



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 17 Friday 13th June

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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

<b>EYFS</b>	I know that Peter was a friend of Jesus
<b>Y1</b>	Know that Christians celebrate their love for Jesus in a church and know Christians are followers of Jesus
<b>Y2</b>	Know that Christians celebrate their love for Jesus in a church and know Christians are followers of Jesus
<b>Y3</b>	To know and understand facts about the Passover in Exodus and how Jewish people celebrate this.
<b>Y4</b>	To explore how artists portrayed the road to Damascus
<b>Y5</b>	To explore how artists portrayed the road to Damascus
<b>Y6</b>	To explore how artists portrayed the road to Damascus

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We decided to delay this newsletter a few days in order to promptly share some staffing updates with you ahead of next year.

Miss Evans (Year 4) has accepted a new teaching post at another school and will sadly leave us at the end of the year. Miss Evans has made a positive contribution to the school during her time here. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role and look forward to continuing to work with her over the next few weeks.

Mrs Jackson has requested a sabbatical for the coming academic year. This request has been approved. Mrs Jackson remains a committed, valued and important part of our senior leadership team and teaching team. She will continue to work with us for a number of days next year and will continue to support the leadership of writing. Mrs Jackson will also work with the LWCEP supporting improvement projects. Her phase leader responsibilities will be shared for this temporary period between Mrs MacDonald (Y1 to Y3) and Mrs Young (Y4 to Y6). Mrs Jackson will return to us full time the following September. In the meantime, leadership of her phase is in very experienced and capable hands.

We are delighted to share that, following a very robust recruitment process and excellent shortlist, we have appointed two new teachers who will join us in September: Miss Kershaw and Miss Reynolds.

Miss Kershaw is a vastly experienced teacher who has extensive experience of working in Catholic primary schools. She is relocating to the area, and we are pleased to be adding her to our excellent staff team. Mrs. Reynolds is a young, dynamic teacher who greatly impressed the interview panel. She has also worked as a supply teacher, teaching assistant and academic tutor. Both are highly motivated and committed to improving learning outcomes and supporting the wellbeing of children.

I know you will join me in welcoming both teachers to our fabulous school along with welcoming back Mrs Harris who we are pleased to share will be returning to us after her maternity leave finishes over the summer.

We plan to share a further update confirming class staffing and new class lists at the end of June/ early July.

It seems strange to me that we are already talking about sports day. It feels like only weeks ago I was getting to know you all back in September. However, sports day is almost upon us. Our sports day this year will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. More information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

You will hopefully be aware that Mission Together (Missio) is our school charity this year. A number of our fundraising activities throughout the year have raised funds to support this cause. Mission Together shares the good news and supports Catholic mission around the world. Much of their work is in disadvantaged areas.

We recently welcomed Father Gary (Parish Priest for Stroud) and Father Benedict (Visiting Priest from Nigeria) to lead a special core virtue assembly where they spoke about their work with Mission Together and shared the incredible impact the money we raise has on others, especially children, around the world. This was a very powerful gathering with Father Benedict speaking of the impact this work had supporting him as a youth and guiding his calling into Priesthood. It was great for our children to hear the impact of their action and to be able to ask questions. The feedback I have heard from children has been incredibly positive. Well done to everyone who has supported Mission Together this year through our school.

I would like to share an apology to the parents, carers and children impacted by the organisation relating to swimming classes this year. Unfortunately, there has been an issue with the bookings. This has resulted in some confusion regarding swimming times and, as a result, some sessions have unfortunately been cancelled. I understand this is frustrating for our children and recognise that they deserve better.

The school will be refunding parents who have paid in full in the coming weeks. This will be returned to your child's ParentPay account.

In order to avoid confusion next year and to improve the school's swimming offer, we have also reviewed our approach to the teaching of swimming at St. Peter's. Next year, we will only offer swimming to our Year 5 cohort. Once we have received confirmation from GL1 we will let parents know. This will also help us to maximise learning time in school for children in other years with reduced time spent travelling etc. We will provide more information to the current Year 4 parents about next year's offer in the coming weeks.

I have previously shared that we are reviewing our school library and how we utilise this incredible resource to support children at St. Peter's.

We are now delighted to share the exciting news that we will be having a full library refurbishment over the summer holidays. This work will be completed in time for the return of our children in September.

I have included computer generated images demonstrating what the new library space will look like. This space focuses on creating a calm learning space utilising the light wood tones of our building design and incorporating our school colours in a natural and calming way. The new space will have age-specific furniture which is easily accessible to children of all ages and has more front-facing display shelves for our books.

There are more open spaces, and the floor will be carpeted. We plan to further contribute beanbags, cushions and other soft furnishings to add some warmth to the space and to create a



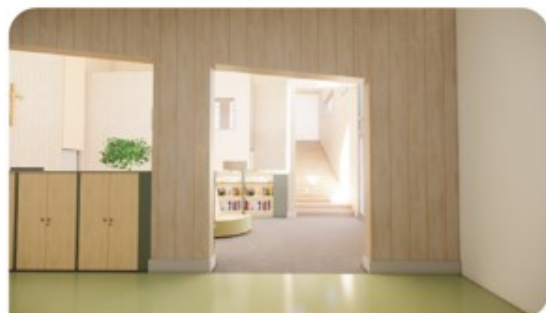
Main entrance into the Library.



