



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy

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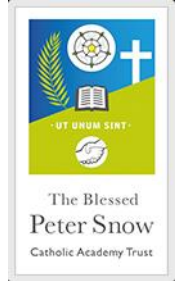
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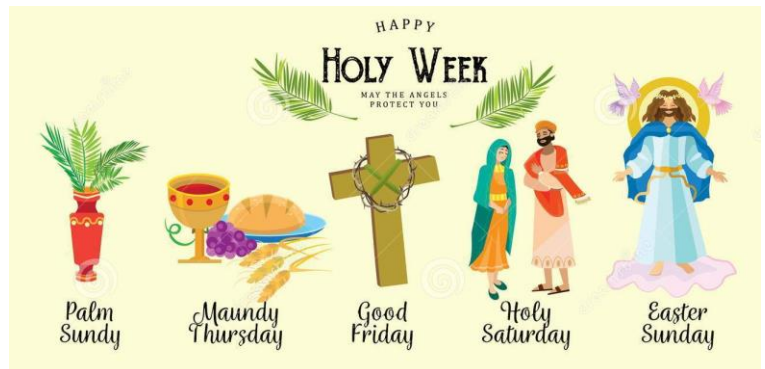
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I cannot believe we have come to the end of another term here at school. The pupils have once again made us extremely proud in all they have accomplished this term, both academically and growing in their resilience and understanding of how we treat one another. I know you will join us in congratulating them for a wonderful term.

## THE EASTER SEASON:

Congratulations to our amazing pupils in across Year 3, 4 and 6 who have led our school reflections on the very important events that took place across Holy Week.

Class 3 led the liturgy of Palm Sunday, Class 4 the liturgy of The Last Supper and Class 6 the liturgy of the Crucifixion. We reflected on the importance of the events, upon the blessings we have, recognising the needs of others and considered how we can be the light for someone in need.



The story of Holy Week is one of joy and salvation. Easter Sunday marks the Resurrection of Jesus – it is a triumph of hope over despair and we look forward to Class 5 presenting the liturgy of the Resurrection as we return from our Easter break.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The week leading up to Easter is known as Holy Week – it is the most solemn period in the church's year.

**PALM SUNDAY** – recalls seeing Jesus coming into Jerusalem with the crowds waving palms as a greeting.

**HOLY THURSDAY** – recalls Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Jesus shows us that to be a follower we must serve others just as he washed the feet of the disciples.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – commemorates Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

**HOLY SATURDAY** – commemorates Jesus' lying in the tomb; it is a day of waiting.

**EASTER SUNDAY** – celebrates Jesus' glorious resurrection and triumph over death and evil.

Please see the details of all the services and Masses at St Patrick's church over Holy Week and Easter. Some of our Class 4 pupils are helping Father Eamonn at the service on Holy Thursday as Jesus' apostles – thank you to them for putting themselves forward.





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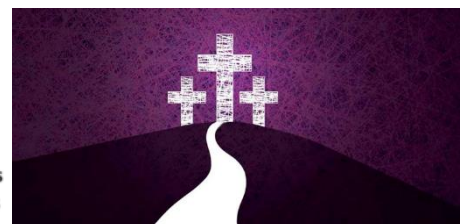
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<u>HOLY WEEK</u>			
Palm Sunday Masses	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30pm	St Mary's
		6.15pm*	St Patrick's
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	St Patrick's
		10.45am*	St Mary's

*\* please note the slightly later time of Mass. This is to accommodate the long Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday and therefore give me enough time to celebrate the Mass and then get to the next church.*

Holy Thursday (14 <sup>th</sup> April)	Mass of the Lord's Supper	5.00pm	St Mary's
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm	St Patrick's
Good Friday (15 <sup>th</sup> April)	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm	St Patrick's
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	6.00pm	St Mary's
Easter Vigil (16 <sup>th</sup> April)	Celebration of the Resurrection	4.30pm	St Mary's
	Celebration of the Resurrection	6.30pm	St Patrick's
Easter Sunday (17 <sup>th</sup> April)	Mass of Easter Sunday	9.00am	St Patrick's
	Mass of Easter Sunday	10.30am	St Mary's

## Key Stage One Music

Congratulations to our super pupils in Key Stage 1 who have, over the last couple of weeks, presented wonderful musical assemblies for their families. They have displayed the great learning they have each made in music over the term, led by Mr William Jones, our Choral Director from the Diocese of Leeds.



