



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 06 Friday 22/11/24

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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	We are learning that Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger
Y1	Know that the angels gave Gods message to the shepherds
Y2	Learning the meaning behind the lines of Hail Mary— The journey of Mary and Joseph in Ad-
Y3	Recognise the symbols used in advent and how Catholics prepare during Advent
Y4	To explore Jesus as a leader
Y5	To explore Jesus as a leader
Y6	To explore Jesus as a leader

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an exciting week for the children with the sudden arrival of snow! The children were able to play in the snow which settled and really enjoyed making snowballs and miniature snow people!

Please can I ask all parents and carers to consider joining the Parents & Friends Association (PFA) with the school. We are in desperate need of support from willing volunteers. The PFA does some excellent work here at the school and this has directly funded a whole range of experiences and events for the children. Mrs. Whitehead and I would be delighted to discuss this with anyone who is interested. Without parents and carers coming forward, there is a real chance that the PFA may no longer exist.

We will provide more details in the coming weeks, but we are beginning to respond to feedback regarding homework. A number of parents, particularly those with older children, are telling us that parents would like to see a more structured approach to homework. Although the research is not conclusive on the impact of homework on learning, I believe there is value in returning to key knowledge to revisit this and commit it to memory. The offer in Reception and Year 1 will focus on the core blocks for academic learning: phonics, reading, number sense etc. whereas the core offer from Years 2 to Year 6 will focus on reading, mathematics and grammar. We have invested in the CGP resources to support this approach in Key Stage 2 and we will be distributing them with homework study timetables. It is important that this project is carefully considered, therefore we are planning to launch this in January. We will share more information on how this will work in December.

If you would like to share ideas or discuss this further, then please do share this with me or a member of the staff team.

It was an absolute delight to watch the final part of the Year 4 violin concert earlier this week. The Year 4 children have worked incredibly hard to develop their skills and they speak about this experience with pride and joy. It has been a pleasure to see them develop over the term and it was great to see them in action during the concert. We are keen to build on the offer for music across the school and we are currently in discussions with peripatetic teachers about introducing a programme where children can access musical tuition during school time. This is a core part of our vision to help all children discover their passions and talents and provide opportunities for this to take place. We will hopefully have more details about this in the coming weeks.

On the subject of passions and talents, the new list for extra-curricular clubs for the Spring term has now been shared with parents and carers via SchoolPing. Please check this and register your child's interest in the clubs they would like to join. This has been really successful so far. It is great to see so many of our children joining us for clubs after school!

The first Headteacher's Award was given in Celebration this morning. This was awarded to Noah (3DD) for finding and sharing amazing music which we have used to enrich our whole school worship over the past few weeks. Headteacher Awards are rare but are given to children to celebrate contribution to the wider school or for excellence in learning.

Finally, I would like to share some great learning this week from across the school. I really enjoyed hearing some of the Year 2 children singing their song about The Great Fire of London, this week. They were able to tell me some really insightful information about the fire and the changes made since to fire to improve safety; Reception had a special visit from a construction company. The children were really enthusiastic and enjoyed seeing and learning about the special equipment; Year 5 have produced some excellent writing showcasing their learning about Anglo-Saxon punishments and comparing it to our modern-day justice system. Ms Bobat and Mr Dowling are very proud that they are applying all their new learning of grammar - parenthesis, semi-colons and relative clauses successfully and making better word choices within their opening paragraphs; Year 3 had an amazing experience during the Stoneage workshop. The children were invited to dress in their Stoneage attire (thank you to the parents!) and engaged in a variety of educational activities. We know that episodic knowledge really helps cement learning so this is a valuable experience. The children I have spoken with have been really positive about this opportunity.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher



St. Peters Catholic Primary School



Christmas Fayre



Meet Santa

Raffle

Secret Shopping rooms

Refreshments

Games & prizes

Stalls

Festive Family Fun

And lots more



Saturday 7th December

11am-2pm



CASH ONLY

WEAR BLUE DAY

On Thursday 14th November St Peter's Catholic Primary school looked like sea of all shades of blue as we wore BLUE to raise awareness and fundraise for the charity BREAKTIME TD1 who fund research to prevent, cure and treat TYPE 1 Diabetes.

As a school community we raised an amazing £200.45 towards this charity.

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated towards this worthy cause,
Mrs Devereux.

Girl's match:

We played against Hardwicke but they unfortunately beat us 1-0. They scored in the last two minutes. We had lots of chances to score but this goalie was huge and very good. We dominated the pitch and tried our hardest.

Boy's match:

Last week we played against Abbeymead. Within the first 5 minutes they scored an outstanding goal from outside the box. Minutes later they scored another goal that was amazing. Then we were going to goal and we had a shot on target but their keeper saved it. Just before half time they scored and the score was 3-0. After half time we played really well but sadly they scored 4 more in quick succession. Man of the match went to Noah but everyone played well.



