Plant based Korma V+

Jacket Potato with Chicken Korma

Jacket Potato with Plant Based
Korma V+

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo

Jacket Potato with cheese V

Jacket Potato with Beans V+

- Username and Password allocated in September.
- Provide packed lunch until you receive Parent Pay login information (approx 2 weeks)



Our Curriculum



Seize The Season

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
This is Me! Where Have I been? Autumn Harvest Advent Christmas	New year Celebrations/Birthdays Weather - Winter to Spring Valentines St David's Easter	Growing - plants 'Sunflowers' Growing - me Minibeasts - frog life cycle Summer - Festival Time

Enrichment Days





Overview

Our Seize the Season theme will take full advantage of the outdoors and will ensure that the children have a sense of 'Cynefin' and make links with our local community. Alongside our teacher initiated learning the children will be provided with opportunities to develop their own learning in response to their environment and current events that are happening in and around them.

Literacy, Language & Communication

Skills: Writing for a purpose. Using punctuation - Capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks. Retelling events.

Writing familiar words and phrases.

Responding to what I hear, read and see.



Genres:

Report: This is me, I am special. How I have changed.

Fact File: Worms and how they help. Using new vocabulary

Instructions: How to care for a plant/how to plant a seed.

Invitation to parents. Labelling, sequencing.

Explanation: Life cycle: writing in a sequence, using topic related words

Poetry: Rhyming words: word families, sounding out words - minibeasts

Numeracy & Mathematics

PS1: Reception

- I can group and share with objects and quantities, and I can group or share small quantities into equal-sized groups.
- I have used money, and the language of money, in play and real-life situations and I can understand that I need to exchange money for items. I can exchange money for items and use the language of money.
- I can use direct comparisons with: length/height/distance (longer/shorter than).
- I can sort and classify objects using one criterion
- I can record collections using marks, numbers or pictures
- I can investigate, collect and record data found in my environment.

PS2: YEAR 1:

- I can make links between multiplication and repeated addition
- I understand the language of division when sharing
- I demonstrate an understanding of repeating patterns by describing and extending
- I can collect information by voting and sorting
- I can sort and classify objects using more than one criterion
- I can represent information in pictures, with objects or with drawings
- I can use non-standard units to measure length, height and distance, weight/mass & capacity



Religious Education & Spiritual Development - Reception

Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth

- Recognise that Jesus went back to his Father and sent a special friend, the Holy Spirit, to look after us. The Holy Spirit is our friend. The Holy Spirit looks after us.
- Recognise the Story of Pentecost and Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church. Sunday is a special day for the Church to celebrate.
- Talk about The early Christian community (Acts 2:42-47). Talk about The Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian community.
- Recognise that The parish church is a special place where we meet our friends. We sing and say prayers.
- Recognise the parish church gather with friends at church, especially on Sunday.
- **CST** All people are God's children. That makes us brothers and sisters. We are connected to each other. It is as if everyone in the world held hands! We can be very different from each other, but we are still one family - God's family. Solidarity

Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter

- Recognise dialogue from the Friends of Jesus. Hear a simple life of St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus (linking to their feast day).
- Invite someone in from the local parish to talk about their faith and why it matters to them to be a friend of Jesus.
- Explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition
- Invite someone into the class from the local area or a school community member to talk about their local (faith) community and why it matters to them.

Religious Education & Spiritual Development - Year 1

Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth

- Retell with increasing detail one of the following accounts: the Road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35); the Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11); Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)
- Simply sequence the story of Jesus studied from earlier branches (as Luke does in Acts 1)
- Make simple connections between the mission of the Church and the mission of Jesus as he announced it at the beginning of Luke's Gospel (Lk 4:16-19)
- Recognise that Catholics celebrate the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost on special days called holydays

Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter

- Know that Christian means follower of Jesus Christ.
- Recognise that Catholics are a part of a global Christian family, and all Christians are sisters and brothers.
- Recognise simple connections between Jesus' life and message and how Christians live today. (RVE)
- Recognise that the cross is a symbol of Christianity, and the sign of the cross is a prayer expressing Christian beliefs. Correctly use religious words and phrases to recognise features of Jewish religious life and practice (e.g. including specific vocabulary about the Jewish belief in one God and the special clothes some Jewish people wear each day). (RVE)

