



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 what gifts the Wise Men gave baby Jesus
Y1	Know Jesus was lost in the temple
Y2	Jesus gets lost in the temple
Y3	Understanding and explain the story of the Magi's visit to Jesus. Identify religious beliefs in the 'Our Father' prayer
Y4	Make links between the miracles and what Christians believe about Jesus
Y5	Make links between the miracles and what Christians believe about Jesus
Y6	Make links between the miracles and what Christians believe about Jesus

Dear parents and carers,

We are all delighted to be back for the spring term. I hope you all had a Holy Christmas and a wonderful festive break. The children have returned refreshed, full of energy and ready to learn. I have been incredibly impressed with their behaviour and effort this week.

We are returning at the beginning of a Jubilee Year: The Year of Hope. The staff team are currently planning a number of exciting events which are inclusive and symbolic of the Hope our beloved Pope Francis has asked us to demonstrate and offer. We will share updates on this throughout the year, including how families and the wider community can join us in this celebration.

Homework

We will be launching our new approach to homework from next week. The school has reviewed the plethora of available research and will now focus on an approach to reading, mathematics and grammar which supports children to commit knowledge to long-term memory. Homework will generally consist of the following:

Stage	Year groups	Homework tasks
<i>Developing good habits</i>	Reception Class and Year 1	Read with an adult at least three times per week; practise the phonetic sounds which are taught/ re-capped through your child's home reading book. Y1 will introduce some simple tasks in preparation for Y2 towards the end of the year.
<i>Learning how to revisit learning</i>	Year 2 to Year 4	Two weekly tasks from the CGP learning books e.g. maths and grammar which relate to the learning which has taken place the week before. This will be one task per week in Y2 to begin with.
<i>Committing learning to memory</i>	Year 5 and Year 6	Three weekly tasks from the CGP learning books and/or past exam papers. This will relate to learning which has taken place at least two weeks ago.

We also expect all children in Key Stage 2 to read at least three times per week.

Children at St. Peter's Catholic Primary School will never be challenged or reprimanded for not completing homework. However, this new approach to homework does represent a significant financial investment from the school to support your child's learning. We keenly ask that parents and carers work with us to encourage and support completion of homework. Please contact your child's class teacher to discuss this further if you have any questions or would like some support in helping your child.

Coffee with the Head

The team here at St. Peter's are currently reviewing and amending the curriculum. The curriculum is the agreed material we will teach, when we will teach it and how we will teach it. This includes the breadth of subjects from core subjects such as reading, mathematics and Religious Education to foundation subjects such as Physical Education, History and Art.

I will be hosting a short meeting for parents to come along to and will present some of the key changes to curriculum we are making. I will explain why we are making these changes and how they will have a positive impact on the learning of our children.

The school will continue to follow the national curriculum. However, it is important that all good schools identify the essential knowledge children should know and consider how this is prioritised and taught with consideration of our children, community and the future world.

This is a very informal meeting and we will provide tea and coffee. You are most welcome to bring pre-school children with you. It would be great if parents and carers are able to join us. The details are provided below:

Tuesday 14th January at 9.15am

Thursday 16th January at 4.30pm

New behaviour policy: rewards

A central part of our approach to teaching and developing good behaviour is recognition of effort. We are placing a much greater focus on catching children doing things well and trying to do their best.

In our recent consultation, children emphatically told us that they wanted to be recognised for their good behaviour and they wanted the school to improve rewards. In response to this we are replacing House Points with Golden Tickets. Children will remain in their current houses and will now have greater opportunities to be rewarded for positive behaviour. Each time a child receives a golden ticket, they will earn a point for their house (houses can earn collective rewards) and they will enter an end of term raffle and may win an individual prize. At the end of the Spring term there will be a number of Amazon and Waterstones vouchers children can win.

In a collective sense, golden tickets are also counted towards the house total. ALL houses can earn rewards by working positively together to surpass targets. The house prizes for the Spring term will be as follows:

1000+ golden tickets: extra playtime

2000+ golden tickets: no school uniform

3000+ golden tickets: pizza party

4000+ golden tickets: in-school cinema experience with snacks

5000+ golden tickets: bouncy castle experience

Golden tickets can be earned from any member of staff for positive behavioural choices and effort. Golden tickets cannot be taken away or removed.

This was shared with the children this week in our Celebration Assembly. They are very, very excited. Behaviour here is good but we have already seen a marked improvement in effort in learning from pupils across the school.

