

Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
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
Reception	Christmas Activities		
Y1	Christmas Activities		
Y2	Christmas Activities	Publishing The Dark	Christmas Activities
Y3	Christmas Activities		
Y4	Christmas Activities		
Y5	Christmas Activities		
Y6	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Historical Stories	Living things and their habitats



EARLY FINISH REMINDER

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



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.



SCHOOL CHOIR – CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Our congratulations are extended to the School Choir and Mrs Pollard who opened the Pied Piper Concert at St Peter's Church last Wednesday evening, with 4 beautifully sung Christmas carols. The children then met up at the Eastgate shopping centre last Saturday morning and entertained the shoppers to a wonderful selection of Christmas hymns and carols. The children were collecting for the Pied Piper Appeal at this event also and we were bowled over by the generosity of the people of Gloucester. Many thanks to parents, families, staff and friends who also turned out in large numbers to support us. It was a wonderful experience and a great example, yet again, of children helping children. Well done choir!

ADMISSION TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2019

If you have a child due to start reception class in September 2019, you should have already received a letter from Gloucestershire Local Authority explaining how to make your application. If your child is baptised Catholic please submit a copy of your child's certificate. If you have any queries about this process, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Gina Harris at the school, by phone or email. The closing date for applications and the baptism certificate is 15th January 2019.



ECCLESIASTICAL – 12 DAYS OF GIVING

Each weekday from 6th to 21st December, Ecclesiastical will be giving 10 charities the chance to win £1,000. That's £120,000 to 120 charities in 12 days!

You can nominate St Peter's Catholic Primary School PFA - nominations will remain open until 12 midnight the day before each draw, with those charities not drawn carried over to the next. If everyone took the time to vote for us this would increase our chance of winning.

We would be very grateful if you could please take the time to complete the online form at <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/12-days/> our charity name is St Peters Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association and the charity number.



FAMILY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER

We are inviting you to join us in the Spiritual Space and school hall for an informal Family Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 19th December. Arrival is from 5.45pm for mince pies, biscuits and a drink, with the celebration commencing at 6.00pm and lasting for approximately 30 minutes. Donations to our Mission Together charity. All family members are welcome to join us. Please bring with you an electric light, e.g. torch, electric tea light or lantern etc.



Y2 NATIVITY

On Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December Year 2 performed for the whole school, parents and friends their version of the Nativity story of the very first Christmas through the production of A King Is Born. The children sang beautifully, spoke loudly and clearly, acted very confidently on stage and danced superbly. Thank you to all of the staff, parents and friends who helped support and prepare the children and a huge well done to all of our super stars in Year Two who performed brilliantly. You really did remind us all of the true reason for the season and filled us with joy as we get ever closer to the Christmas this year. We hope you enjoyed it.

An extra special thank you goes to the PTFA for providing refreshments for all of our families and friends to enjoy before both performances on Thursday too.

KS1 CHRISTMAS MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

On Thursday 7th December Y2 attended the KS1 Christmas Multi Skills Festival at Oxstalls Sports Park along with six other schools. The Festival was set up with 12 different multi-skills stations based on the EYFS basics of target throwing, balancing, co-ordination and agility aimed at all abilities. The Festival was led by Secondary School Sport Leaders along with GSSN staff. We were invited to create a festive themed hat and we had two winners from St. Peter's: Witold 2VM and Kate 2SP.

Ryan 2VM – "I liked it when Witold won the hat competition".

Wojciech 2VM – "I liked it when we were throwing basketballs in to the mini baskets to score points".

Jessica 2SP – "My favourite part was when we did the dancing because I like dancing and I do ballet".

Kevin 2SP – "I loved bowling because I got one point for my whole team".

Eliza – "I liked the snowman relay race because we got to bounce on space hoppers".

Zofia – "I liked when we played what's the time Santa Clause".



PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE UPDATE!

We had another very successful PFA event at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December. We managed to raise £1,469.70 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.



#WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Did you see our #Wake Up Wednesday message this week on the school website and on Facebook?



GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOYS' CHOIR (Y5, Y6, Y7 & Y8)

Gloucestershire Boys' Choir will be starting on Sunday 20th January 2019 with a FREE TASTER SESSION from 2.15pm-4.30pm at Christ Church, Cheltenham. This will be led by Ben Sawyer, co-director of Gloucestershire Youth Choir, conductor and vocal tutor to the choristers of Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum. All you need is a love of singing and an ability to carry a melody. Interested? Then watch this promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HwwcQs-5R0&t=9s>. Interested parents can get more information from Ben's website: www.bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir. The aim of the choir is for the boys to sing a wide range of music from different styles and genres. Following the free taster session, rehearsals will be around every six weeks.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK

Please find below the attendance figures for your child's class – how did they do this week?

RJB	96.3%
RAE	91.0%
1LD	99.0%
1AH	93.9%
2SP	98.0%
2VM	94.7%
3KM	97.7%
3RM	97.0%
4SD	98.7%
4EI	99.0%
5HC	96.0%
5MD	94.2%
6CJ	91.9%
6YW	97.7%



HOUSE POINTS (to 13th December 2018)

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Fire	212	Earth	2283
Wind	211	Wind	2280
Water	175	Fire	2090
Earth	167	Water	1796



DINNER MENU – w/c 10th DECEMBER

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash	Quorn Mince Bolognese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Mixed Vegetable Loaf	Jacket Potato with Beans
Thursday	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Slice	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Friday	Breaded Fish	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Jacket Potato with Cheese



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 19 th December		Family Carol Service	6.00pm
Fri 21 st December	Whole School	Christmas Mass	9.15am
Fri 21 st December	Finish for the Christmas Holiday – 1.00pm		
Mon 7 th January 2019	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am

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