



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

RE CURRICULUM

EYFS	Learning about the importance of prayers, the sign of the cross and school prayers
Y1	God shows his love for us through creation
Y2	Year 2 will be learning about The Our Father and how we can be Stewards of the Earth
Y3	Understand how to be a steward of creation.
Y4	Understand how God shows his love through creation.
Y5	Explore how God kept his promise to Abraham
Y6	Explore how God kept his promise to Abraham

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a really positive few weeks here at St. Peter's. The building has been calm and the children have been focused and engaged in their learning. The children have settled well, and it has been great to see them learning in the classrooms and to discuss their learning with them.

We have recently begun work to review the school's curriculum offer and we are formulating plans to strengthen the curriculum, particularly in the foundation subjects e.g. history, geography, art & design etc. This is exciting for all involved and we will keep you updated on these developments throughout the year. Alongside this, we will also be revisiting our whole-school approach to quality first teaching and adaptive teaching so that all our wonderful children can further benefit from high quality curriculum and teaching & learning in an inclusive manner. We are fortunate to have a highly effective and hard-working team, who are passionate about education and providing the very best opportunities for our fantastic children.

As a part of this, I am currently reviewing the existing arrangements for 'morning drop off' and learning activities at the very start of the day. It is my professional belief that this is a great time to get children in quickly and calmly, settle them with our morning prayers and begin the learning for the day.

If you would like to share feedback on this matter, then please do speak with me at the school gates or contact me via the school office.

We are also sharing information this week about Pupil Premium. I benefitted greatly from Free School Meals as a child and the additional support this brings to the school. I am keen to remove any stigma on this matter. Each child who qualifies for the Pupil Premium Grant brings over £1000 of additional income into the school. This money is provided to schools to improve the overall quality of education and this benefits all our children. If you believe you may be eligible or would like more information about Pupil Premium, then please contact the school office who will be able to provide guidance on how to apply. Applying is quick and easy and can be done online.

One of the many things the school currently does with Pupil Premium funding is heavily subsidise the cost of school trips and experiences. The school offers a wide range of trips and we are working hard behind the scenes to review and increase the opportunities children have here at St. Peter's. However, the school is currently making a significant in-year loss when funding this. We are only able to expand this offer if a greater number of parents and carers begin to make the contribution payment. This includes swimming. If we are unable to increase contributions, then the school may need to consider what it can afford to sustain. This may result in fewer trips and experiences.

As part of our new strategy to increase enrichment opportunities we have secured 180 tickets for all children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to attend the Cheltenham Literature Festival. The Cheltenham Literature Festival is an incredible experience and the children will be attending an interactive session with Greg Jenner, author of *Chaotic History*, where children will celebrate reading and writing through an engaging workshop.

I am delighted to share that we will be contacting parents and carers with information regarding the launch of our new enrichment and extra-curricular club offer. We will be offering a range of clubs (mostly for free) to children across the school. Clubs will run for 5 weeks at a time and will change on a half-termly basis. This offer will continue to grow and develop throughout the year and will include a range of sports, arts, dance, Lego club, and Pokémon club, amongst others. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding this next week.

In order to successfully run some of the clubs we are planning, we do need some additional resources. If you have any good quality Lego or Pokémon cards which you could donate to the school, then please can I kindly ask you to bring them to the school office. These resources will be kept at school and will be used to help deliver extra-curricular clubs.

You will no doubt have noticed that I am passionate about school attendance. Research demonstrates there is a direct correlation between attendance and pupil success. The Department for Education has recently updated its guidance on improving school attendance and Headteachers are being asked to challenge this and to improve attendance. Some parents may have already received letters from me advising them that their child's absence is classed as Persistent Absence; some parents have already met with me to agree improvement plans. If you are concerned about school attendance or would like some support or guidance to improve your child's attendance, then please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and support.

Finally, well done to our school football teams this week. The girls' team represented the school with distinction in their Gloucester Schools fixture and the boys were competitive in the recent second group stage of the Gloucestershire County Schools competition. Well done to all of the children who have represented the school: you are a credit to St. Peter's.

Thank you to the parental community for such a warm welcome. I am really excited about the potential this school has and I look forward to working with you to make sure that each and every one of our children receives the very best education and pastoral care so they are able to flourish.

Kind regards,
Mr. Kurt Doyle
Headteacher

HOUSE POINTS

Our House Points totals for this week are:



228



205



248



202

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRE!

FOOTBALL MATCH



We played Widen Primary and St James' twice in the first round of the cup and we were unbeaten! It was a tough battle but we deserved the matches we won. Man of the match was Kris, top goal scorers were Jack and Frankie and most assists was Frankie. The future looks bright for St Peter's football team!

Meet our girls football team this year!

We had our first match against King's School on Tuesday. It was very exciting to play as a new team; we have some promising talent on the pitch this year! We learnt how to work together as a team, to communicate effectively whilst playing and pass and defend successfully. Unfortunately, we lost 2-1 - well done to Betsy for the goal but we did have 3 very other close goals from Emily and Kelly. Everyone commented on how well our girls played and Ms Bobat was very proud at how resilient they were and how they fought ferociously throughout the match - even in very hot weather! Leigh from GSSN is going to do some additional practice with us on Friday in preparation for our tournament next week. Best of luck!





HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will be held on Friday, 4th October at
9am.

All are welcome to join us.

We will be collecting donations for Gloucester Foodbank.

More details regarding the items they are in desperate need of will follow separately.

Day of Many Colours - Non- uniform

On Wednesday, 25th September we will be holding our
Day of Many Colours.

Children are invited to dress in colours of the rainbow
and not their uniform in exchange for 50p.

During the day there will be an assembly where the
children will learn about our new country of focus from
Mission Together and ways our fundraising can help
change other children's lives.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday, 23rd September	Whole school	Little Way Week	
Wednesday, 25th September	Whole school	Day of Many Colours	Non uniform—50p
Friday, 4th October	Y4, Y5 & Y6	Cheltenham Literature Festival	10.30am—1.00pm
Friday, 4th October	Whole school	Harvest Festival	9.15am—All welcome
Tuesday, 15th October	Y6	World War II Day	In School
Friday, 25th October	Whole school	INSET DAY	
Monday, 28th October	Whole school	HALF TERM	
Monday, 4th November	Whole school	Start of the new term	
Wednesday, 20th November	Y3	Portals to the Past—Stone Age	During the school day
Friday, 6th December	Y4	Portals to the Past—Ancient Greece	During the school day

DINNER MENU – w/c 23rd September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger	Roast Chicken	Minced Beef & Onion Pie	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegan Meatballs	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Sausages	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 30th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer Vegetable Risotto	Pork Sausage in a Bun	Roast Turkey	Chicken Korma	Fish Fingers & Chips
Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel	Mexican Five Bean Rice	Vegetable Wellington	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausage & Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato