



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

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
R	Exploring number 10	Writing a list	Exploring senses sound/hearing
Y1	Addition using number bonds	Draft, write and edit a letter to the Emperor Penguin	Describe and explain why certain materials suit certain objects
Y2	Fractions	Rabbit & Bear	Grow and Change
Y3	Multiplication	The Singing Ringing Tree	Forces & Magnets
Y4	Fractions	The Sausage Lion	Sound
Y5	Fractions	'Secrets of the Sun King'	Earth, Sun & Moon
Y6	Statistics	Diaries	Evolution & Inheritance

RE CURRICULUM

RECEPTION	Understanding how we can love our neighbour
Y1	Recognise vocabulary connected with parables
Y2	Retell and understand the narrative
Y3	WALT recognise how God reveals himself to us in the Liturgy
Y4	Understand symbolism used to describe the Transfiguration
Y5	Christmas
Y6	Understand how Pope Francis and Bishops reveal Jesus to others today.



Climbing Net

Well, after a year in the planning, the new addition to our OPAL experience is finally up and ready to be explored by our excited pupils. During the 1st lockdown last year, the pupils missed many sporting opportunities and as a result there were funds earmarked for sporting events that were not spent. This new climbing frame was funded through this underspend and is a legacy of the lockdown that will give our pupils an exciting, physically and mentally challenging experience for years to come. The net is age appropriate for all our pupils, they have been fully briefed on the safety protocols and many have already had a chance to experience it during class Active 15 time. As OPAL is back to normal from next week, many more will have the chance to experience it's challenges first hand and all are very excited.



Free School Meals

Your children might be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) if you get certain benefits. For an up to date list of these, please read the Frequently Asked Questions section in the link at the bottom of this page. When your child is on the FSM register, the school is given extra funding, and this is called Pupil Premium. Pupil Premium can be used by the school in a variety of ways to help support your child's learning (human and physical resources) but it can also be used to support the funding of 'extras' such as your child's educational trips or music lessons.

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, your child will be entitled to a free school meal every day and the school will receive the Pupil Premium funding while your child is at our school. If your financial circumstances change and your child is taken off Free School Meals the school still receives the Pupil Premium funding because the funding stays with the child for 6 years (this is called 'Ever 6'). This will more than likely mean that your child will continue to benefit in secondary school. The application process is really simple, and can be done online through the link below. It is the same login you used to apply for a Primary School place, you only need your NI number, and you get an answer straight away.

Please note that FSM is not the same as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), where children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, so if your child is in one of these year groups, it is still worth applying.

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

ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT—YEAR 6

Mrs Young and Mrs Jackson are currently undertaking an Action Research Project designed to explore ways in which feedback is given to children. Part of this project involves considering an alternative to certificates so that children's successes are celebrated regularly, building a child's self-esteem, resilience and determination to always do their best. We discussed weekly certificates with the children and then we introduced them to the alternative - their very own 'Positivity/Compliments Book' where they record what they are proud of every week. They also receive a compliment in this book from their Learning Partner (this is a different person every week) about how they have supported their Partner in their learning over the course of each week.

Mrs Young and Mrs Jackson had a very open discussion with the children about the current certificate system, and while they said they like to receive a certificate they know that they probably only get about 2 certificates per year whereas with this 'Positivity/Compliments Book' they are receiving feedback all the time. The children were excited about this alternative and have agreed to trail this until July. During the trial we will seek their views/opinions/feedback and use this information to inform our next steps.

The children started their 'Positivity/Compliments Books' on our return to school in January and so from this week onwards, Y6 children will not receive weekly certificates. Instead, when you come into school for 'Prepare to be Proud' events and any other class based events, you will be able to see your child's book and celebrate their on-going successes with them.

GSSN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



This Monday, 60 pupils from years 2-6 took part in the annual GSSN Cross Country championships. There were 23 schools (around 1300 pupils) competing this year and the St Peter's team had some good individual results against some very stiff competition. The day was a long and cold one, with each pupils running 1 race that lasted approximately 10 minutes but the pupils responded superbly to the challenge. Our pupils were impeccably behaved, as always, gave maximum effort at all times and were great ambassadors for the school. Apologies that we don't have photos of the year group teams but the iPad ran out of charge half way through the day. Certificates will be given

out in class this Friday, so photos should be available on the celebration section of the weekly newsletter.

Well done to all involved and a big thank you to all the parent helpers without which we would not have been able to take part.

FOOTBALL MATCH



The school football gave another great football performance last week against Widden Primary. We had some players returning from illness this week and it was great to have them back. Due to cancelled fixtures and time running out for the deadline of results, we had to play two 20-minute matches back-to-back. Final score St Peter's 2 - Widden 1 and St Peter's 1 - Widden 3. Well done to all the players for another great performance.

Synod 2023:

Pope Francis has invited all people to participate in the preparation for the Synod taking place in Rome in 2023. If you would like more information and want to contribute then you are invited to visit St Peter's Parish website www.stpetersgloucester.org.uk and click on the Synod tab on the home page.

During the February holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February holiday.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14th February. Voucher emails will be sent out between **15th and 16th of February**. Please encourage parents to also check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by then please encourage them to get in contact with us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

For more information and for sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on](#) the Gloucestershire County Council website.