Adult Initiated Teaching

Growing - plants



Minibeast/Life



Environment Week



Growing - us



Summer Festival



Froebel Occupations

Sewing
Cooking

Science and Technology

- Curiosity and questioning through experimenting
- Explore the properties of materials and their uses
- Create digital content using different apps.
- Design and make waterproof clothing.
- Make observations about living things
- Explore different habitats
- Recognising patterns of living things-animal growth, plant growth - sunflowers
- Life cycles - frog spawn
- Caring for living things

Expressive Arts

Art:

- Weaving
- Sewing
- Design and make clay plant pot for the seeds we will be planting.
- Observational drawings
- Clay sunflowers
- Mark making interpretation of sounds
- Class mural to celebrate class diversity

Music:

- Minibeast rhythm card to create musical patterns.
- Researching different genres of music.

Dance

- Rain dance
- Worm dance - creating a dance using movement and sounds to invite worms to come to the surface.
- Dances from different cultures

Our Learning

Enrichment Opportunities:

Throughout the term the children will experience different opportunities to be fully immersed in the topic of 'Seize the Season'. They will range from visiting Cosmeston lakes to find minibeasts and exploring the different environments, looking at how minibeasts change and grow to thinking about how we have grown and changed. We will also think about the environment and how we need to look after it. We will finish with a Summer festival to celebrate diversity in our community. Throughout the term the children will have daily opportunities to plan and lead their own learning through play and focused tasks as well as have directed adult teaching.



Summer Language Pattern Reception



Language patterns:

Beth wyt ti'n gwisgo?
What are you wearing?

Dw i'n gwisgo....
I am wearing

Beth wyt ti eisiau?
What do you want?

Ga i fynd i'r tŷ bach?
Can I go to the toilet?

Cei / Na chei
yes/ no

Wyt ti'n hoffi ...?
Do you like...?

Summer Language Pattern. Year 1

Language patterns:

Beth wyt ti'n gwisgo?
What are you wearing?

Dw i'n gwisgo.....
I am wearing

Pa siâp ydy hwn?
Which shape is this?

Beth sy' yn y bag?
What's in the bag?

Pa liw wyt ti'n hoffi?
Which colour do you like?

Beth ydy hwn?
What is this?

Home Learning Opportunities



Nature walks

Talking about seasons - what do you notice?

Planting and growing plants

Walk in the outdoors - what do you notice?

Go on a minibeast hunt.

Do a community litter pick.

Make 'Throw your rubbish in bins' posters.

Visit Cardiff museum

Measure your height and see how much you grow.



The adults here strive to ensure that we know every child in our care very well.



International Languages
Spanish Lessons



Philosophers that are... **Generous**
with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Numeracy

Financial Literacy

Digital Apps
Mathsee



Religious Education



Our Values

We believe that Jesus was the best teacher ever and we love to study what he had to say and what it means to us.

"I can explore a range of ways in which identity is formed and some of the influences that impact upon diversity in society"
Curriculum for Wales 2022.



A family that is... **Faithfilled**

Expressive Arts

Our Values
We believe that God wants us to think and be creative.



Music



Dance



Art

Digital Media Film Drama

A community that is... **Truthful**
in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Our Values

As a school community we want our children to succeed but we believe that success is much more than academic achievement.



Teams that are... **Active**
in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.



Contrasting Localities

St Fagan's Museum

Governance

Local Area Walks

Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament



Science

STEM

Our Values

We know that each of us should work hard to achieve the best we possibly can.



Life Cycles



Circuits

Contributors that are... **Wise**

in the ways they use their learning for the common good.



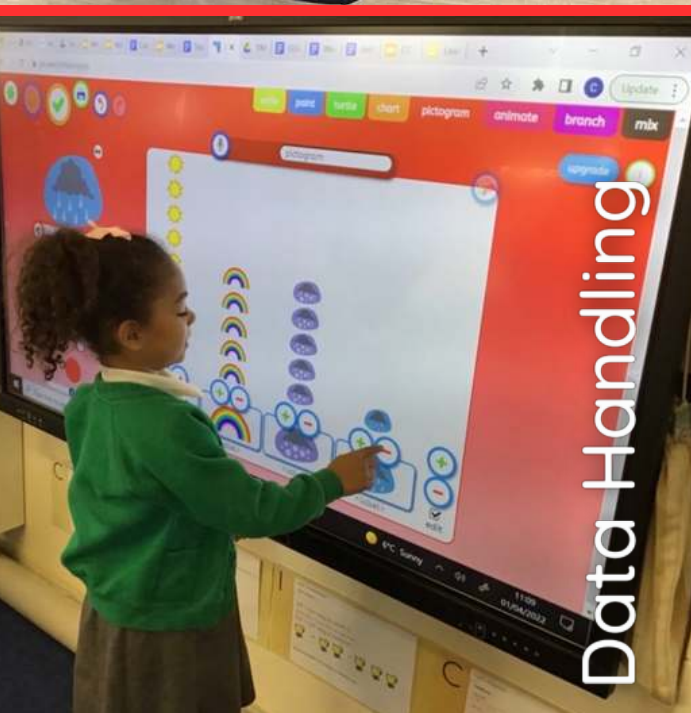
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Multimedia



Animation



Data Handling

Programming



Trips & Visits



Experiential Learning

Trips & Visits

Reception this year ...





Consent & Cost

Trips & Visits

Our Values

We believe that we are an extraordinary school because of our caring, family atmosphere.

- *Cashless school*
- *Online consent*
- *Incidental local trips and visits*



Login information
provided by school office





Home Learning

Literacy



Reading Eggs



Numeracy



Maths Seeds





Home Learning

Letter-join  handwriting

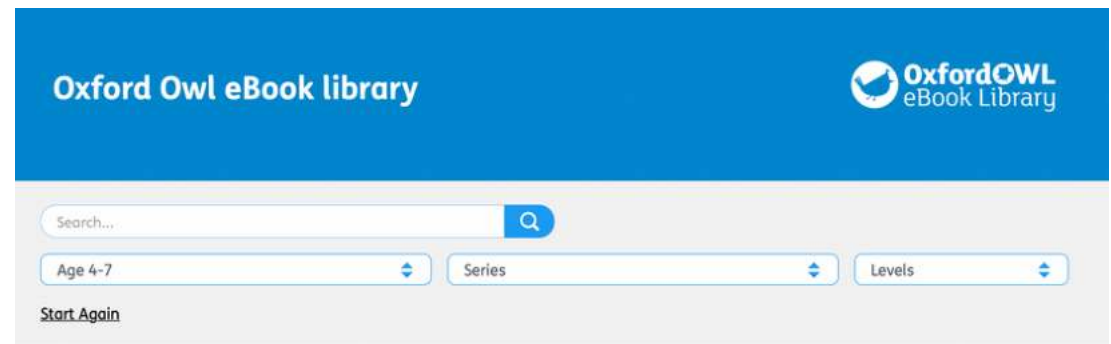


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Cursive Lower Case Letters



Reading



The Little Red Hen



The Haircut



A Home for Ted



Tiger's Family



Big, Bad Bug



SeeSaw
Weekly online tasks:
keywords
numeracy tasks
literacy tasks

Keywords	Mathseeds/ Reading eggs	Reading
Please help your child read and write these keywords. (Scroll to page 2) a off dad no	Use your child's Reading eggs login to access the app. Use your child's Mathseeds login to access your child's Math lesson this week.	www.oxfordowl.co.uk Click on oxford owl for school log in and click student. Here you can access a wide range of free ebooks to support your child's reading. Our Class username: Mrs Evans Reception. Password: Butterfly

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Mav 6. 20

S Draw a circle around pictures that begin with the /s/ sound

I can identify beginning sounds (RF.K.2)

Tasks are set and
marked by class
teacher ✓

Topic Overviews

Spring Term 2024. Parent Overview- Under the Sea

Year 1, Rec McD & Rec E.
Mrs Crilly, Miss McDonald & Mrs Evans.

