

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Key Dates	Extra-Curricular Clubs	VIPs																
26 Jan – Raiders vs Wigan – 22 children 29 Jan – Baby & Toddler Group @ 9-11 31 Jan – Y1 Dock Museum 31 Jan – Y5 Assembly @ 9.15 1 Feb – NSPCC Number Day 1 Feb – Y5 Mass @ Church @ 9.30 5 Feb – Baby & Toddler Group @ 9-11 5 Feb – Friends of St Pius X @ 3.30 6 Feb – 5 Year Old Dental Survey 7 Feb – Y4 Assembly @ 9.15 8 Feb – Non-uniform 8 Feb – Y3 & 4 Mass @ School @ 9.30 12 Feb – Baby & Toddler Group @ 9-11 13 Feb – Swimming Gala @ 9-12 14 Feb – Y3 Assembly @ 9.15 15 Feb – Y4 Mass @ Church @ 9.30 15 Feb – Valentine’s Family Night @ 6.30 18 Feb – Half Term 25 Feb – Parents’ Evening 27 Feb – Parents’ Evening 1 Mar – Yr1 & 2 Mass @ School 6 Mar – Whole School – Ash Wednesday Service @ 1.30 7 Mar – World Book Day 11-15 Mar – British Science Week 14 Mar – Reception Assembly 15 Mar – Y3 Mass @ Church 22 Mar – Nursery Deadline for September Intake 22 Mar – Y6 & Rec Mass @ School 22 Mar – Family Games Night 26 Mar – UDance Performance Y3 29 Mar – Non-uniform Raffle prizes 29 Mar – Y2 Mass @ Church 29 Mar – End of Term - 1.30 Finish.	Mon - -School Council 12.30-1 Tues - -Art & Craft (Rec-Y4) 20 max. -Lego League (Y5 group) 12.30-1 -Reading (Y6 Group) -Mathematics (Y6 Group x 2) -Gymnastics (Y1-Y4 Group) Wed - -Football (Y3-6) -Netball (Y4-6) -Band (Y4-6) -Instrument (1:1) 12-12.20 -Instrument (Y4-Y6) 12.20-1 Thurs - -Choir (Y3-6) 12.30-1 -Lego League (Y5 group) Fri - School Lunch Menu Week 2	Rec – Isla P Y1 – Joseph C Y2 – Blake Y3 – Jackson Y4 – Lilly-May Y5 – Jay Y6 – Scarlett Marvellous Merit Finlay (Y4) House Champions This week’s house champions were St George’s St P=0, St A=0, St G=2, St D=1 Attendance <table><tr><td>Reception</td><td>90.0</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>97.78</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>89.0</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>92.5</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>96.0</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>97.86</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>90.0</td></tr><tr><td>Whole School</td><td>93.58</td></tr></table>	Reception	90.0	Year 1	97.78	Year 2	89.0	Year 3	92.5	Year 4	96.0	Year 5	97.86	Year 6	90.0	Whole School	93.58
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Red = added or altered since previous newsletter

Strike out = cancelled

Sent home this week:

- Wednesday Word

Weekly Challenge

This week's challenge is for children to draw a picture of their favourite member of staff with an explanation as to why. Children should return their pictures to Mr McGoldrick – it's the children's responsibility to do so and not staff members. They can also be dropped off by parents at the School Office. Please share completed pictures on our Social Media pages. Children will receive 5 dojo points once pictures are handed to Mr McGoldrick.

School Carpark

REMINDER: We ask that parents don't use the car park at any time, including Breakfast and Afterschool club. Please park on the road. This is only temporary whilst the building work goes on.

Gymnastic Club

From next Tuesday, children should be collected from the Year 3/4 external door (not the School Office).

Year 6

Year Intervention groups have been reorganised based on the children's December assessment data. Parents were informed, via Class Dojo, at the beginning of the week. If you have any questions please get in touch with Miss Floyd or Mr McGoldrick.

First Holy Communion

We have had three children sign up for the First Holy Communion Programme. There are three future sessions to attend. Each session will begin in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm where we will celebrate Mass. Then we will move over to the Parish centre for the preparation sessions. The sessions will finish at about 7.45pm.