NETBALL NEWS!



Our netball match last week was against Barnwood. The team played some really good netball. Unfortunately, we lost 5-2. Well done to Ben and Daisy for scoring the goals. Congratulations to Ben for getting player of the match.

Friday 14th January

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



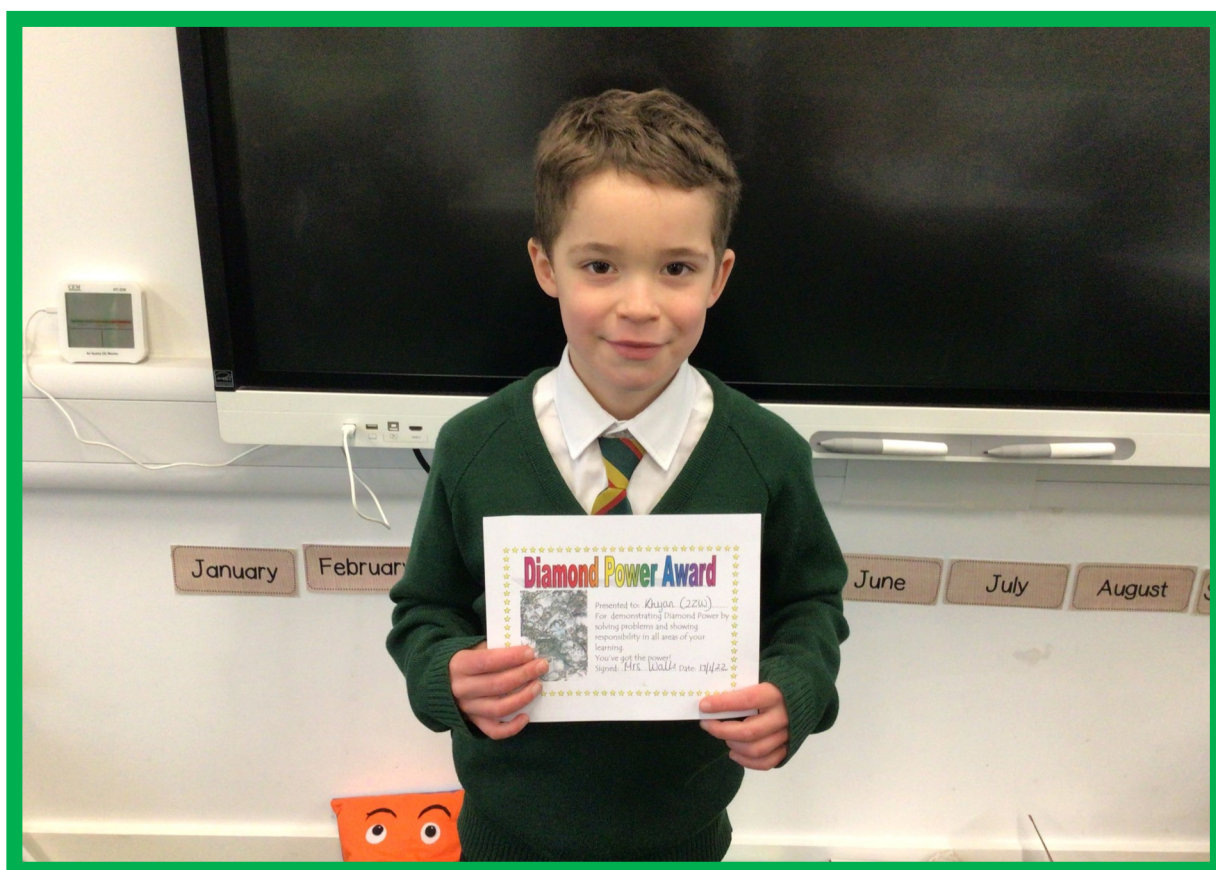
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Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 8th February	Whole School	Internet Safety Day	
Weds 16th February	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.10pm School Cloud
Thurs 17th February	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.10pm School Cloud
Fri 18th February		HALF TERM—FINISH NORMAL TIME	
Monday 28th February		INSET	
Tues 1st March	Whole School	Start of the new term	
Tues 1st March		Allocation Day for Secondary School places	
Tues 1st March	Whole School	Strove Tuesday/St David's Day	Wear a yellow accessory
Weds 2nd March	Whole School	Ash Wednesday Service	
Thurs 3rd March	Whole School	World Book Day	
Thurs 17th March	Whole School	St Patrick's Day	Wear a green accessory
Thurs 7th April	Whole School	Maundy Thursday Service	1.30pm
Fri 8th April		EASTER HOLIDAYS—FINISH 1.00pm	
Tues 19th April		Allocation Day for Primary School	
Mon 25th April	Whole School	Start of the new term	

DINNER MENU – w/c 31st JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato	Sausage & Mash	Roast Pork	Chicken Curry	Battered Fish & Chips
Vegetable Tagine	Vegetable Cauli-	Vegetable Meatballs	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Pasty
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

HOUSE
POINTS

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Total	
Fire	97	Fire	385
Earth	100	Earth	384
Water	89	Water	384
Wind	89	Wind	294

