

ST PATRICK'S, CONSETT

New website!

We are delighted that our new website is now complete and up and running.

You can find us at <https://stpatricksconsett.bwcet.com/>

The website is one of the ways that we communicate **essential** information about our school to parents and carers, along with all of the information that we are required by law to publish. It will contain up to date news items, school newsletters, term dates and other relevant information to ensure that everyone is well informed.

In recent years, there has been a significant change in the way that schools have communicated with parents. We now communicate via email, Arbor, Tapestry, school website, Facebook and letters; this has the potential to create confusion and lead to information overload. We want to ensure that everyone is clear about the different ways that we communicate with you and clarify what each method of communication will be used for. Please see below for the ways that we will share information with you.

Where we need to communicate with parents on an individual level, this will be done via email or phone call.

Communication tool	What we will use it for...
Website	Essential information about the school day, term dates, calendar dates, newsletters
Tapestry	In Nursery and Reception: individual learning journey and class specific news and rewards Years 1 - 6: class page with weekly update (photos and a message, rewards)
Arbor	Bulk email reminders - upcoming events Booking system for parents' evenings, clubs Payments
Facebook	Community information - open evenings Sign up for some clubs (external providers)

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Your views matter

We are keen to work with parents to ensure that our approach to communications works for you - parents are invited to a coffee morning on 14th November in the school hall. Please come along and share any ideas that you may have about how we can make communication work for you.

Catholic Life

Today we celebrated our school Harvest Mass in church. We gave thanks for all that we have and, inspired by the words of Pope Francis, committed to doing all we can to support others and share what we have with those less fortunate than ourselves. As always, our children were fantastic ambassadors for our school - from the enthusiastic singing to the beautiful readers - we are incredibly proud of them.

This afternoon, we officially welcomed our new Reception children and their families with a Celebration of the Word, led by our Year 6 buddies. As a school, we model our community on that of Jesus and his disciples, a community where **welcome for all** is at the heart. We are delighted to welcome the new children into our school family; we recognise each one as a special and unique gift from God. We look forward to accompanying them on this stage of their faith and learning journey and working with parents to give them the best possible primary school experience.

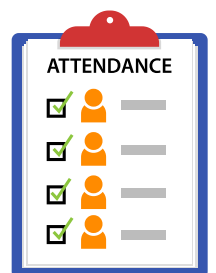
We are delighted to share the news that our school has signed up to take part in CAFOD's Live Simply Award.



The award reflects Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si' and is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships, with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth itself. The award is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and encourages our pupils to spend time in prayer and reflection whilst taking action together to respond to global poverty, injustice and the environmental crisis. We have identified nine actions that we hope will have a direct and lasting impact on our school, local and global communities. We are looking forward to putting our faith into action and hope that you will join us on this exciting journey.

Attendance update

Our latest whole school attendance figure is 95.8% which puts us well below the Trust target of 97%. 15.2% of pupils are also below 90% which is below the National average. These figures are a huge cause for concern and **we appeal to parents to support our efforts to improve attendance**. Next week, we will be sending out updated individual attendance letters in line with the Trust policy. If your child's attendance has hit a trigger point, it is likely that their attendance will be subject to formal monitoring.



Thank you in anticipation of your support.