



| Local Parish Mass Times | St Peter's | English Martyrs | St Augustine's |
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| Saturday | 6pm | | 6.30pm |
| Sunday | 9am 10.30am 5.30pm | 9am | 11am |

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The table below details what your child will be learning from Monday

| Year Group | Maths | English | Science |
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| Reception | Christmas Activities | | |
| Y1 | $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shape & $\frac{1}{4}$ of an amount | Alphabetical Order | Magnetic Materials |
| Y2 | Christmas Activities | | |
| Y3 | Christmas Activities | | |
| Y4 | Christmas Activities | | |
| Y5 | Christmas Activities | | |
| Y6 | Arithmetic | Character Description | Animals including Humans |

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh!" As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasises the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing near when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus." the last words of the New Testament.

This third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasise our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. You might like to say this prayer together as a family:

Dear God, you know that our hearts long for the joy and gladness promised by life with you. Help us to remember that you are with us always, and that our hearts will rest only when they rest with you.

Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make throughout this week. Help us endure hardship. Remind us to be patient. Stifle our tendency to complain. Help us realize how much we owe the creator for all we have and all we are.

Father in heaven, we offer thanks to you for sending John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of the saviour. Help us to heed the Baptist's message to repent and to renew our commitment to live in holiness.

Come Lord Jesus. So often we are impatient for your coming, yet we are fearful of living our lives as one with you. Come and ease our anxiety. Come and reward our patience. Come and remove our sorrow. Our communities and our world eagerly await the day of your birth.

NATIVITY

The children in EYFS produced a fantastic performance in their "A King is Born" nativity on Wednesday. They worked really hard to learn their words and songs. Well done, everyone!

"They did a great job without being shy." Ethan 5HC

"It was extraordinary. The fact that they remembered their lines was really good as well. I thought it was cute." Phoebe 4LP

"My favourite bit was when the angels did their dance." Jessica 1AH

Many thanks to everyone who gave to the collection after the Nativity which raised a fantastic £140 towards Mission Together.

CHRISTMAS MASS: THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2017

All are welcome to come and share in our Christmas Mass at 9.15am in the Spiritual Space.

GOODBYE

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Walker, our School Business Manager, after our Mass on Thursday 21st December. Mrs Walker has given 27 years of service to our school and has been incredibly proficient in ensuring that the school budget is managed effectively during that time. Mrs Walker also played an instrumental role in the new school build project and we are indebted to her for her great foresight and wisdom.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Stack, our Pastoral Leader, at our assembly on Tuesday morning at 9.05am. Mrs Stack has given 21 years of service to our school - 15 years as a Teaching Assistant and 6 years as Pastoral Leader. In her current role, Mrs Stack has led and strengthened the integration of pastoral care and Safeguarding throughout the school. She has provided support to many families and we thank her sincerely for all she has done to ensure pupils are safe and happy at school.

Finally, we say good-bye to Mrs Desando (senior) who has given 15 years of service to our school as a cleaner. Mrs Desando has always ensured that the classrooms and toilets are cleaned to a high standard so that the children and staff have a clean and safe environment in which to learn. Her cheery smile is missed by all who know her. Mrs Desando is unable to come in to school for a special farewell but we will be giving her a special mention in our Assembly today!

On behalf of all staff, governors and pupils I would like to thank Mrs Walker, Mrs Stack and Mrs Desando for all they have done for our school and wish them well for their future endeavours.

TISSUES!

Winter is well and truly here and with coughs and colds about, can we please ask that if your child is suffering from a cold then you make sure they have a supply of tissues in school. Many thanks.

PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - £1,539.65 RAISED!

We had another very successful PFA event at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December. We managed to raise £1,539.65 on the day. Fantastic! The PFA Committee would like to thank all PFA members, staff and parent helpers for their help in the run up to, and on the day. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and family members for attending and supporting this event and your children's school. Your support is really appreciated. Thank you so much.

WELLBEING AWARD FOR SCHOOLS (WAS)

Thank you to those families who took the time to complete the parent survey - we had a 21% return. Once these, along with the pupil surveys, have been analysed, we will share the key findings with you.

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2018 – CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2018

Was your child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014? Then they are entitled to start school in the Autumn Term of 2018. The admission policy for 2018-2019 and copies of our parish maps showing the catchment area for the school are available on the school website: www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk If you have any queries, please contact Gina Powell on the above number or by email: admin@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk . **The closing date for applications is 15th January 2018.**

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

What a colourful school we have had today! Everyone looks amazing in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for your donations. We raised £185.93 for Save the Children. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

PARENTMAIL

ParentMail is our way of communicating to our school community and is better and easier to use if you download the App. It is very important that all our parents/carers sign up as this is how you will receive all information about your child's schooling. Many thanks.

DON'T FORGET

We finish for the Christmas break on Thursday 21st December at 1.00pm.



Do you follow us on Facebook and Twitter? Our school Facebook page is St Peter's Catholic Primary School and our Twitter is @StPetersPri. It's a great way to keep up with things that are happening in school.

DINNER MENU – w/c 18th DEC

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| Monday | BBQ Chicken Pizza | Vegetable Tortilla Stack | Jacket Potato with Beans |
| Tuesday | Chilli & Rice | Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry | Jacket Potato with Cheese |
| Wednesday | Roast Chicken | Vegetable Wellington | Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo |
| Thursday | Fish & Chips | | Jacket Potato with Beans |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Thurs 21 st December | Whole School | Christmas Mass | 9.15am – Everyone welcome |
| Thurs 21 st December | Finish at 1.00pm for Christmas | | |
| Mon 8 th January | Whole School | Start of the new term | 8.55am |
| Fri 26 th January | Y3 | Assembly | 9.15am and 2.30pm |
| Fri 26 th January | | PFA Family Night | 7.00pm – 9.30pm |
| Tues 6 th February | Whole School | Parents' Evening | 3.30pm – 6.00pm |
| Weds 7 th February | Whole School | Parents' Evening | 3.30pm – 6.00pm |
| Fri 9 th February | Finish for Half Term – Normal Time | | |
| Mon 12 th February | HALF TERM | | |
| Mon 19 th February | INSET | | |
| Tues 20 th February | Whole School | Start of the new term | 8.55am |
| Thurs 1 st March | Whole School | St David's Day | Wear a yellow accessory |
| Thurs 1 st March | Whole School | World Book Day | |
| Fri 16 th March | Whole School | St Patrick's Day | Wear a green accessory |

Carol Baron
Headteacher



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