## Our Sporting Successes

Congratulations to the pupils across school who have represented St Patrick's in a number of different sporting events over this term.

**Balance Bikes:** Our Year 1 pupils took part in a balance bike programme, developing their balance and co-ordination along with their spatial awareness and understanding of how to be safe on a bike. The pupils have made wonderful progress and the teachers that came were immensely proud of them all.



**Year 4 LC6 Football Academy Tournament:** Our Year 4 boys took part in a football tournament, demonstrating their skills and talents as well as wonderful sportsmanship. They were amazing and very proud to become champions.



**Year 5 Batley Netball Tournament:** Our Year 5 pupils took part in a netball tournament where they excelled in their teamwork and showed great skills and understanding of the game. It was a very hard fought competition where we were very close runners up. A brilliant performance. Well Done.





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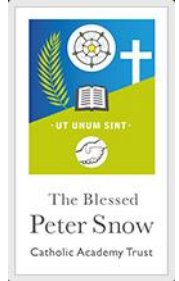
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## **Academic achievements this term:**

Over the last term, our pupils have continued to work extremely hard, striving to show the very best learning behaviours which in turn enables them to make great progress. Well done to everyone and thank you for showing such dedication to your learning.

Our programme of "School Led Tutoring", which has happened after school each week, has supported many of our pupils in filling any gaps in their understanding and provided time for them to practice and develop further. Thank you to the staff for planning and running these sessions which I know the pupils have very much enjoyed and benefitted from.

As we move into the final term of the academic year our thoughts are with the Year 2 and 6 pupils who will be demonstrating all their knowledge, skills and understanding through the SATs assessments – we know how hard you have all worked and have no doubt you will give your very best, which is all we can ever ask of you. Good luck.

## **Pupil voice across school:**

**Our School Council:** Our school council, led by Miss Jeffels, have worked very hard over the last term leading each of their classes in completing pupil views and ideas on the wider curriculum. They have focused their work on Science, History and Art and are having a meeting, to present their findings to myself and Miss Gott who leads on the Curriculum, as we start the new term. I am hoping a governor will also be able to join us. The School Council will continue their work on the curriculum in the next term focusing on Geography, Design and Technology and Music.



**Our Smile Squad:** Our smile squad has been developed over the last term, leading pupils in understanding their emotional wellbeing and recognising when we each need a little bit of help. The smile squad have been at the forefront of being available to support others who need help to find their smile again. They have set up, supported by Miss Wolanski, a range of wellbeing activities on a Friday lunchtime outside on the playground. We look forward to continuing this important work as we start the new term.

**Our Digital leaders:** Our Digital Leaders have been working with our youngest pupils in EYFS this term. They have been leading lunchtime workshops using the beebots and teaching the pupils how to program. They have developed creative courses for the pupils to navigate the beebots and collect points. Well done and thank you for your hard work.



**Our Reading Ambassadors:** Our Reading Ambassadors have begun their work this term, ensuring we have a focus on reading and looking at how we can build a great love for reading across school. They led on the many activities and events we had in school over World Book day including the planning and organising for the 'Reading Bake-Off' competition.







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## **Reminder - Start of Day Arrangements for Summer Term:**

Please remember the new start of day arrangements that begin on the first day back – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. ALL pupils will stay with an adult family member in the playground from 8:45am until the bell goes for all classes to line up at 8:55am. The pupils will be the responsibility of their parents and carers until they enter school at 8:55am and *cannot be left without an adult*.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your support and partnership working as an extended part of the team. Without your support the pupils would not make the progress we see in all areas of school life. Thank you.

Can I also please thank my wonderful team of staff - teachers, support staff, office staff, kitchen staff and cleaners for all that you do for the pupils in our care.

**THANK YOU**

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter time.

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs C Moulding (Head Teacher)*

