



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	I know that Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother
Y1	The Visitation - Mary visits Elizabeth
Y2	The Annunciation and Mary's journey to visit Elizabeth.
Y3	Recognise and name objects in a Catholic Church and understand why Catholics go to Mass
Y4	Know the story of Elijah and the widow and what it says about God
Y5	Know the story of Elijah and the widow and what it says about God
Y6	Know the story of Elijah and the widow and what it says about God

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone in our wonderful school community.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to parents for your support with the new morning drop off arrangements this week. As a father of a Reception child, I completely understand your worries and anxieties about the younger children going into class on their own. One of the key roles of the school is to support our children to develop their confidence and independence and this change will allow them to develop in these areas. I have been incredibly impressed with how well the children have responded and the increased class learning time will begin to have direct impact on pupil learning and achievement.

A small number of parents have shared how much they value the opportunity to come into the classroom with their child. This is unique to St. Peter's. It is our intention to protect this and to continue to offer this, which is why it has continued at the start and end of the week. We do value parental engagement and this plays a huge part in the learning of our amazing children; this change is to rebalance this approach and to maximise opportunities for collaboration with home and opportunities to develop independence.

We are all really excited about the increased extra-curricular club offers this term. I have a group of children from years 3 and 4 for indoor football and I am looking forward to getting to know these children better and helping them to develop their football skills and their personal development. Ms Bobat has been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to get this initiative up and running. I want to thank her for her hard work.

As the term continues, a new list of clubs for Spring term 1 will be shared with parents and carers via SchoolPing.

At the end of this paragraph you will find a link to an executive summary of the recent behaviour review. In Mr Dowling and Mrs Devereux's cover note they make it clear that pupil conduct at St Peter's is good. They also share some recommendations to further develop this. This includes strengthening and prioritising rewards, making consequences consistent and fair, and ensuring that the policy is easy to understand. At the heart of the new behaviour policy will be a strong focus on developing effective relationships with all children, having a nurturing and consistent approach, and on helping children discover their passions and talents. We will share a proposed draft policy with all stakeholders in the coming weeks. Link provided below:

<https://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/userfiles/file/2024-2025/Policies/BR%20Parent%20summary%20October%2024.pdf>

In recent weeks, I have shared some headlines on our work to develop the curriculum here at St Peter's. I think it would be a good idea to share some of this work, the thinking behind it, and how we intend to develop the curriculum so that it is ambitious for all, is inclusive, and better prepares our children for the modern world. Myself, Mrs Vicky Young (Deputy Headteacher) and Dr Ewan Johnson (Inclusion Lead and Senco) will be offering Coffee with the Head at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 14th January 2025 and 4.30pm on Thursday, 16th January 2025. Please can I kindly ask that you let the school office know if you would like to attend either of these sessions.

The school's whole school attendance rate is currently up to 95.4% and persistent absence (90% or lower attendance) is decreasing. Research demonstrates a strong correlation between high school attendance and pupil achievement; and this will remain a school priority. I would also like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers who have worked with us to address attendance.

Please note that, at the request of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust, we have added an INSET day on Monday 6th January. There will be no school on this date.

Finally, I wanted to reflect on some of the amazing learning the children have been doing and the wonderful work they have produced as a result: In Year 1, we have really enjoyed learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. The children made stick puppets and acted out the events of the 5th November; In Year 4, children have been enjoying their weekly violin lessons with a private music tutor. They're working hard to prepare a mini concert for parents and peers in the coming weeks and have been working super hard to learn the different songs; Year 2 were visited by Gloucestershire Fire Service this week. The children met firefighters, were able to ask questions about their work, and they were able to explore a real fire engine on our school car park!

Year 6 have been writing poems about the impact and aftermath of war. They have written some emotional and powerful compositions drawing on their knowledge of The Blitz in WWII. Whilst drafting ideas, they worked hard to include poetic features such as similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration. The children have used these poems to reflect on the devastation of war around the world today and the importance of marking Armistice Day every year in November.

There has been an incredible amount of excellent work across the school over the past few weeks. Well done to everyone involved, especially the children who have worked very hard.

Thank you to our school and parish community for your continued support.

Mr. Kurt Doyle
Headteacher

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is back!

Mrs O'Kane will open slightly earlier this time if you would like to make a Christmas purchase discretely without your child seeing.

The book fair will be in Extended Services from **3.05 pm - 3.30pm on Monday 18th November until Friday 22th November**. The book fair has a card machine now so if you don't have cash you can pay by card.

