



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

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

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
Y1	Count forwards and backwards	Writing in role	Seasons
Y2	Place Value	Creative Writing	Materials
Y3	Place Value	Setting description for Stone Age Boy book	Rocks
Y4	Place value	The Green ship	States of matter
Y5	Ordering numbers	Explore ideas for describing different settings.	Materials that dissolve
Y6	Multiplication and division	Monologue writing	Light

RE CURRICULUM

Y1	Creation
Y2	New beginnings
Y3	Creation and covenant
Y4	Caring for creation
Y5	Qualities of a co-creator
Y6	Exploring the Ten Commandments

LEADERS IN FAITH

On Monday, five of our Y6 boys acted out a football scenario which ended up with the team being unkind to the goalie because he let in a goal. We discussed how the boys spoke to him -they were mean, shouting at him and pointing their finger at him in anger. We discussed what advice we would give them and the children said that they could have spoken to him with respect and love. Well done, Y6 boys and thank you for your super acting skills.



Our School Mission Statement

**Following in Jesus' footsteps, we LIVE, LOVE and LEARN together as a school family
to build a better world.**

Our school mission statement gives each and every one of us something to aspire to as members of St Peter's Catholic Primary School. We regularly visit the different elements of the mission statement so that the children understand it. This is what we discuss:

LIVE: Live life to the full by being active in our community

Community is school, home, local, national and international

We can LIVE by doing acts of kindness, using our talents to make others happy, completing acts of charity etc

LOVE: Love one another as you wish to be loved

Jesus is our role model when it comes to LOVE.

We help the children to Speak with love, Listen with love and Act with love

LEARN: Learn to make the right choices in life

Our Core Virtues (respect, honesty, responsibility, hope etc) help us to grow in our faith and they help us to be good citizens. Our school behaviour system is called BE YOUR BEST. We strive to make good choices and when we don't make good choices we follow the Restorative Practice model to resolve our differences and to agree a way forward.

When we follow Jesus' example and when we put LIVE, LOVE and LEARN into action then we are building a better world. How amazing is that! We celebrate this all the time in school and we hope that you can celebrate this at home too.

Parental Engagement Opportunities

Parents of children in Y1 - Y6 will today have received a separate Schooling with a range of dates and times, specific to your child's year group, when you are invited in to school to celebrate your child's learning and to join the year group in prayer. We will be sharing with EYFS parents next week your dates and times.

You will notice that one of the opportunities is called Honey On Your Heart. Honey On My Heart is a phrase a Polish parent used many years ago when she wanted to express how proud she was of her son's progress in school. We have continued to use this phrase in school ever since. Honey On Your Heart events are opportunities for the children to share their learning and successes with their parents/carers and an opportunity for the parents/carers to see what their children are learning in school. It is also a very important part of relationship building. We look forward to welcoming you into school for all these events.

FOOD ALLERGIES

If your child has a diagnosed food allergy and you wish them to have a school dinner supplied by our caterers, Caterlink, you will need to complete an Allergy Form, which can be collected from the school office. Unfortunately, Caterlink are asking for medical evidence before children can have a school meal, which can be supplied by your GP, dietician or clinician. This takes effect from Tuesday, 7th November.

PFA Annual General Meeting

Stay Informed and Get Involved!
... Everyone is welcome!!

Monday 2nd October '23 @19:30
In the Main Hall or via Zoom
Refreshments available

Please look out for our newsletter giving further details or feel free to request further details.

pfa@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



Please can we remind you that our school uniform policy is on our website www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk with all the information you require.

HEADLICE IN SCHOOL



We have cases of headlice in school. Can we please ask that you check your child's hair regularly and treat as appropriate. There are many remedies on the market but you can also use conditioner and a nit comb. Thank you for your co-operation.

HOLLY DERRICK SWIM SCHOOL NEW VENUE

The Chamwell Centre, Longlevens, Gloucester

Term lessons will be starting on Wednesday, 8th November for a 7 week term. Our half an hour lessons will be between 4-6pm.

We start children from 3 years and take them through Duckling 1-4 and Stage 1-4 of the ASA National Plan. Holly Derrick Swim School has been established in the area for 15 years, with our other venues in Stroud and Stonehouse.

We have limited spaces for this new venue so get in touch to secure yours!

Contact Holly Derrick on 07746 923915 or info@hollyderrick.co.uk

www.hollyderrickswimschool.co.uk

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 "exceptional 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 an exceptional 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.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

You may know that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, and this is called Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). You can see the options for lunch each week at the bottom of this newsletter.

This does not mean that your child has to have a meal through school, as they can bring a packed lunch. However, as a school we would strongly recommend it as children will receive a hot meal that is nutritionally balanced. It is also an important part of the school day as they practise their table manners and improve their social skills.

Free School Meals

UIFSM is not the same as being eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), which can run throughout your child's time in school. You may be eligible if you are in receipt of certain benefits - please see below. 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 lots of ways to help support your child, and this can extend to funding 'extras' such as your child's trips or music lessons. Your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, also called 'Ever 6' for six years after they are no longer on the Free School Meal register. 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 here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

You only need your NI number and email address, and will get an instant response.

Your child might be able to get **free school meals** if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

SMOKING/VAPING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

May we please remind all parents and carers that they must **not** smoke or vape on school premises when bringing and collecting your child to and from school. This also includes during events taking place on school premises, e.g. sporting events, PFA events etc.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 25th September	Y6	Cycle Training	During the school day— for the week
Friday 29th September	Whole School	Day of Many Colours	
Friday 6th October	Whole School	Harvest Service	9.00am everyone welcome
w/c Monday 9th October	Y6	Flu immunization	During the school day
Wednesday 25th October	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.10pm
Thursday 26th October	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.10pm
Friday 27th October		INSET	
Monday 30th October		HALF TERM	
Monday 6th November		INSET	
Tuesday 7th November	Whole School	Return to school	8.45am

DINNER MENU – w/c 18th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Pork Sausage & Mash	Roast Turkey	Chicken Korma	Fish Fingers & Chips
Spanish Omelette	Jollof Rice	Vegetable Wellington	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel	Beetroot Burger
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

HOUSE POINTS

Our House Points totals for this week are:



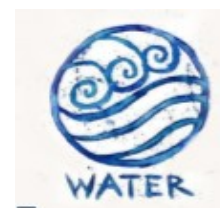
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