Overview

Through this topic of 'Under the Sea' and it's beauty we aim to explore colour by investigating the primary and secondary colours. We will explore how to make different colour shades and different colour tones. We will have experience of Welsh Culture through Cenefyn with Huw Duggan. The children will learn about Welsh culture through music, dance, using traditional welsh instruments and traditional clog dancing.

Literacy, Language & Communication

Genre focus 1: **Report**

- Providing factual information
- Write an introduction and conclusion
- Talk about facts.
- Use adjectives to describe something.
- Use talk to plan writing and noted down ideas to use in writing.

Genre focus 2: **Persuasion**

- Giving opinions and reasons for them.
- Write in the present tense.
- Use a variety of sentence starters.
- Spell high frequency words accurately.
- Used talk to plan writing and noted down ideas to use in writing.

Numeracy & Mathematics

PS1: Reception

- Can add using a combinations of objects or quantities.
- Can communicate how sets change when objects are added to and taken away from them.
- Can group and share with objects and quantities
- Can exchange money for items and use the language of money through role play and in real-life situations.
- Can use halves and quarters in practical situations.

PS2: Year One

- Can learn their number bonds to 10. $10 = 0, 9 + 1, 8 + 2, 7 + 3, 6 + 4, 5 + 5$
- Can use mental recall of number facts to 10 to derive facts up to 100.
- Can use counting on strategies to add 2 collections to at least 10
- Can add 10 to a single digit number. Can subtract 10 from a 'teen' number
- Can add or subtract two 2 digit numbers (no bridging) by partitioning and recombining
- Can use mental strategies to add and subtract at least 2-digit numbers.
- Can use mental strategies to recall number facts within 20.

Reception Come and See Topics

Good News - children will understand that everyone has Good News to share. Children will learn about Pentecost: the celebration of the Good News of Jesus.

Friends - children will learn that we can make friends. Children will understand that Jesus had good friends: what Jesus tells us about friendship.

The other religious Faith that the children will be learning about at the end of this term will be, **Islam**. Children will delve into the traditions and belief of Islam.

Religious Education & Spiritual Development

Y1: Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth: In this branch, the children will hear the story of the Road to Emmaus, the story of Jesus Ascension, and the story of Pentecost. They will explore the narrative cycle of the life, death, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and encounter the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Apostles and then the early Church, when the apostles receive the Holy Spirit, the 'Holy Trinity' is fully revealed. The mystery of the Trinity is complex. The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Y1: Branch 6: Dialogue and encounter: In this branch, the starting point for dialogue in a Catholic school is understanding some things about the Catholic Church. For younger pupils, this begins with concrete experiences, meeting Christians from the local parish, including the parish priest where possible, and understanding what being a Christian means to them and how they live their lives. Where possible, pupils could also visit their local parish church to understand the building as a place where Catholics gather to celebrate their love of Christ in the church's liturgies. Pupils begin learning about Judaism through understanding the Jewish belief in one God and that they have a sacred text, the Torah.

Home Learning Opportunities

- Go on a scavenger hunt and collect interesting items.
- Can you draw creatures that live under the sea?
- Can you create your own music using kitchen accessories- pots and pans. Wooden/ metal spoons etc.
- Read stories linked to the sea e.g. 'The Rainbow Fish'.
- What words (adjectives) can you think of to describe under the sea?
- Can you make an under the sea creature using recyclable materials?
- Act out a scene from your favourite sea themed film.
- Can you create your own aquarium? Buckets, bowls of water etc.





Health & Wellbeing Days



Forest Schools



Our Values
We show our love for one another by having good manners, being polite, behaving well, respecting each other, welcoming visitors and newcomers, and nurturing friendships.

Citizens that are... **Intentional**
in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience.

The Growing Garden

Health & Wellbeing Days

Our Values

We believe that we are custodians of our God-given world and must act responsibly and teach others to do the same.

Problem solvers that are...

Discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices



We know that we have to look after ourselves and that means being active, eating healthily, having fun and being happy.

Our Values



Participants that are... Attentive
to their experience and to their vocation.