Chaplaincy Commissioning

Two weeks ago our Chaplaincy Team went to Clifton Cathedral to meet Bishop Bosco. We travelled in style and were very excited with such a luxurious coach!

The children took part in a mass with other Chaplaincy teams from other primary schools in the Clifton Diocese.

Whilst we were there, Bishop Bosco presented each children with a special Chaplaincy badge for them to wear on their uniform.

At the end of Mass we were excited to take a photograph with the Bishop and some of the other schools from The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust.

It was a wonderful event and the children were a pleasure to take and be with.



Y5 WRITING

This week, Year 5 have produced some excellent writing showcasing their learning about Anglo-Saxon punishments and comparing it to our modern-day justice system. Ms Bobat and Mr Dowling are very proud that they are applying all their new learning of grammar - parenthesis, semi-colons and relative clauses successfully and making better word choices within their opening paragraphs. Well done!

Eco Council Christmas present donations

When: Monday 25th November

What: Please donate toys, books & fancy dress items that are in good condition so other parents/carers can purchase them for their children!

Where: Undercover area outside extended services

Why: Make space, reduce waste and put a smile on a child's face this Christmas!





Have your say on risks faced by communities in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) is asking for your views on the risks it faces in the county.

GFRS regularly assesses its own data and risks to the community and wants to hear the views of residents too.

Feedback from the public will be combined with the service's own data and the team's knowledge and experience, to build a balanced picture of the risks they face as a Fire and Rescue Service.

The engagement was launched on Monday 21 October and lasts for six weeks, ending on **Sunday 1 December 2024**. To take part, please go to: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/glosfire-crp

The information will help to assess the potential impact and likelihood of the risks, and where they are most likely to occur.

The feedback will help form the Community Risk Profile (CRP) for Gloucestershire. This vital document informs the strategic Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), the publication of which is a regulatory requirement. The CRMP is an assessment of risks and how we effectively use resources to address those risks.

Residents and businesses are being asked to share their views about the risks faced within our county, both now and in the future, to make sure the new CRMP from 2026 onwards reflects your views.

You can find the current CRMP here: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/ixrglevp/gcc_3312-gfrs-community-risk-management-plan_dev10.pdf

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Netball Match Report

On Tuesday 19th November St Peter's netball team played against 4 different schools at Oxstalls Sports Park. Our first match was against Finlay where we narrowly lost by 1 goal. The next match against Coney Hill was a tough battle and we lost 6-0. The third match was against Longford Park saw us draw 1-1. We didn't give up and kept battling, during our last match against Brockworth we finally got our win where we beat them 6-0. Throughout the day Abel, Henry, Giles, Federico, Phoebe and Oscar all received player of the match votes!

GENEROUS DONATION

We would like to thank Thrive Education for their generous support of our new Eden Room SEND provision. Thrive have provided three story bags of books and toys to help everyone in school experience a great story, and some huge puppets to help children express themselves and play together. The children absolutely loved the puppets!

Y3 STONE AGE

On Wednesday 20th November, Year 3 travelled back in time with 'Portals to the Past.' We looked at Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We learnt how life changed over time and how Homo sapiens evolved from Neanderthals. We learnt about the differences between the hunter and gatherers and had to work together to survive into the settled agricultural societies that followed. We enriched our historical learning so far this term by using drama and handled many artefacts including an ancient Mammoth's tooth! We built a mini-Stonehenge and discussed how the discovery of copper, bronze and iron changed how the tribes lived.



GSSN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yesterday, 42 pupils from year 2-6 took part in the GSSN Cross Country Championships at Holmleigh Park High school against 12 other schools. It was freezing but luckily we had our Events Shelter to huddle together in to keep warm.....ish! Every pupil ran their hearts out over distances ranging from 0.8miles to 1.6miles and were all absolutely exhausted at the end of their races. We did extremely well, in fact we did our best ever, our Y2s came 3rd overall, our Y3s came 3rd overall and as a whole school we came 3rd overall with only schools that have 3 or 4 form entry coming above us. So, we have 3 more trophies for our cabinet in reception, which is getting a bit too small for all our achievements. Our pupils behaved impeccably as always and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who braved the cold weather, supported our pupils throughout and helped erect and dismantle our shelter. Everyone involved was so proud of our pupils and their fantastic achievement, go St-Peter's !



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday, 6th December	Y4	Portals to the Past—Ancient Greece	During the school day
Saturday, 7th December	Whole School	Christmas Fayre	11am-2.00pm
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	
Tuesday, 7th January	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.45am

DINNER MENU – w/c 25th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken	Beef Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers & Chips
Mexican Fajitas	Creamy Curry	Vegetable Roast	Baked Bean Hot Pot	Mexican Bean Roll
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 2nd December

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

HOUSE POINTS

Our House Points totals for this week are:



490



335



629



340

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRE!