



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy

3rd September 2026

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Issue 1



School Office

Please note that the School Office is open from **7.35am to 4.30pm** each day. Please leave a message on the answering machine if you need to ring outside of these times.

Collection Instructions

Please let the school office know before lunchtime if your child is being collected by someone other than one of your listed contacts, or if there is a change to their usual schedule. We cannot guarantee that messages will be picked up towards the end of the day.

Thank you.

Medicine

If your child requires any prescribed medication this academic year, a new medical form must be completed and returned to the school office.

If your child requires an inhaler in school please bring this to the school office and complete a new asthma form.

Thank you.

September 'Meet the Teacher' Sessions

We're excited to invite you to our Meet the Teacher sessions! This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and learn more about what to expect in their new year group. All sessions will start straight after school in the hall. Children are invited to wait in the school Mission Control Room where they will be supervised by a member of staff.

Here are the dates for each year group:

EYFS - Wednesday 9th September

Year 1 - Thursday 10th September

Year 2 - Tuesday 15th September

Year 3 - Wednesday 16th September

Year 4 - Thursday 17th September

Year 5 - Tuesday 22nd September

Year 6 - Wednesday 23rd September



We hope you can join us for these short, informative sessions. It's a lovely way to start the year and get to know the team supporting your child!

Class Celebration of the Word

We warmly invite you to join us for our **Class Celebration of the Word** events. These special moments of prayer and reflection begin at **9:30am** and last around **15-20 minutes**. It's a lovely way to share in your child's spiritual journey.

Here are the dates for KS2:

Monday 14th September - Y6F

Monday 21st September - Y6R

Monday 28th September - Y5D

Monday 5th October - Y5E

Monday 12th October - Y4H

Monday 19th October - Y4M

Monday 2nd November - Y3A

Monday 9th November - Y3W

Here are the dates for EYFS & KS1:

Friday 2nd October - Y2B

Friday 9th October - Y2A

Friday 16th October - Y1R

Friday 23rd October - Y1A

Friday 6th November - RG

We'd love to see you there to celebrate with your child and their class!

Y4M Swimming Lessons Begin

Just a reminder that **Y4M swimming lessons start tomorrow and will run every Friday morning from 9:50 to 11:30am**. Please make sure your child brings a bag containing their swimwear, swimming cap, and a towel. Thank you.

IMPORTANT - Pupil Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office is notified in writing of any changes to your child's contact details and telephone numbers. Thank you.

Breakfast Club Spaces Available

Breakfast Club opens at 7:35am with cereal, toast, milk and fruit juice provided at 8:15am. Each session costs £4.50. If you would like a place in Breakfast Club please call in at the office for a registration form.

Packed Lunches

Please can parents ensure that packed lunches brought into school are healthy and contain at least one piece of fruit. Can we please also ask that families are mindful of other children who may have food allergies and intolerances. **Nuts & seeds are not allowed to be brought into school at anytime. Including on School trips.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Start and Finish times

Morning session:

The school day starts at 9.00am and we will expect children to be in the playground 10 minutes before this time ready to line up when the whistle is blown at 8:55am. Children in Foundation/KS1 will meet their teachers on the front yard and children in KS2 will line up on the Junior yard. Please phone or email the school office by 9:10am at the latest if your child is unable to come to school.

Afternoon Session:

The school day will end at 3:15pm for children in Foundation and KS1 and at 3:20pm for children in KS2. Parents need to meet their children on the front yard. Please ensure your child is collected promptly.

Uniform Reminders

Royal blue jumper (V neck) or cardigan

Pale Blue shirt (No T-Shirts) and school tie

Grey Trousers/ Shorts, grey skirt, grey pinafore or grey tailored trousers

Grey, black or white pair of plain socks or tights

Black shoes

NO TRAINERS NO RUCKSACKS NO TOYS OR KEYRINGS ON BAGS

All children need a P.E Kit in School Every Week

White tee shirt, black or navy shorts and pumps in a clearly labelled pump bag please.

During colder months outdoor kit required - trainers, tracksuit/jogging bottoms, tee shirt and sweatshirt (no logos).

Spare underwear and socks are a useful addition to your child's pump bag.

In the interests of children's safety, jewellery must not be worn (including anything other than a pair of small plain stud earrings).

Free School Meals - Changes from September 2026

All children in households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of household income.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM**, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- **Expanded FSM**, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit

If your FSM application was previously refused because your income was above £7,400, **you should reapply now** if you receive Universal Credit.

Important: Temporary protection for existing FSM recipients ended in July 2026. From September, eligibility will be reviewed regularly, so families must continue to meet the criteria.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children in these year groups already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

However, families receiving qualifying benefits are still encouraged to apply for FSM to help schools access additional funding and support.

What should parents do?

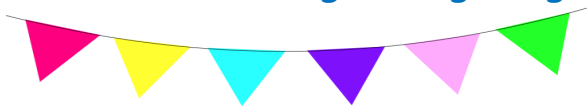
- Apply for FSM if you receive Universal Credit.
- Reapply if you were previously refused due to income.

For more information or to apply, visit: [Kirklees Free School Meals Information](#)

Dates for the Diary

Friday 4th September - Swimming lessons begin every Friday for Y4M, 9:50-11:30am.
Wednesday 9th September- EYFS Meet the Teacher event @ 3:15pm. Parents invited.
Thursday 10th September - Y1 Meet the Teacher event @ 3:15pm. Parents invited.
Monday 14th September - Y6F Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Tuesday 15th September- Y2 Meet the Teacher event @ 3:15pm. Parents invited.
Wednesday 16th September- Y3 Meet the Teacher event @ 3:20pm. Parents invited.
Thursday 17th September- Y4 Meet the Teacher event @ 3:20pm. Parents invited.
Friday 18th September - FOS Coffee Afternoon (no Sangam).
Monday 21st September - Y6R Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Thursday 22nd September - Y5 Meet the Teacher event @ 3:20pm. Parents invited.
Wednesday 23rd September - Tempest Individual Photo Day.
Wednesday 23rd September - Y6 Meet the Teacher event @ 3:20pm. Parents invited.
Monday 28th September - Y5D Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Friday 2nd October - Y2B Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Monday 5th October - Y5E Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Friday 9th October - Y2A Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Monday 12th October - Y4H Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Friday 16th October - Y1R Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Monday 19th October - Y4M Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Friday 23rd October - Y1A Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.
Friday 23rd October - School closes at the end of the afternoon session for half term.
Monday 2nd November - School Re-opens.

Parish Fundraising - Bingo Night



The Social Committee is delighted to invite you to a Bingo night at Our Lady of Lourdes School on **Friday 18th September** from 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 which includes a light supper and 2 free bingo cards and will be on sale in all churches after the weekend masses from the 29th/30th August or by contacting Helen on 07786 748 244. Up to 4 additional bingo cards can be bought on the night for £2.50 each. All monies raised will go towards the Restoration fund.

Come along, enjoy a fun evening and try your luck - everyone welcome!

Music Lessons in September

Musica Kirklees provides instrumental and vocal lessons to learners of all ages and all abilities, both in and out of school time. If your child would like to have vocal/instrumental tuition in school through Musica Kirklees, application forms can be downloaded from their website, www.musicakirklees.org or by clicking on the link here:

[Music Tuition - Musica Kirklees](#)



Virtues

This week's virtue is: **Respect and Courtesy**

Respect "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

(Matthew 7:12)

Courtesy "Do not speak evil of anyone, but be peaceful and friendly, and always show a gentle attitude towards everyone." (Titus 3:2)

Traffic/Parking

Please could all vehicles adhere to the voluntary one way system at both the start and end of the day.



Cars are not permitted up the school drive and should not drive up the road leading to the school gates.

Please can we reiterate the importance of considerate, careful and safe driving and parking and that the children's safety is our priority at all times.

Thank you for your co-operation and continuing support.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy, Huddersfield 2026-2027

Academic Year 2026-2027										
AUTUMN TERM				SPRING TERM				SUMMER TERM		
37 Days		35 Days		30 Days		24 Days		32 Days	32 Days	
FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY		FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY		FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY
Thurs 3 Sept 2026	Mon 26 Oct 2026 to Fri 30 Oct 2026	Fri 18 Dec 2026	Christmas Holiday	Mon 4 Jan 2027	Mon 15 Feb 2027 to Fri 19 Feb 2027	Thurs 25 March 2027	Easter Holiday	Tues 6 April 2027	Mon 24 May 2027 to Fri 4 June 2027	Tues 20 July 2027

August Bank Holiday
Christmas Day
Boxing Day
New Years Day

Monday 31 August 2026
Friday 25 December 2026
Monday 28 December 2026
Friday 1 January 2027

Good Friday
Easter Monday
Inset Day/May Day
School Closed
Spring Bank

Friday 26 March 2027
Monday 29 March 2027
Friday 30 April & Monday 3 May 2027
Monday 31 May 2027

PCAN

Registered Charity no: 1147436

Parents of Children with Additional Needs Making a Difference in Kirklees



PCAN Cuppa and Chat 2026

If you are a parent or carer of a child with SEND come and join us for a casual get-together and a cuppa at the following places and times.

Come and meet people who 'get it'. Share your stories and hear from others, have a good natter and a laugh. Swap your tales of disaster and success and maybe pick up some useful information along the way.

Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, HD9 3JH

6pm-8pm

Monday 7th September
Monday 5th October
Monday 9th November
Monday 7th December

The Zone, St Andrew's Road, Huddersfield HD1 6PT

9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 10th September
Thursday 15th October
Thursday 12th November
Thursday 10th December

Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley, HD9 6HF

5pm-7pm

Wednesday 9th September
Wednesday 7th October
Wednesday 4th November
Wednesday 2nd December

Cleckheaton Library, Whitcliffe Road,

Cleckheaton, BD19 3DX

5pm - 7pm

Thursday 10th September
Thursday 8th October
Thursday 12th November
Thursday 10th December

Soothill Community Centre,

10 Broomsdale Rd, Batley WF17 6NL

9.15am - 12.15pm

Thursday 24th September
Thursday 22nd October
Thursday 19th November
Thursday 17th December

Slaithwaite Library, Town Hall, Cross Street, HD7 5AF

9.15am-12.15pm

Thursday 24th September
Thursday 22nd October
Thursday 26th November
Thursday 17th December

**Children
Welcome at
all events**



**PCAN has exclusive access to the Play Gym at the Zone
at a cost of £2 per child**

For more information please contact : info@pcankirklees.org



HUDDERSFIELD NEW COLLEGE

NEW HEY ROAD, HUDDERSFIELD, HD3 4GL

Every Tuesday
During School Term Times

**Try a session
for
FREE**

Children build
confidence & make
new friends in a fun
environment

Lots of
competitions &
prizes to be
won 🏆

£8 per session
paid in blocks of
4 weeks (£32)

Group 1
5:30 - 6:30pm
Ages 4-6

Group 2
6:30 - 7:30pm
Ages 7-8

Group 3
7:30 - 8:30pm
Ages 9-12

Sessions held
inside sports hall
(outdoor facilities
also available during
summer months)

FA qualified & DBS
checked coaches
including
ex-professional
players



Fully supervised
- parents also
welcome to
watch the
sessions



Weekly fun
based football
coaching
sessions for all
abilities

Trophies for all
players on the final
week of each school
term (12-16 weeks) 🏆

To book a place on the course please text
"HUDDERSFIELD, child's name, age & group"
to **07846 770 250**

Boys & Girls

Ages 4 - 12