Dates for Reconciliation preparation are as follows:

Wednesday 13th February

Wednesday 27th February

Wednesday 13th March

If you missed the initial meeting and would like your child to take part in the programme please contact Mr McGoldrick as soon as possible.

NSPCC Number Day

On **Friday 1st February** we will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day. A letter has been sent home today with more information.

Parent Voice

At this week's Parent Voice we discussed the following:

- **Weekly challenge** – we have a small uptake of participants. It was agreed 5 dojo points will be awarded for each week's challenge. Please remember challenges run from Friday to Friday.
- **Uniform** – the School Council would like V-neck sweatshirts and red ties from September. Parents agreed this was a good idea. This will take effect from September 2019. However, this will be optional.
- **Family night** – the last night was a huge success and great fun. Feedback was positive. Parents who attended the meeting offered to help run a tombola and raffle at the next event. It was agreed there would be a non-uniform before the event for raffle and tombola prizes.
- **Merits** – some parents asked if they could be informed earlier if their child had been chosen for a merit. It was discussed and agreed an alternative option would be to inform parents the week before. However, it was also discussed that this might not mean as much to the children – they would have to wait a week or longer for their hard work to be recognised. It was agreed a poll will be shared on the school Facebook page - please keep an eye out.
- **Ofsted** – the outcome of the inspection was discussed.
- **Our School App Calendar** – it was noted that the Our School App calendar has not been updated with spring term dates. Mr McGoldrick agreed these would be updated over the weekend (we apologise for the vast amount of notifications/push notification in advance).
- **Times Table Rockstars** – the importance of knowing your times tables was discussed. Parents were encouraged to get their children to log on regularly. Mr McGoldrick will be doing an assembly for the children next week to relaunch it. Incentives will also be shared to encourage children.
- **Big Maths** – parents asked if children could be given a login for Big Maths. Logins will be sent home next week.
- **Carnival** – we would like to take part in Barrow Carnival this year. We need volunteers to help create a float. If you are able to help please contact Mr McGoldrick. The carnival will take place on **22nd June**.
- **Friends of St Pius X** – we are still looking for volunteers. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5th February**. Please come along.
- **World Book Day** – parents enquired what the theme will be this year. They discussed the possibility of hiring costumes out to parents.

Crossing

Mr Scrogam has been off for the last fortnight. Hopefully, he will be back at school soon. Governors have asked if there are any willing volunteers that would be happy to cover the crossing in Mr Scogham's absence. Please contact the School Office for more information.

Non-uniform

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 8th February**. We ask for raffle and tombola donations for our Valentines Family Night.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Monday 25th February** and **Wednesday 27th February**. We may be trialling a new booking system – more details to follow.

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on **Tuesday 5th March**. The theme will be open-ended again this year. Each class teacher will plan activities based on their favourite book and children will move around the classrooms.

Attendance

Unfortunately, our attendance figures for the last fortnight have fallen below 95%. This is a huge concern. Our Educational Welfare Officer will be in school next week and may be in touch with parents who children have a poor or declining attendance figure. It is important your child attends school.

Valentines Family Night

Reminder: On **Friday 15th February from 6.30pm** there will be a Valentines Family Night. Once again you can bring your own beer – please be responsible. The theme will be 'Mr & Mrs' and your hosts will be Mr McGoldrick & Mr Dan Webber. Nearer the time we may ask for volunteers to take part – you don't have to be couples. There will be three rounds; children, parents/family and teachers. There will also be an interactive round for the whole audience. Tickets are £2 each. Hotdogs and refreshments will be available on the night. Tickets will be available soon.

Year 6 Awards Evening

Reminder: This year the school the governors and staff have decided to host a Year 6 awards ceremony. This will be for children, staff and governors only. Children will be invited to a formal sit down meal followed by an awards ceremony and disco. Awards will be voted for by staff and children. In addition, there will be a special governor's award. The awards evening will take place on **Thursday 11th July from 6pm-9pm**. Children are asked to dress smart.