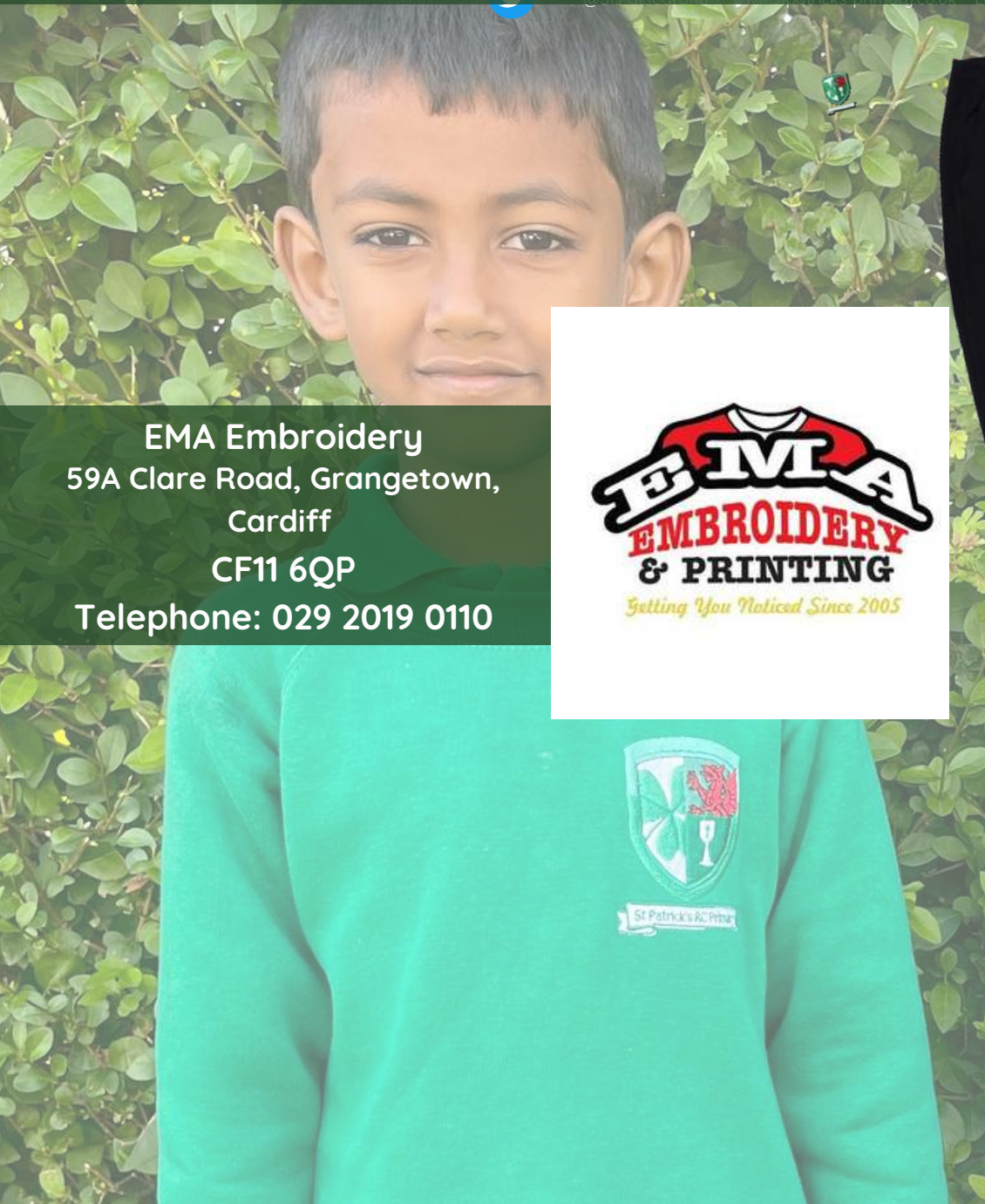
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Active Travel *at St. Patrick's*



Uniform for Wellbeing Days & P.E.



