



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

All year groups will be doing Christmas activities.



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.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

A reminder that on Monday 16th December, all family members are invited to join us in the Spiritual Space for an informal Carols by Candlelight. Come and celebrate Christmas as a school community by singing well known carols, Christmas songs and sharing a Christmas story. Please bring an electric light with you!

Arrival is from 5:30 for mince pies, biscuits and a drink, with the celebration commencing at 6pm and lasting for approximately 6pm. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



LEARNING GEMS

Congratulations to Ruari in 2SP for achieving a Sapphire Power Award for staying focussed and avoiding monster distractions. Congratulations to Reuben in 2SP for achieving an Emerald Power Award for perseverance and courage.



CHRISTMAS MASS & EARLY FINISH REMINDER

We will celebrate Christmas Mass in school on Friday morning at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome.

We will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December at **1.00pm**.



SCHOOL CHOIR – CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Our congratulations are extended to the school choir and Mrs Izatt who opened the Pied Piper Concert at St Peter's Church last Wednesday evening, with 4 beautifully sung Christmas carols. The school choir also sang at Magdalene House this morning for the residents who joined in with the songs and looked very festive in their Christmas hats. Both events are testimony to our children living out our school mission to 'live life to the full by being active in our community'.



PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to all who attended the Christmas Fayre last Saturday. It was a FANTASTIC event and we were delighted with the support from all in our community. All the stalls were great, the food was delicious and the school choir sang like angels! Huge thanks to our PFA Team who worked flat out before and during the event to make it such a success. We will let you know how much we made once all costings have been finished. THANK YOU.



ParentPay MEAL PRICE

I'm pleased to tell you that the Caterlink have agreed to reduce the children's meal price from January to £2.32 per day, or £11.60 per week. Please keep your ParentPay account in credit.

Your child might be eligible for free school meals, and you can easily check this by following this link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

You will just need an email address and your National Insurance or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number to hand, and you will receive an instant response once you have completed the claim. You can still apply using a paper form but the response will not be as quick.



SCHOOLPING: IMPORTANT ADVICE – PLEASE FOLLOW THIS TO ENSURE YOU GET ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM SCHOOL

Some parents are not getting the notification of new messages and are having to sign in each time. To solve this, sign in to the SchoolPing app as usual. Press the top left hand menu button and choose 'Settings'. Then choose 'Inactivity lockout settings' and press on the slider button to turn it off. This means that you will then always be logged in to your SchoolPing account so you should receive notifications. Please note it also means there will be no timeout. You could also check that 'Notifications' are on, in general 'Settings' on your phone. If you have any issues with this, please come to the office.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

Now that winter is truly upon us there is a chance that school could be closed at short notice due to weather conditions. For information, the web address to view the list of schools that are closed is: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/> Closures - Gloucestershire County Council www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

We will also send out a SchoolPing message and update our Facebook and Twitter accounts and add the message to the runner on the front page of our website.



HOUSE POINTS (to 12th December 2019)

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Fire	112	Fire	2480
Wind	107	Wind	2419
Earth	96	Earth	2245
Water	75	Water	2024



ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK

How did your child's class do this week?

RJB	98.7%
RAE	98.0%
1LD	98.7%
1LP	96.7%
2SP	99.3%
2VM	97.2%
3MM	95.0%
3EI	93.3%
4SD	98.7%
4OB	97.9%
5HC	98.3%
5MD	99.0%
6CJ	91.7%
6SW	96.7%



DINNER MENU – w/c 16th DECEMBER

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Bean & Lentil Burger	Jacket Potato with Beans
Tuesday	Chicken Pie with Mash	Roasted Cauliflower Curry	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Pork	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Thursday	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Cheese & Pepper Whirl	Jacket Potato with Beans
Friday	Battered Fish & Chips	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato with Cheese



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16 th December		Carol Concert	6.00pm – Spiritual Space
Fri 20 th December	Whole School	Mass	9.15am Everyone welcome
Fri 20 th December	1.00pm Finish for the Christmas Break		
Mon 6 th January	Whole School	Start of New Term	8.40am for 8.55am
Mon 6 th January		Epiphany Mass	2.15pm - Everyone Welcome
Fri 31 st January	Y3	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Weds 12 th February	Whole School	Parent's Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 13 th February	Whole School	Parent's Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Fri 21 st February	Finish for Half Term		
Mon 24 th February	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am
Tues 25 th February	Whole School	Shrove Tuesday	
Weds 26 th February	Whole School	Ash Wednesday Service	2.15pm – Everyone Welcome
Mon 2 nd March	Whole School	St David's Day	Wear a Yellow accessory
Tues 17 th March	Whole School	St Patrick's Day	Wear a Green accessory
Fri 20 th March	Y1	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Thurs 2 nd April	Whole School	Maundy Thursday Service	1.30pm
Fri 3 rd April	Whole School	Good Friday Stations	9.15am – Everyone Welcome
Fri 3 rd April	Finish at 1.00pm		
Mon 20 th April	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am

Carol Baron
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