

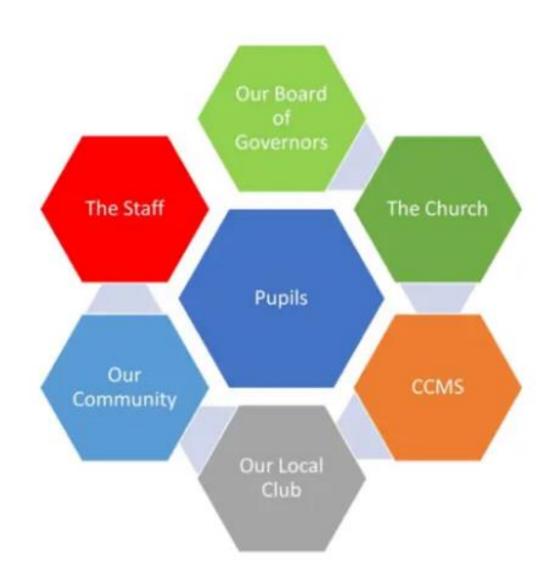
OUR SHARED VISION

• To create a learning environment where we celebrate the achievements of every child and encourage all to reach their full potential.

 To live out the Gospel values and foster a community inspired by our Catholic faith.

'Make me glad to have known and met you'





Child Protection Information



Mrs McFaddenDesignated Teacher



Mrs CowanDeputy Designated Teacher



Mr McCannDeputy Designated Teacher

Marie Claire McKillop - Governor for Child Protection

Brendan Carey - Chair of Governors

Child-Friendly Child Protection Poster



School Website

https://stpatricksrasharkin.com/



Welcome to Saint Patrick's Primary School

We are delighted to welcome your child to Saint Patrick's Primary School. It is our sincere commitment to ensure that the years they spend with us are filled with happiness, growth, and meaningful learning experiences.

Our school is proud to uphold a high standard of education within a nurturing, family-centred environment. We deeply value the support of all of our families and we cherish the strong sense of community that defines our school. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere and to support every child's development.

At Saint Patrick's, we strive to help each pupil reach their full potential—academically, personally, emotionally, and

Our School

Principal's Welcome

Our Shared Vision

Holidays

Staff

Board of Governors

Audit

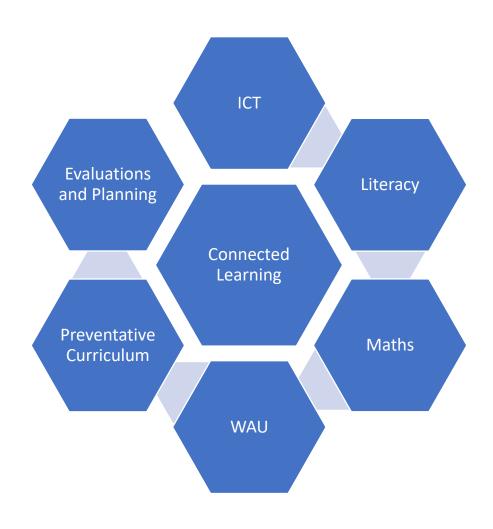
- Parents
- Pupils
- Staff
- PTA
- Governors
- School Council

Key Findings from Monitoring and Evaluating

- Curriculum Planning is good
- Lesson observations all lessons were of a high standard
- Lessons demonstrated that we know the importance of practical and connected learning
- Children's work is well presented
- It is clear that children make good progress in Literacy and Numeracy
- Scores show children performing above the national average in Literacy and Numeracy

- Children are happy in school. (children and parents)
- Parents are positive about our pastoral care and the progress that their children are making
- Parents want to know how they can help more (curriculum evening)
- Parents want to be kept up to date with how their child performs throughout the year (spelling books/reading records/numeracy tests on Friday) – Curriculum evening
- After school clubs
- Toast

Moving Forward



Morning Routine



Morning club begins - £1 per child

8:15am



Children arrive from the bus

8:30am



Supervision begins for all children. Please ensure children have a coat.

8:45am



Class begins

9:00am

The School Day



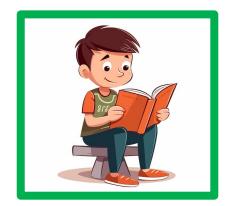
Prayers and Registration/Dinner numbers **9:00 am**



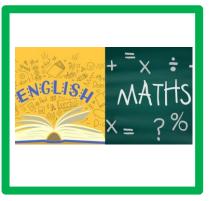
Lunch (prayers before and after)



Homework marked **9:15 am**



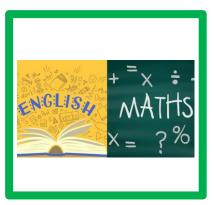
After Lunch AR — 20 minutes daily



Morning lesson (Maths or Literacy) **9:40 am**



Afternoon lesson (Religion, WAU, The Arts, PDMU, PE)



Mid-session lesson (Maths or Literacy) 10:45 am



Pack up and final prayer **3:00 pm**

Sample Weekly Timetable

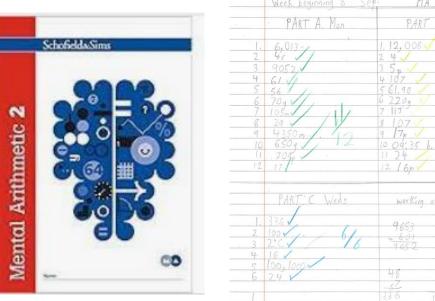
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Preparation	Homework PE	Homework	Homework	Homework Attend Mass
Guided Reading/Literacy lesson Maths lesson	Maths lesson Literacy lesson	Guided Reading Follow Up/Literacy lesson Maths lesson	Maths lesson Literacy lesson	Spelling and Maths Check Up Maths lesson Literacy lesson
AR Religion/ WAU	AR Religion/ WAU	AR Religion/ PDMU	AR Religion/ The Arts	The Arts Golden Time