EMA Embroidery
59A Clare Road, Grangetown,
Cardiff
CF11 6QP
Telephone: 029 2019 0110



black joggers



round neck t-shirt



black trainers

green hoodie



black shorts



Communication





SeeSaw



St Patrick's RC Primary

Sarah-Marie Jones
Teacher - 12 Classes

Messages 40

Library

Class Journal

Dates

Folders

Everyone

V Vicky Caruana-Evans



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Seen by: Adeyemi Adeshina, Damodharan Ranga swamy, Eduard, Fatima Abdullah, Fenna Kooijmans, Joshua Price, Massandje Traore, Mofiol... May 9, 2024 3:55 PM

Expressive Arts

♥ Vicky Caruana-Evans

● **Vicky Caruana-Evans** WALT: Listen carefully when playing an instrument. Today we had great fun listening to the music, following along to the music beats and playing the rhythm sticks. We also used our instruments to play our name. TF 😊

Eduard 🍌 interesting activity and great work !

Rec E 23-24

Journal Activities Progress Notifications 546

Class Journal 1405 posts

Sample Student 106 posts

Afan McCauley 198 posts | May 8, 2024

Aisha Diakite 228 posts | May 8, 2024

Aisha Jama 208 posts | May 8, 2024

Anjola Adeshina 175 posts | May 8, 2024

Chiagozie Elochukwu 235 posts | May 10, 2024

Eduard Mitric 122 posts | May 10, 2024

Endrias Matewos



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Totally Cashless Income Collection

Collect payments for meals,
clubs, trips, uniform and
more.



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for meals, clubs, trips and
more - all from one place.



Parent Pay



Trip Payments & consent



Newsletters

February 2025

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A Message from Mrs Jones Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very happy that you all have had a restful and enjoyable half term break with your families. It was wonderful to see some blue skies and clear weather towards the end of the week, a sign that winter is coming to a close and spring is here! February has been another busy month at St. Patrick's.

No Stopping our St. Pat's Netball Team!

Our netball team continues to go from strength to strength this year as a result of hard work and dedication from both the players and their coaches, Miss Townsend and Miss Cropp. They enjoyed great success at a tournament hosted at Cardiff Met on 6th February winning all four of their matches (3-0, 3-1, 5-0 and 2-0). Our Netball team, made up of boys and girls in year 5 & 6 train every Tuesday after school.

CAN YOU SPONSOR A NEW KIT/ EQUIPMENT FOR OUR NETBALL SUPERSTARST?

The cost of a new kit is £500 and has been designed by flyhawk.com. Our design is ready to go, but we require support to make this dream into a reality. If you think you can help us or know someone's business who can, please speak to Miss Townsend, Mr O'Hagan, Miss Cropp or any staff member.

New Design - Sponsorship Appeal!

School Drop-off and Collection

We must pass on our gratitude for your support with our drop off and collection policy this month. This has significantly impacted on maintaining the safety of our pupils and local residents. I have also enjoyed seeing my new traffic cone hat to raise a few smiles as well as being a reminder of the importance of keeping our children safe. If nothing else it has kept my head warm! We have welcomed support from the local PSCOs and parents reporting illegal drop offs and parking so that we have been able to contact families via email.

March 2025

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A Message from Mrs Jones Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of month and the last of winter, I would like to use this opportunity to reflect on who has been a truly wonderful one working towards the end of the month. We have been very lucky to have had a truly wonderful one working towards the end of the month. We have been very lucky to have had a truly wonderful one working towards the end of the month.

St. Patrick's Pilgrims of Hope!

St. Patrick's pupils embarked on a pilgrimage of hope in Rome. A heartfelt thank you to Mr. O'Hagan and Miss Townsend for guiding them on this incredible journey and for the support you, the school community, provided in making it happen! Highlights of the trip were the visit to St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums and the Trevi Fountain.

Professional Learning for Staff!

Our pupils were not the only ones who were getting off this month. Seven staff travelled to Durham to attend a professional learning residential. They have all returned feeling very inspired, ready to put what they have learned into practice.

Holy Week @ St. Patrick's Church

Click here to find out about mass and service times over the Lent and Easter period at St. Patrick's.

April / May 2025

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A Message from Mrs Jones Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the summer term! May is always a special month for us at St. Patrick's with its dedication to Mary, and the feast of the Ascension. With all the fictional characters that we present to our children, it is important that they know Mary really lived here on earth. Mary has a special job to care for us and protect us. We have really enjoyed honouring Our Lady this month through hymns, prayers and our procession.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our flower procession in honour of Our Lady on Monday 20th May. We were very grateful for all the donations of potted plants. The children enjoyed taking them to Mary's garden throughout the day to plant, offer prayers and sing songs of praise. A special thank you to Miss Sullivan for organising the procession, Mrs B for creating a beautiful flower crown for Mrs Harwood and Mrs D for preparing the school prayer table and garden area. (Dutch you have been!)

National Tests

National tests will take place from Monday 26th to Friday 30th June. Children do not need to prepare for these tests of home or school. They are simply a way of checking how they are doing. The national tests have been developed specifically for use in Wales and are in line with what children are being taught in our schools. Schools have always used a variety of tests to check how well children are doing. With the national tests, which are based on the curriculum in Wales, teachers have collected detailed information on each individual learner's development and progress in reading and mathematics. These will ensure information on your child's attainment in these national tests along with their end of year scores.

Prayer of the Month by Mrs Jones

Dear God,
Thank you for everything you have given us. Help us to live like you. Amen

March 2025

What's Happening in April?
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Dates for your Diary in April

1st April MATHS DAY 2025	3rd April Design to Smile visit Reception	4th April FoSP Easter Egg Raffle
4th April FoSP Bingo 14:00pm - 3pm	7th April Cardiff & Vale Rugby Festival (Year 5 & 6)	8th April Colorfoto Classes & Pupil Groups
8th April easter Cracked @ Orangetown Baptist Church Year 5	9th April BBC NOW! Glamorgan School Workshop Y5N	9th April @PawCardiff Whole School Assembly
10th April Sponsored Source Charity Fundraiser	10th April 10:30am Y4E Class Assembly	11th April Attendance Reward Afternoon
14th - 25th April SCHOOL CLOSED EASTER HOLIDAYS	13th April Palm Sunday	17th April Moundy Thursday
18th April Good Friday	20th April Easter Sunday	MONDAY 26th April INSET DAY 5 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
TUESDAY 29th April SCHOOL REOPENS FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM		



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Welcome To St Patrick's RC Primary School Cardiff

In **faith** we grow, with **hope** for the future and **love** for one another
Tyfwn mewn **ffydd** â **gobaith** ar gyfer y dyfodol a **chariad** tuag at ein gilydd

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Extra Curricular Clubs



Extra Curricular Clubs



Code Club



Crochet Club



Team Sports



Karate Club



Netball Club



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School Clubs

Welcome to our club page!

We hope that you will be able to join us for some extra curricular fun this year. Different clubs will be available to different year groups across the school. Please click on the icons below to apply for a club place.

Overview of After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Kinetic Performing Arts	Ballet Code Club	Fun Club	Karate	
Year 1	Kinetic Performing Arts	Ballet Code Club	Fun Club	Karate	
Year 2	Kinetic Performing Arts	Ballet Code Club	Fun Club	Karate	
Year 3	Kinetic Performing Arts Pkuz (Spring Term only)	Ballet Code Club	Fun Club	Karate	Cheerleading
Year 4	Kinetic Performing Arts	Ballet Code Club	Fun Club	Karate and Multi-sports	Cheerleading



Attendance & Punctuality



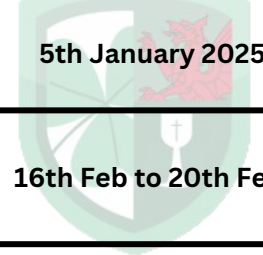


School opens at 8:45am
School starts at 8:55am
School finishes at 3:00pm

Breakfast Club

Starts at 8am and is free of charge. Please make an application to join on the school website by clicking on 'Parents' and then 'Breakfast Club'.