If parents and carers have suggestions for affordable and positive rewards, then please do share this with staff and we will vary rewards in the summer term.

Pupil Premium

If you are eligible for Universal Credit then please consider speaking privately with me, Mrs Desando or a member of the school team as your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium.

If eligible, the school receives additional funding for your child which can be used to benefit all children across the school. This money is used for a variety of things and has a direct impact on supporting pupils with learning and pastoral support.

I was a free school meal child, as were many of the team here, and we are passionate that we maximise any resource we can secure to benefit the children at St. Peter's. This funding can make a significant difference to our children.

It only takes a few moments to check eligibility and it can be done online. It requires minimal personal information to be shared.

Summer holidays

I would like to remind parents that the Government guidance on school attendance was updated in August 2023. This subsequently became a legally binding document.

Schools are now required to share absence with the local authority and to follow the new procedures. Absence from school could lead to fixed penalty notices and/ or prosecution. Please can I kindly request that parents do not book holidays during the school term. I completely understand the financial benefits this offers but it does have a significant impact on your child's learning and the local authority will pursue this. From looking at attendance data, it is clear that some families tend to finish school a week or so earlier at the end of the summer term to travel. Please can I ask that this is avoided going forwards.

The Government expectation is that all children will be present at school for all available sessions. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Parents' evenings

We will be holding parents' evenings in the final week of this half term. This is week commencing 10th February. More details will be provided by the school office in due course.

Leaders are currently also considering how we can provide more regular, focused information on your child's learning, attendance and wellbeing at school. One of the options we are currently exploring is the development of a Pupil Report Card. This would, in theory, be a concise overview of effort, progress and attainment.

If parents and carers have views on this, please can I ask that you share them with a member of the school leadership team and we will consider these views then developing this idea.

Thank you

Finally, I wanted to thank you again for your warm welcome in the autumn term.

This is a fantastic school and I feel very privileged to be Headteacher here. The children bring a real sense of joy and energy to St. Peter's and the staff team are incredibly committed to doing the very best for each and every one of our amazing children. I am looking forward to a really positive spring term.

Kind regards,
Mr. Kurt Doyle
Headteacher



BOOK FAIR

A big thank you from the School Library for supporting our book fair, we sold over £850 of books, which meant that we earned £429 in vouchers.

This is what we purchased for the Library from the Book Fair! Thank you for making this possible.

If you missed out you can still support the school purchase online

at www.scholastic.co.uk

and adding our School name when you check out. There are always lots of great offers on.

Frampton Gymnastics Club at St Peter's Primary School

We welcome new gymnasts to learn how to balance, gain strength, flexibility and confidence.

If interested, call Rhian on 07970 886165

OPAL vacancy (formerly midday supervisor)

We have two vacancies for OPAL Play Team. Please see the school webpage for more information:

<https://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies>

Please note the deadline for applications is Monday 13th January.

READ WITH ME

Read with Me, a local charity promoting a love of books and reading, will now be partnering with St Peter's to provide more opportunities for our children to read aloud. They have an established record working with schools, and all their volunteers undergo training and safeguarding checks. If you would like to support their valuable work by volunteering to hear a child read, either at St Peter's or in another school, please contact them. We are very grateful for their and your support in developing reading in school.



READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE!

Just 1-2 hours a week can help a child learn to read well.
Full training is provided by Read With Me.



Volunteer@readwithme.org.uk



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NETBALL NEWS

St Peter's netball team played their final match of the group stage last term with a decisive win against Robinswood Primary School. This result meant we finished 2nd in the group stages table and, for the first time ever, are through to the quarter finals. This match will be played at St Peter's on Tuesday 4th February against Birdlip Primary. Congratulations to the netball team for this amazing achievement - all parents and carers are welcome to come along and support our team in their first ever quarter final match.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday, 14th January	Whole School	Coffee with the Head	9.15am
Thursday, 16th January	Whole School	Coffee with the Head	4.30pm
Wednesday, 12th February	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.00pm
Thursday, 13th February	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.00pm
Friday, 14th February	Whole School	Finish normal time	
Monday, 17th February	Whole School	HALF TERM	
Monday, 24th February	Whole School	INSET	

DINNER MENU – w/c 13th January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Cowboy Casserole	Roast Turkey	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish & 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

DINNER MENU – w/c 20th January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	Sausage with 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