- Mental Arithmetic- MA
- Spelling (Look, say, cover, write, check) every night. Please do not leave learning to a Thursday evening.
- Literacy
- Reading
- P4 and P5 parents should listen to all of the reading homework
- P6 and P7 Parents should listen to their child read for at least 10 minutes each evening. Encourage talking about the book, predicting, opinions on characters.
- AR (20 minutes)

Homework Content

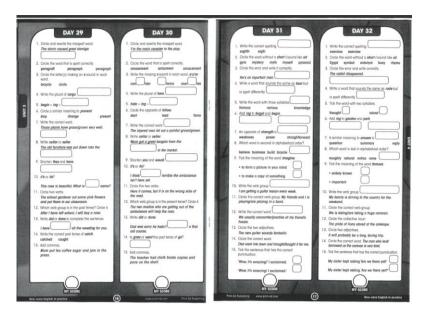
Mental Arithmetic (MA)



Spelling



Literacy - Day to Day



Homework Guidance

Please support the school by ensuring that your child attempts their homework.

Take a positive, supportive and encouraging interest in your child's homework.

Provide a suitable place and time for your child to carry out homework.

Encourage your child to complete homework on their own, as much as possible.

Praise your child while they carry out their homework.

Talk to him/her about what they are doing.

Check homework to ensure that it is fully completed and neatly presented.

Sign homework as a record it has been checked.

Make sure that all homework books are put back into the schoolbag.

Children who are sick are never expected to do homework.

Liaise with the teacher when there is a problem or concern about homework.

Accelerated Reader®



- Children complete STAR testing three times a year, September, after Christmas and after Easter. This online test provides a ZPD range that is a suitable reading level for pupils.
- 20 minutes each day in school.
- At least 20 minutes each night at home.
- Data shows that the children who engage make very good progress.

Recommended Homework Time

Foundation Stage - (Primary 1 and 2)

• 15/20 minutes each night

Key Stage 1 - (Primary 3 and 4)

• 30/40 minutes each night

Key Stage 2 – (Primary 5, 6 & 7)

• 45/60 minutes each night

P6 and P7 – Transfer work is additional



Class Rules

















to learn new things everyone

is important and equal

share

take turns and be friendly

polite

kind actions and words effort

try your best

care

for others and our school

think

make a good choice

Primary 4 Topics Covered

- ·Marvellous Heroes
- ·Polar Regions
- Myths and Legends
- •World War II
- ·Houses and Homes



Primary 5 Topics Covered





Water



Primary 6 Topics Covered

- Prove It
- •Survival
- Worlds Apart
- Fairtrade
- Bridges



PE

• On Tuesdays with Healthy Kidz.

• Other sessions of PE covering agility, dance, games and athletics.

• P4 to P7 change for PE. It is important that pupils bring their gear and have their uniform clearly labelled.



Swimming

- Swimming is offered to Primary 5, 6 and 7
- Primary 6 begin, then Primary 7 and we finish with Primary 5
- £3 each week for 8 weeks (approximately)
- Appropriate behaviour

Your child should bring:

- Towel
- Swimming costume
- Goggles
- Swimming hat for girls





Helping at home with Literacy and Numeracy?



Shopping



- Is it better to buy a pack of 6 crisps or individual bags?
- I'm paying with £10. What change will I get?
- What will the total cost be of the milk, ham and eggs?
- This say 10% off how much will I save?
- Check the items purchases against the receipt
- The bar of chocolate costs 75p. What coins do I need to get the exact amount?
- What's the least number of coins I could use?

In the Kitchen

- How many litres in the milk carton?
- How many ml do you think are left?
- Read the side of cans in the cupboard? What weight are they?
- What would the weight of 2 cans, 3 cans etc be?
- Get the children involved in weighing out ingredients when baking?
- Reading scales



Out and About

- Look at how houses are numbered in the street odd and even
- Look for shapes that tesselate (like floor tiles) hexagons, rectangles etc
- Number plates rearrange the digits
- What is the largest number you can make?
- Smallest
- Largest even, odd
- Can you divide it by 2 in your head?

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Games



- Cards 25 or 45 is great for probability
- Monopoly great for counting money.
- Connect 4 logic and reasoning

Time

- Reading the clock
- what time is the movie on? What time is it over? How long does it last?
- What time does the train leave for Belfast? What time does it arrive

Doing Maths in Your Head

Every day we all do lots of mental calculations. Help your child to work out answers in their head by asking questions, such as:



- Conor wants to buy a video game. It costs £47. She only has £28. How much more does she need?
- A coat costs £100. In a sale it is marked down 20%. How much does it now cost?
- A clock shows 9.00. The clock is 15 minutes fast. What is the right time? "Hmm... It must be 15 min earlier, 8.55, 8.50...8.45"
- One large pizza costs £8.99. How much would three cost? "Err... I could round up to £9.00, multiply by 3 and subtract 3p"
- There are 14 trees in a garden 9 trees are cut down. How many are left?
- A bottle of water holds 500ml. How many litres would 4 four bottles hold?
 - * Remember to ask your child to explain how they worked out their answer*

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

7 Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'

Useful Websites to Aid Learning

- https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/
- http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html
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