School Term Dates 2025-26

2025-2026	Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
Starts	3rd September	5th January 2025	13th April
Half Term	27th Oct to 31st Oct	16th Feb to 20th Feb	25th May to 29th May
Ends	20th December	 27 th March	20th July

Attendance at St. Patrick's RC Primary School

2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-25	2025-26
89%	91%	92.6%	Target 95%

All children have the right to education, based on equality of opportunity. At St. Patrick's Primary School, in partnership with parents and other parties, we proactive in our efforts to encourage regular school attendance and reduce rates of absenteeism.

We recognises the crucial role that parents play in promoting good school attendance. The school therefore seeks to provide professional, quality information and advice, communicated frequently by telephone, email, leaflets, parents' evenings, school reports and via the school attendance webpage on our school website.

At St. Parick's RC Primary School we aim to:

- Give attendance and punctuality a high priority;
- Provide support, advice and guidance to families;
- Use attendance data systematically to evaluate success and to prioritise appropriate follow-up procedures;
- Use rewards to celebrate good attendance;
- Work in partnership with the Education Welfare Service to improve attendance;
- Support pupils returning to school after significant periods of absence.



Reporting on Attendance

Attendance

Reception Miss McDonald 97%	Reception Mrs Evans 93%	Year 1 Mrs Williams 96%
Year 1-2 Mrs Crilly 96%	Year 2 Miss Bohlin 93%	Year 3 Miss Townsend 94%
Year 4 Mr Ellis 96%	Year 5 Miss Newson 96%	Year 5-6 Mr O'Hagan 93%
		Year 6 Miss Sullivan & Mrs Maddocks 96%

This month's top attending class is:



Attendance Prize
A trip to the Park!

Attendance & Punctuality

For all the children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at school **on time** every day the school is open, unless the reason is unavoidable. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

Unauthorised absences are those which the school and the Governing Body, following Government guidelines, do not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority (Educational Welfare Service) using sanctions and / or legal proceedings including penalty notices and fines.

Unauthorised absence includes:

- Pupils persistently arriving late to school i.e. more than 10 sessions per half term
- Parents / carers keeping children off school unnecessarily e.g. because they had a late night or for non-infectious illness or injury that would not affect their ability to learn
- Absences which have never been properly explained
- Shopping trips
- Looking after other children or children accompanying siblings or parents to medical appointments
- Their own or family birthdays
- Day trips
- Holidays in term time

We never take such action lightly and would far rather work with parents/carers to improve attendance without having to resort to enforcement action. Attendance is regarded as highly important and we will use our powers if this is found to be the only way of getting a child to attend school.



Additional Learning Needs



Additional Learning Needs (ALN)



Cardiff **Family** Advice and Support



Mrs Ursell
ALNCo

Free School Meals *Why apply?*

Primary and secondary school pupils will get free school meals if their family receives:

Income Support

Income Related Employment Support Allowance

Income Based Jobs Seeker's Allowance

Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, or Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,190

Universal Credit if the net household earnings is less than £7400.

*Families who get Working Tax Credit do not qualify.

Once you submit an application, you will be notified in writing of the outcome.

If you are eligible for free school meals, your child's school will be notified so that they can update their records.



School Funding is impacted by number of families who meet this criteria.



Grants and funding often offered more readily



Subsidised trips & visits

Free School Meals

Attendance



Free School Meals Application Form

• [Cymraeg](#)

Apply for Free School Meals

Your details

Title

First name *

Last name *

Date of birth *

National insurance number

☐ I don't have a National Insurance number, I am an asylum seeker



The Friends of St. Patrick's RC Primary School



Time to Explore Scavenger Hunt



Cooking classroom



PSI Department



Woodwork Area



Forest Schools Changing Area



Cycle Track



Growing Garden



Fire Pit



Explore!



St Patrick's RC Primary

☐ Ask a staff member a question

☐ Follow us on X/Instagram

☐ Visit our uniform stall

☐ Grab a goodie bag

☐ Complete the evaluation form

☐ Complete allergy & intolerance questionnaire

☐ Find out which door your child will enter & exit each day

☐ Download SeeSaw App



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in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Evaluation Form



St Patrick's RC Primary



We hope you enjoyed our presentation

Thank you for coming