

A green banner with a cartoon illustration of St. Patrick on the left, wearing a red hat and holding a staff with a cross. The background is decorated with floating books and red dots. The title 'St. Patrick's Class' is written in large white letters. Below the title is a quote in white text. On the right, the date 'Friday 6th June 2025' is written in white.

St. Patrick's Class

I am certain in my heart that all that I am, I have received from God.

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to St. Joseph's and to St. Patrick's class! I hope you have all had a brilliant summer (the children have certainly told me about lots of exciting adventures)! The new Year 3s have returned to school with the most incredible amount of enthusiasm and **confidence**, and have already blown both myself and Miss Blick away with how hard they have been working – even in a week full of assessments! They have adapted to Key Stage 2 brilliantly, and with lots of **resilience**. They are also looking very smart - thank you for supporting your child by sending them in with the correct uniform and having them well prepared for English weather!

We have many exciting things to cover this term, a lot of them centred around our whole-school topic: Planet Earth. In Science we will be looking at what a plant needs to grow, and how plants disperse their seeds. We will also be conducting some fascinating experiments to discover more about plants and be **aspirational** learners. In Geography we will be examining Gloucestershire, and analysing why people come to visit, as well as looking at human and physical features near us (you may find it useful to familiarise yourself with these terms to discuss whilst you are out and about). In English we will be looking at traditional tales, starting by examining the story of the Princess and the Pea in preparation to write our own version. This term we will also be writing non-chronological reports about plants – we will all be experts in the field by the time October half term hits! In RE we begin the year with our first topic: Creation and Covenant, looking at the gift of creation and how we can care for it, growing in our **faith** along the way. A more detailed look for this term's curriculum can be found on our Topic Web, please do give it a browse and see if you have any books/resources at home that could further support your child.

Our first class text is *My Dad's a Birdman* by David Almond. This book was chosen by the children towards the end of our transition activities last year. Please do feel free to get a copy for your child to follow along in class. It is always a favourite, a touching story with lots of memorable and funny characters.

Year 3 children are to come to school in their PE kits on **Thursday** and **Friday** this term. Thank you in advance for naming all items of clothing, it really does help those lost jumpers and coats return to their homes! Please do make sure everything is named, lots can get left behind while children are changing for clubs. Homework continues to be set on Teams. If you are having trouble accessing your child's work, please get in touch either with myself or the office to help iron out any technical issues.

Furthermore, if you would like to be generous enough to volunteer some of your time to come and read with the children, please get in touch with me either on the playground or through the office. It is so important to get children to read - and any time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated!

Things to remember:

- Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times a week, consistently reading these with your children really does help enable them to **be the best they can be**.
- PE kit, please can children come to school in their **PE kit** on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**.
- Homework – this will continue to be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday.
- Please ensure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in each day.
- Please supply your child with everything they will need for the variable weather. We will be spending lots of time outside, especially in Outdoor Learning, so please make sure they have wellies and raincoats.
- As your child is no longer in KS1, they are no longer entitled to a fruit snack at break provided by the school. If your child would like a snack, please provide them with one. Fruits and vegetables only please.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can find me on the playground or email via email FAO Miss Drury via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Kind regards, and I know we will have a fantastic year,
Miss Emily Drury