Artificial tree and surrounding seating placed in the center of the room.



Ensuring that movement through the space is smooth and accessible.



Keeping right hand side opening clear for access around the space.

We will also be auditing the books we have and upgrading and replacing many of these. This is a significant piece of work. I would like to thank Mrs Debbie O'Kane, our School Librarian, for leading this project. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the governing body for their support in ensuring this project is approved and to the PFA who have supported this project with a generous contribution of £5,000! We look forward to inviting our school community to join us in the autumn term to spend some time in our fantastic new library.

Continuing with the PFA, we are grateful for the work they do to support projects like this and to improve our school. They support a huge range of projects, not limited to buying new books, part-funding trips and experiences, and purchasing new school equipment amongst others.

We have a great opportunity to support our friends in the PFA by joining them for the Summer Fair on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. I will be very grateful if you could add this date to your diary and join us after school. There will be a range of stalls, food, and fun events on offer. All money raised by the PFA is reinvested into the school and it does make a huge difference to our wonderful children.

Finally, the weather continues to mostly be warm and humid. With this in mind, children are not required to wear ties during the school day during the summer term. However, they should keep them in their bags as they will need to wear them for Mass. Please can I also politely remind parents and carers to consider applying suncream at home, ensure that your child has a water bottle and consider sending them to school with a sunhat.

Thank you for your fantastic support so far this year. It has been a very busy year so far with much positive change. The children have responded incredibly well, and I have been very impressed with their learning and behaviour throughout. I am looking forward to enjoying the final five weeks of the term with our incredible children, staff, parents and wider school community.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

## SPORTS DAY

Parents/carers are welcome to go onto the school field from 8.55am. You can pitch up anywhere on the outside perimeter of the field, except for the area in front of the big bank at the back of the field as this needs to be kept clear for the children. Thank you.

Don't forget to bring your picnic rugs, camping chairs, parasols and picnics.

Toilet facilities for parents/carers are in the Sports Pavillion.

All children must bring their own snack and water bottle to school and these will be consumed at break time in their classrooms.

Running order for the day is as follows, and all timings are approximate:

9.15 - 10.40am	All children will complete a range of round robin activities. They will all earn house points in these activities.
10.40 – 11am	Break time Parents/carers and toddlers stay on the field. All children will have break back in their classroom. Children will need their snack and their water bottle (as usual).
11.05am – 12.20pm	Year group races Parents/carers will stay on the left hand side of the field behind the 'Respect barrier' to watch the races and the children will sit on the right hand side of the field. Staff will be on hand to show parents/carers where to go.
12.20 – 12.30pm	All school children will return to their class.
12.30pm	<b>Parents/carers of children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2:</b> If your child is joining you for a picnic lunch you must go to your child's class to collect your child. If your child is having a cooked dinner, please collect your child from their classroom at 12.50pm.  <b>Parents/carers of children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6:</b> If your child is joining you for a picnic lunch, then he/she will be allowed to go to the field and join you there. If they are having a cooked dinner they will join you on the field after they have eaten their dinner.
12.30 – 1.20pm	<b>OPAL</b> You will be able to experience OPAL with your child. All school adults on duty during this time will be wearing high-viz vests.
1.20 – 1.30pm	All children must return to class for afternoon registration.
1.30 – 2.50pm	Year group races Parents races (if time permits)
2.50pm	All children return to class.
3.15pm	End of day pick up as normal

## Y6 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

On Thursday we played a rounders tournament. We were team 1, and we all played very well. We were placed third and everyone had fun! We all worked very hard.



**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thursday 19th June	Y1	Cotswold Wildlife Park	9.00am—3.00pm
Thursday, 19th June	Y6	Clifton Cathedral	9.30am—1.00pm
Sunday, 22nd June—25th June	Y6	Residential Trip	
Tuesday, 24th June		First Holy Communion Mass	9.00am
Friday, 27th June	Whole School	Sports Day	During the school day
Monday, 30th June	Whole School	Feast of St Peter & St Paul	9.00am Everyone welcome
Monday, 30th June-4th June	Whole School	Book Fair	During the school day
Tuesday, 1st July	Y4	Roman Walking Tour of Gloucester	During the school day
Wednesday, 2nd July	Y6	Gloucester Ski Slope	10.30am—2.15pm
Thursday, 3rd July	EYFS	Multi Skills	During the school day
Friday 4th July	Whole School	Summer Fair	During the school day
Wednesday, 9th July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day	During the school day
Thursday 10th July	Whole School	Move up Day	
Monday, 14th July	Whole School	End of Year Mass at St Peter's Church	10.00am
Friday, 18th July		<b>FINISH FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>

**DINNER MENU – w/c 16th June**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Roast Gammon	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fish Fingers & Chips
Caribbean Stew	Mild Mexican Chilli	Veg Wellington	Cheese & Bean Pasty	Summer Frittata
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

**DINNER MENU – w/c 23rd June**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet Potato Curry	Hot Dog	Roast Chicken	Chicken Korma	Battered Fish & Chips
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Roast	Vegan Hot Dog	Mexican Bean Roll
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato