



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 31 Friday 26/05/23

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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

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

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
Y1	Money	Storm Whale stories	Animals including Humans
Y2	Time	Stories with dilemmas	Plants
Y3	Length & Perimeter	Tomb raiders	Animals Including Humans
Y4	Fractions and decimals	Shackleton	Humans and living organisms
Y5	Links between fractions and decimals	Explore characters in a new novel	Metamorphosis
Y6	Investigations	Report Writing	Circuits

### RE CURRICULUM

RECEPTION	
Y1	Pentecost
Y2	Pentecost and Mission
Y3	Name the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and make links with the actions with Christians today.
Y4	Explore how the apostles felt after Pentecost
Y5	Pentecost - Creating artwork to represent the Holy Spirit
Y6	Understand the 'fruits' of the Holy Spirit

### Core Value

Next Term our Core Value is 'Service'. We follow in Jesus' footsteps when we serve others, our community and care for the world around us.

We do this by speaking with love, listening with love and acting with love.

### LEADERS IN FAITH

Congratulations and thanks to our Y6 children for leading on this week's gospel assembly. They helped us to remember that Jesus is with us always.



### **Attendance at School**

Our school's Attendance Policy aims to help everyone to maintain high levels of school attendance. Regular school attendance has a huge impact on your child's academic success, which starts right at Reception. Being on time is an excellent lifelong skill which can promote a positive approach to hard work, commitment and resilience - great habits when they eventually move in to the world of work.

### **Make School a Priority**

- The school gates open at 8:35am so that children can be in class doing their Early Morning Task, ready to learn by 8:55am.
- Never make a medical appointment during the school day unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Don't allow your child to stay off school for any other reason than illness. If your child is not really ill but just under the weather, please do send them to school.
- If mornings are really busy, why not prepare what you can the night before.

### **Ways to help your child**

- Read to them / listen to them read
- Ask them how they are finding their school work
- Depending on the age of your child, let them be responsible for remembering their own PE kit or books etc, but please help them to be organised so that time isn't wasted at school.

### **Taking Holiday in Term Time**

Even though the much lower cost of holidays during children's school term times encourages many families to look into the idea of taking their child out of school during the academic year, the first thing to note is, the law does not allow this! Our main concern is that any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. Children returning from a term time holiday are unprepared for the lessons that they have missed. The Department for Education only allows a Headteacher discretion to consider an absence/holiday in term time in "special circumstances". Very few requests fall into this category. Any holiday request must be submitted on the school's Request for Absence during School Term Form which can be found on the school website or from the school office. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the request is not considered to be a special circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. In the case of an unauthorised absence/holiday, the Education and Inclusion Team at Shire Hall will be notified of the unauthorised absence/holiday taken, and a Penalty Notice will be issued. Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child, which increases to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days, this may result in legal action and ultimately a criminal record.

School is here to support you and your children in their journey through St Peter's. We will do this with their attendance by letting parents know when it falls more than expected, or if a child is often late. If you have any queries our attendance officer, Mrs Ballard, would be pleased to answer them.

## **WARNING Increase in trains 9 June – 25 June**

Please take extra care when using level crossings this summer. From Friday 9 June until Sunday 25 June, we will be completing essential maintenance in and around the Severn Tunnel.

Passenger and freight trains will be diverted during this time.

This means there will be an increase in rail traffic through level **crossings** in your area. STOP, LOOK, LISTEN  
Find out more at [networkrail.co.uk](http://networkrail.co.uk)

### **St Peter's Under 5s**

#### **HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August**

8.45am to 3.30pm

£25 for full day including snacks morning and afternoon  
(lunchboxes required) Sibling discount £20 for full day

Half days charged at £15

8.45am to Midday

Midday to 3.30pm

Payment required at time of booking and is non refundable. If  
you would like to book, please email Clare—  
[st.petrsunderfives@eygloucestershire.co.uk](mailto:st.petrsunderfives@eygloucestershire.co.uk)

**Please note, if we do not have enough interest, we will not run  
the holiday club.**

### Year 3 QUADKIDS

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, a team of Year 3 children went to Blackridge Athletics track to compete in a variety of sporting activities.

During the morning, the team represented St. Peter's Primary by taking part in a 50m sprint, a 400m run, a mini vortex howler throw, a standing long jump and a 50m shuttle relay.

All children loved participating and working as a team at the event organised by England Athletics through the GSSN (Gloucester School Sports Network).

Please see a photo of our amazing Y3 team!



## **New School Day Timings—September 2023**

The Governors would like to thank all stakeholders for completing the school day consultation. They have taken on board all responses and comments and have agreed that the school day for all pupils will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. This change will take effect from 1st September 2023.

## Aim High Writing Day



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, a group of Year Five and Year Four pupils attended a writing workshop at Kingsholm Primary School where they spent the day with the famous author Debra Bertulis. During the day, the children learnt about different writing techniques to use to engage the reader. As part of the day, the children got to work alongside Debra on producing their own written work. It was a fun-filled day which was enjoyed by all the pupils.

Yesterday, we met an author who really inspired us with her humour. She told us a funny poem! We then got the chance to write our own poems. Louise, 5MD

We met a great, funny and helpful author yesterday. She helped us to make lovely poems about colours and feelings. The highlight of the day was reading our poems out to lots of people! Emelia, 5MD

Yesterday was so much fun! We wrote colour similes. The best part of the day was reading out our poems to the other people. Christo, 5MD



## Wedding Congratulations



Mrs Pollard and Miss Moth are getting married over the half term holiday and on return to school they will be known as Mrs Devereux and Mrs Moth. Mrs Devereux's class name will change to 3SD.

I am sure you will join me in wishing them both a joyous wedding day and a lifetime of happiness.



# P.F.A NEWS

## PFA Meeting

Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm



## SUMMER FUN DAY—30th June

We will be looking for volunteers for this event. If you can help, please pass your details to the office.



## END OF YEAR DISCO

KS1—4.30pm - 5.30pm

KS2—5.45pm to 7pm

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday, 26th May	Whole School	Finish for Half Term	Normal time
Monday, 5th June		INSET DAY	
Thursday, 15th June	Y6	Clifton Cathedral, Leavers Mass	During the school day
Thursday, 15th June		Meeting with new Reception Parents	5.30pm arrival for 6.00pm start
Monday, 19th June	Y1	National Waterways Museum	During the school day
Wednesday, 21st June	Y4	Roman Gloucester Visit	During the school day
Thursday, 29th June		New Reception Picnic & Play	3.30pm—4.30pm
Friday, 30th June		Summer Fun Day	3.15pm onwards
Monday, 10th July	Y6	Wilderness Residential Trip	
Thursday, 6th July		New Reception Stay & Play	9.30am—10.30am
Wednesday, 12th July	Y6	Return to school	During the school day
Friday, 14th July	Whole School	Sports Day	
Tuesday, 18th July	Whole School	Reserve—Sports Day	
Friday, 21st July	Whole School	End of the Academic Year	1.00pm

## DINNER MENU – w/c 5th JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken	Minced Beef & Onion Pie	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegan Meatballs with Rice	Five Bean Chilli & Rice	Sweet Potato & Spinach Flan	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Vegan Sausage
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

# HOUSE POINTS

Our House Points totals for this week are:



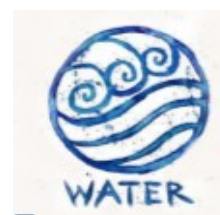
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CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRE!

# Friday 26th May Writing Champions



# Learning Champions





# Maths Champions



# Caring Champions



# Reading Champions



# Learning Gems

