



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	Assessment Week	Instruction Writing	Animals inc humans
Y2	Position and direction	Assessments and poetry	Habitats
Y3	Money	Writing an adventure story	Muscles and how they work
Y4	Multiplication and Division	Shackleton's Journey	Living things and their habitats
Y5	Multiplication and division problem solving	Objective and subjective language in reports	Different types of forces
Y6	Co-ordinates and Translation	Persuasive Writing	Evolution and Inheritance

RE CURRICULUM

Y1	Lent
Y2	The Unforgiving Servant
Y3	The Last Supper
Y4	Lent
Y5	Different types of forces
Y6	Understanding the Stations of the Cross and linking these to issues in modern life

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD



On Monday we learnt about the Jewish synagogue and how there is a place within the synagogue for market traders. Unfortunately, the market traders and money lenders traded beyond this space, spilling into the place for prayer. On seeing this Jesus became angry and chased them out of the temple. When we go to Church we visit a house of prayer where it is calm and peaceful but it can also be busy and joyous with worship and singing. We reflected on the importance of showing respect for different places and spaces in our school and community including our own homes.

Parents Cyber-Safe Coffee Morning



**Join us for coffee, tea and pastries
On Wednesday 20th March @ 8.40—10.00**

**PC Simon Williams from Gloucestershire
Constabulary will be giving a cyber-safety
presentation to parents from 9:00-
10:00am.**

**The morning will provide a great opportunity
to join together as a parent community to
keep our children safe from the dangers
they face online.**

**ALL PARENTS and CARERS
are encouraged to come.**

**Please fill in the form on SchoolPing to let us know
if you will be attending.**

Attendance

Just to remind you that the school gates are open from 8:25am, when your child can go straight to class. This means that they will be ready for the start of the school day at 8:45am. The first school bell is rung just before this. Children arriving after the second school bell, but before 9am are noted on the register as 'late'. Children arriving after 9am are noted as 'unauthorised absence' or U.

Punctuality plays such an important part throughout your whole life, and it starts at school. We look for ways in which we can assist you with this, if we find that a child is starting to become late, or is more absent from school than usual. We always want to work with parents in order to find the best solution.

Please would you ring school before 9am if your child is not going to be in for any reason.

Please be respectful

Please be aware that we are always working with your child's best interests at heart, and to this end please be respectful when speaking with staff. Thank you very much.

Reconciliation Liturgy

This week, KS2 prepared for Confession with a Reconciliation Liturgy led by Miss Baker from St Peter's High School.

Miss Baker spoke of the importance of friendship and that Jesus will always be there for us no matter what. She also linked this to the friendship of famous Leeds rugby players Rob Burrows and Kevin Sinfield, where Kevin has stayed by Rob's side no matter what. This is an especially emotional real-life story as Rob is now incredibly poorly and unable to play rugby anymore. Their story gave us lots to think about.

The children will use the messages from this Liturgy when they have Confession next week.



THE REALLY WILD READING FESTIVAL



We have had a fantastic week developing a love for reading. The children have been extremely lucky to listen to a variety of authors and hopefully this great opportunity has inspired the young imaginations and developed a love of reading for pleasure, it may even have inspired the next bestselling author!

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day, all the children looked fabulous dressed as their favourite characters and participated in a range of book related activities. They should have also come home with a £1 book token which can be redeemed against one of the specially written books or £1 off any children's book.

"Going to Kingsholm School to see Steve Cole was so fun I learnt lots of interesting things on how you think of writing books", Louise 6YM

"I enjoyed visiting Steve Cole at Kingsholm School because he took us through his thought process of writing a book and made it really funny and enjoyable", Vlad 6YM

"We went to Kingsholm and we saw an author, Steve Cole. He was very funny and extremely friendly. My favourite part of the visit was the acting and creating our own super hero", Rochelle 5FB

World Book Day at St Peter's 07.03.2024



We had a joyous day dressing up as, and talking about, the story characters that inspire us most in our reading. Can you work out who we are? Can you spot your favourite story character





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.

Y5 BASKETBALL

On Thursday 7th March, 15 Y5 pupils went for a basketball taster session at St Peter's High School which was jointly hosted by the GSSN and Gloucester City Basketball. The event consisted of 1hr of coaching activities and then some short practise games against other schools of 5v5. Our pupils had a great time, have come away with some new skills, experience and, for some, a desire to pursue the sport further. Once again, they were a credit to our School with their can-do attitude, respect and perseverance. Well done to all involved.





