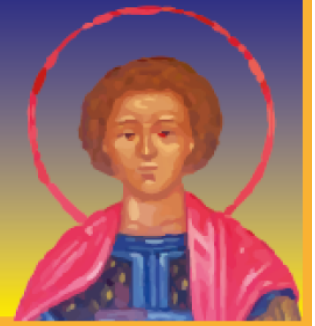




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Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear parents, carers and governors,

There have been many wonderful activities and events this week to help children flourish as they live up to our mission statement of 'living life to the full'. Next week, in addition to the usual activities in each class, the choir will sing with other primary school pupils at The Glasshouse in a Spring Sing. On Thursday, everyone will wear non-uniform and if you would like to join in, pay £1 to 'wear a hat' for Brain Tumour Research.

During Holy Week, we will reflect on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. Please join us in St Alban's Church on Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm to pray the Stations of the Cross.

I continue to be impressed with all your efforts to ensure the children develop fantastic habits for good attendance. Thank you and well done everyone.

N1	N2	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
100%	96.3%	93%	100%	98.7%	98.2%	98.8%	98.6%	95.8%

Sickness Absence: Our school continues to adhere to the '48-hour rule' when a child is sick and/or has diarrhoea. This has been discussed within our cluster of schools at the Trust and, as the Department for Education are campaigning to improve school attendance, we feel it is appropriate for parents to now use their own judgement about their child's sickness. If your child is repeatedly sick and unwell with a stomach bug for example, then this 48-hour rule would definitely still apply. However, if your child is sick only once and you feel it is not a stomach bug, then you may decide to return them to school sooner than 48 hours. Please work with us, however, in keeping other children, families and the staff well and protected from bugs and illnesses by only sending children into school when they are fully well.

I mentioned to the children that I would prefer hair bands and bobbles to be kept small and smart, using our school colours of blue and yellow. Please no large hair bands or excessive bows, etc. thank you.

Holy Week and Easter services in our parish:

The Mass of the Lord's Supper	Holy Thursday (28th March)	6pm	St. Patrick's Church
The Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Good Friday (29th March)	3pm	
The Solemn Celebration of the Vigil of Easter	Holy Saturday (30th March)	5.30pm	
The Mass of the Resurrection	Easter Sunday (31st March)	9.30am	St. Alban's Church
		10.00am	St. Patrick's Church

As always, please be in touch if I can help in any way,

M. Robinson

Headteacher

This week's Eco Endeavour: Visit charity shops and buy second hand bargains!