Every book sold at the Book Fair helps to earn Rewards that we can spend on books and resources for the library. For every £10 that you spend, the school can earn up to £6 back in Rewards to spend to refresh the range of children's books in the library.

Thank you for supporting the School Library.



Y2 FIRE SERVICE

Year 2 had an exciting visit from the Fire Service on Wednesday. They showed us their fire engine and all their important equipment and talked to us about how they fight fires. They also showed us important equipment similar to what might have been used during the great fire of London and talked to us about changes that were made in London after the fire. We also found out about how The Great Fire of London led to the beginning of the very first fire fighters: London Fire Brigade. It was an amazing morning and we are so grateful to them for coming!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday, 11th November



We have the school photographer in school on Monday. Don't forget to bring your brush and comb!

SAVE THE DATE

EYFS Nativity - Wednesday, 11th December
9.15am and 2.00pm

Y1 GUY FAWKES



In Year 1, we have really enjoyed learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We made stick puppets and acted out the events of the 5th November. In History, we looked at toys from the past and even explored some real life toys from the Wilson Museum. It was so fun! We also started our cricket PE lessons which have been hard work but we are loving it!

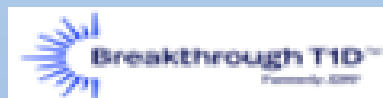


St. Peter's Wears
BLUE day
Thursday 14th November

Wear BLUE to school to support
WORLD DIABETES DAY

in exchange for 50p

We will be fundraising for



Who fund research to
prevent, cure and
treat Type 1 Diabetes.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH
WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER

**Christmas Turkey with Roast Potatoes,
Stuffing, Sausage & Gravy**

Or

**Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf with Roast Potatoes,
Stuffing & Gravy**

**All served with Peas, Carrots & Cranberry Sauce
Decorated Christmas Cookie**

We will be sending out a SchoolPing today with an attached form for you to fill in for our Christmas lunch. The deadline for requests for a lunch is Friday, 29th November 2024. Any requests after this date will, unfortunately, not be accepted by Caterlink our school caterers and therefore you will need to supply your child with a packed lunch on this day.

Admission to Reception September 2025

If your child will be 4 years old between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will be eligible to start school in September 2025.

Applications are made directly to Gloucestershire County Council with a closing date of 15th January 2025. If your child is baptised Catholic, the school will require a copy of the certificate by the same closing date. There are two further open sessions should you like to look around the school, Thursday 14th November at 2pm and Wednesday 20th November at 5pm.



ANNOUNCEMENT!



Christmas Jumper Day 2024
will take place:

THURSDAY

12TH DECEMBER 2024



Save the Children



Netball Match



On Thursday, 7th November St Peter's netball team played St James Junior school at home. It was a very close match with only 1 goal separating the teams in each quarter! In the end, the game was a draw ending with 5 goals each. The team played incredibly well with amazing sportsmanship and perseverance throughout. The opposition chose Federico as their player of the match. Well done St Peter's!



Boys Football Match

On Thursday, 7th November the boys football team played against Brockworth Primary School. Both teams played very well. In the first half they scored a wonderful goal making the score 1-0. A few minutes after their goal it was half time. In the second half, they earned a corner. Brockworth crossed it in and it deflected off our defender giving them a crucial lead. After they scored, we had 1 minute remaining and we scored in the last minute. Sadly it wasn't enough to win. Man of the match went to Frankie but we all played really well!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday, 11th November	Whole School	School Photographer	During the school day
Thursday, 14th November	Whole School	World Diabetes Day - Wear Blue	50p
Monday, 18th November	Whole School	Book Fair	During the week
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
Wednesday, 11 December	EYFS	Nativity	9.15am and 2.00pm
Thursday, 12th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day	
Wednesday, 18th December	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday, 18th December	Whole School	Wear a Christmas Jumper	
Friday, 20th December	Whole School	Mass	9.00am—everyone welcome
Friday, 20th December	Whole School	Finish at 1.00pm	
Monday, 6th January	Whole School	INSET	

DINNER MENU – w/c 11th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Meatballs	Roast Gammon	Chicken Tikka Masala	Fish Fingers with Chips
Caribbean Stew	Cheesy Pasta	Vegan Sausage	Mild Mexican Chilli	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 18th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Cowboy Casserole	Roast Turkey	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Breaded Fingers & Chips
Vegan Plant Balls	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegan Quorn	Chinese Vegetable Curry	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

HOUSE POINTS

Our House Points totals for this week are:



241



250



244



344

CONGRATULATIONS TO WATER!