PFA

PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 14th March

Stay after the school drop off for our PFA coffee morning,.

We look forward to seeing you there from 08:45am to 10:00am.

Gloucestershire County Council (Admission Appeal Panel Members)

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

TERM DATES 2024—2025

The term dates for academic year 2024-2025 are being sent this with Newsletter as an attachment.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 15th March	Whole School	St Patrick's Day	Wear a green accessory
Thursday 21st March	Whole School	Maundy Thursday Service	
Friday 22nd March	Whole School	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	
Friday 22nd March	Whole School	Finish for Easter Break	1.00pm
Monday 8th April	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.45am
Tuesday 9th April	Whole School	Resurrection Mass	9.00am
Tuesday 23rd April	Whole School	St George's Day	Wear red/white/blue accessory

DINNER MENU – w/c 11th March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken	Minced Bolognese	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetable Curry	Vegan Meatballs	Vegetable Roast	Shepherdess Pie	Vegan Sausage with Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

HOUSE POINTS

Our House Points totals for this week are:



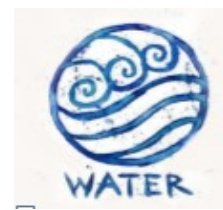
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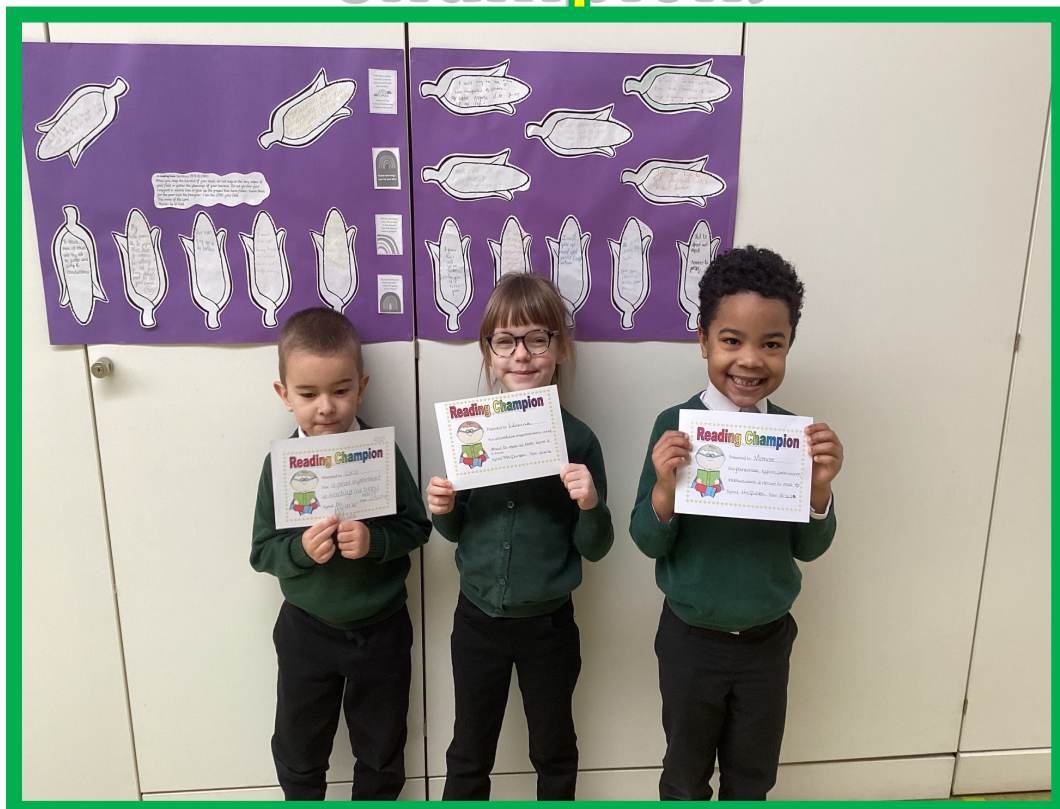
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CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRE!

Friday 8th March



Learning and Reading Champions



Writing Champions



Maths Champions



Learning Gems

