



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STAFF & GOVERNORS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL A FABULOUS SUMMER. ENJOY YOUR FAMILY TIME TOGETHER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WARMLY WELCOMING YOU BACK TO SCHOOL ON **FRIDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER**. GOD BLESS XXX

EARLY FINISH TIMES

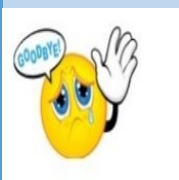
WEDNESDAY

21st JULY

**Reception
& Siblings
12.40pm**

**Y1, Y2 and Y3
& Siblings
12.50pm**

**Y4, Y5 and Y6
& Siblings
1.00pm**



Y6 LEAVERS: THANK YOU & FAREWELL

The end of the school year is always one packed with mixed emotions; happiness that the year has finished, excitement as we know that there are new experiences ahead, and sadness as we say goodbye to our amazing Y6 pupils. This year is no exception, but it has been incredibly different! With the COVID-19 pandemic, our lives changed significantly. Social distancing, frequent hand washing, sanitising surfaces, sitting in rows and no mixing beyond our class bubbles has become the new norm. And for our Y6 pupils in particular, we are sorry that you have missed out on all the Y6 'rites of passage': KS2 SATs, the Isle of Wight Trip and Leavers' Mass at church to name but a few! We wish you all every success for the future as you move on to your respective secondary schools. Thank you for the positive contributions you have made to your school over the years. You have been a great bunch – making us laugh and cry at different points throughout the year – we will miss you. Best wishes to you all, Y6! Holding you all in love and prayer. Mrs Baron.

We will also say goodbye to some families for whom this is their last child with us:

The Angus', Augustine's, Balde's, Boseley's, Carvajal's, Chong's, George's, Glover's, Gregorio's, Johnny's, Kaguitle's, Kaplan's, Khumalo's, Manikan's, Manoj's, Moul't's, Munnoch's, Paul's, Penwarden's, Anton Edward's, Bailey's, Chamber's, Cox's, Jackson's, Kipoko's, Liyanage Fernando's, M Jacob's, Muneta's, Neely's, Plackal's and Saji's.

We thank you most sincerely for your friendship, love and support over the last 7 years. Holding you all in love and prayer. Mrs Baron



Yesterday, the Year 6 pupils went to Gloucester Ski Centre to celebrate the end of Year Six. They all had such a wonderful time tubing and skiing! The instructors commented on how well the children listened and how polite they were. On their return to school, they had a super water fight! Where there was lots of fun and screaming and some very wet children! The celebrations culminated with a supper of fish and chips and sausage and chips with an ice cream! It was the perfect end to a super day! A big thank you to the PFA for supporting this event. Also, thank you to our wonderful Year Six pupils who have been an absolute delight this year and it was truly fabulous to see them having great fun today!



Y6 PRODUCTION

Year Six have worked incredibly hard on their end of year production and we couldn't be prouder of them! We have filmed the production and are in the process of editing it. As soon as we have done this, we will send out a link via school ping so you can watch at home.

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY

In **2022**, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

Please find attached a revised school calendar showing this new Bank Holiday.

Grab-a-jab before it's too late: drop-in clinics in Gloucester and Cheltenham, Saturday 17 July, 10am-2pm

Rosebank surgery, Stroud Road, Gloucester
or
Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham

Two local GP-led vaccination sites are holding a 'last chance' drop-in service on Saturday 17 July for anyone over the age of 18 who has yet to take up the offer of their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The clinics will also be offering second doses of Astra Zeneca to anyone who had their first dose at least 8 weeks ago.

The vaccination is our best chance of protecting ourselves from the most severe symptoms of COVID-19 and getting back to being able to do the things we like doing.

Vaccinated people are far less likely to get symptoms from Covid-19. And are even more unlikely to get seriously ill, be admitted to hospital, or to die from it. There's growing evidence that vaccinated people are less likely to pass the virus to others.

Our message to anyone who may have changed their mind about taking up the offer of a vaccine is come along and get a jab as soon as you can, so that you're on the way to being protected from COVID-19 before restrictions are lifted on 19 July.

You don't have to be registered with any of the GP practices, just drop-in.

People should not attend the drop-in service if:

- ★ they have already made an appointment at a vaccination centre in the county
- they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 4 weeks.

Local people can get the latest information about the community vaccination programme and read the FAQs on the [NHS Gloucestershire COVID-19 website](#).

STAFF LEAVING

The following staff members, Miss Peachy, Mrs Butler, Mrs Shaw and Ms Letts, joined us on temporary roles when we returned to school in March following the January lockdown. Each has played an important role in supporting pupil learning across Y1—Y4. They have very much become a part of our school family over this time and we are so sad to have to say goodbye to them. We wish them well for the future.

PUPILS' LEAVING

Three of our pupils will be leaving our school on Wednesday 21st July as their families are relocating.

We wish the children and their families good health and happiness in their new homes.

Good bye and Good luck to Noah 1LD, Lexie 2AH and Maks 5DW.

WELCOME

We welcome Hannah (RAE) and her family to our school community. We hope that you will very quickly feel part of our wonderful school family.



Summer Reading Challenge

Gloucestershire Libraries are taking part in the Reading Agencies Summer Reading Challenge. This year's reading theme is Wild World Heroes created in partnership with **WWF** and illustrated by award-winning children's author and illustrator Heath McKenzie. Head down to your local library for a summer of fun and reading challenges or head to their website to find out more information <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
Happy Reading!



INTERNET SAFETY OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

Some key guidance for parents and professionals around internet safety:

Remind young people that not everyone online is who they say they are and it's very easy for someone to conceal their identity.

Ensure young people know what to do if they have a negative experience on social media, games and online (eg telling a trusted adult ASAP and making use of mute/block/report functions)

Ensure adults focus on assisting the young person on safeguarding, eg muting/blocking/reporting the individual(s) responsible rather than going down the route of punishment (as the young person may not disclose future issues if they think they will be in trouble and/or have their device(s) taken away)

Parents to be mindful of age ratings—they're there for a reason, and check that their children are only utilising games and apps appropriate for their age. www.common sense media.org can help parents get a holistic overview of apps, games and even films with reviews from their experts, parents and young people.



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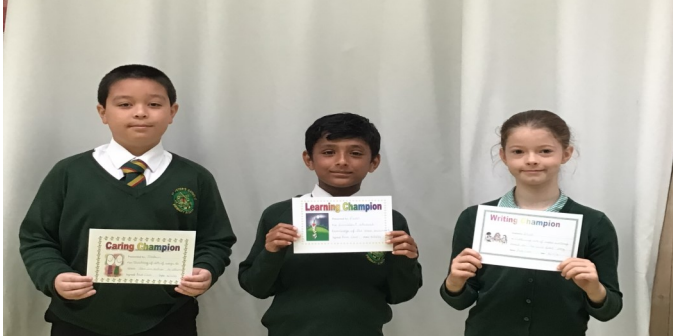
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 21st July		Y6 Leavers' Assembly	
Wednesday 21st July	Whole School	Finish at 1.00pm	
Friday 3rd September	Whole School	Start of the new academic year	8.55am

DINNER MENU – w/c 19th July

Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash	Jacket Potato with Beans
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo