



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together and to thank you for your continued support of St Peter's. It has been a year filled with growth, achievement, faith and community, and I could not be prouder of our school.

The school has also played a central role in the formation and development of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust. This work means that St. Peter's works collaboratively with a number of other schools across Gloucestershire and will eventually include St. Peter's High School and a range of schools from Swindon. As this academic year draws to a close, please consider taking a moment to list to the podcast from our Chief Executive Officer, **Mrs Charlotte Blanch**.

<https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-kywu8-1b12b47>

Back to school related matters, a huge **thank you to our Parent and Friends Association (PFA)** for organising another fantastic Summer Fair. The event brought our community together in true St. Peter's fashion and provided a wonderful afternoon of fun and celebration. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, donated prizes, attended the event or supported in any way. A special thank you also goes to anyone who was brave enough to eat what I had managed to burn on the BBQ! The success of these occasions is only possible because of the generosity and commitment of our families, and the funds raised will directly benefit our children in the coming school year.

We are also delighted to share that plans for our **new Sensory Suite** continue to move forward. Architectural drawings are currently being produced by Roberts Limbrick, and the planning application is progressing through the relevant stages. Alongside this work, we are actively exploring funding opportunities and sources of support to help bring this exciting project to life. The Sensory Suite will provide a dedicated space to support the wellbeing, development and inclusion of our children and represents another important step in ensuring that every child at St Peter's is able to flourish.



As the school year draws to a close, we also say **farewell to a number of valued colleagues**. We wish Dr Johnson every success and happiness as he moves on to the next stage of their professional journey. Dr Johnson has made a significant contribution to the life of St Peter's over the past two years, and we thank him for all they have done for our children and community; we would also like to thank Miss Hubbard for her dedication and commitment during her time at St Peter's. We are grateful for the care and support she has provided to our pupils and wish her every success for the future; Mrs McGuinness left her role at St. Peter's at the end of June. We thank her for her 14 years of service and wish her well with future endeavours.

Our recent **Move Up Morning** was a tremendous success. It was wonderful to see children spending time with their new teachers, exploring their new classrooms and beginning to build confidence and excitement about the year ahead. The enthusiasm, maturity and positivity shown across the school was exceptional, and I know the children will return in September ready to embrace new opportunities and challenges. It was also wonderful to welcome our new teachers, Miss Woods and Miss Williams who will join us from September.

Congratulations also to all of our **Golden Ticket winners** and to the many children who have consistently demonstrated our school values throughout the year. These awards recognise far more than individual achievements. They celebrate kindness, determination, service, resilience, respect and the daily choices our children make to be the very best versions of themselves. Well done to every child. We are incredibly proud of you. We have had great fun throughout the year with a disco, ice creams, individual vouchers, AirHop, karting, Pizza Express, OPAL afternoons and a whole school water fight, to name but a few!

As parents will already know, we have been working very hard over the past few years to redesign and strengthen our **curriculum**. This significant work has ensured that children receive a coherent, ambitious and knowledge-rich education throughout their time at St Peter's. We are delighted that this work has been reflected positively in our outcomes, including Early Years, Phonics, Key Stage 2 Writing and our KS2 SATs results. We have met or exceeded the national average in all of these areas again for the second time in a row! A huge well done to our amazing children and to the incredible staff team who teach, challenge and support them. This further builds on the letter we received from the Secretary of State for Education and Department for Education earlier in the year which acknowledged the school's recent performance.

At the same time, we are acutely aware that the scale of this curriculum development has, in some areas, resulted in a reduced co-curricular offer. Now that our curriculum plans have been finalised and will shortly be available on our website, we are excited to turn our attention towards expanding the wider experiences available to our children. From September, families can expect to see an **enhanced enrichment offer**, including more educational visits, curriculum-linked experiences, workshops, visitors to school, wider extra-curricular opportunities, sporting events, cultural experiences and leadership opportunities. This offer has been carefully considered in recent months so that it complements the taught curriculum and wider development of our children. We want our children not only to achieve highly academically, but also to leave St Peter's with rich memories, broader horizons and a strong sense of who they are called to become. A proposed outline is provided in the table below:

	Artistic	Musical	Cultural	Sporting	CST	Spiritual	British Values	Well-being
EYFS	<i>Art exhibition:</i> Sculptures from modelling clay.	Christmas Nativity	Cotswold Farm Park. Forest School classes. Cafe visit. Train ride.	Balanceability (bicycles) Summer multi-skills	Care for God's creation: plant tulips to develop tulip garden. Human Dignity: what makes me special and how can I help other display (hand/class tribe)	Attend Mass at school	Regular voting for a class story (Democracy)	Teddy Bears' Picnic in grounds focusing on friendship, emotions and belonging
Year 1	<i>Art exhibition:</i> recyclable materials sculptures	Christmas Choir	Cotswold Wildlife Park. Westonbirt Arboretum (Autumn).	Easter multi-skills Bean bag rounders.	Stewardship: litter picking. Human Dignity: Grandparents experience.	St. Peter's Church tour	Create a Class Charter and discuss why rules keep us safe (Rule of Law)	Picnic in the park focusing on friendship, emotions and belonging.
Year 2	<i>Art exhibition:</i> natural materials	African drumming and dance	Weston-Super-Mare. Bristol Zoo. Folk museum and walk to look at Tudor buildings.	Christmas multi-skills KS1 girls football festival. KS1 girls' rugby festival	Option for the poor: do something for those in need locally. Human Dignity: what makes me special and how can I help other display (hand/class tribe).	Holi experience (Hinduism)	'People Who Help Us' visit (firefighter)	Mindful Nature Walk through a local park
Year 3	<i>Art exhibition:</i> sculptures using clay	Learn an instrument - trumpets	Clifton Museum. Cheltenham Literature Festival. Portals to the past workshop.	Girls football Disney festival.	Promoting peace: take lead on Anti-bullying week and lead CV assembly. Human Dignity: what makes me special and how can I help other	Jama-al-Karim Mosque visit	Visit from MP, a local councillor or parish councillor	Forest School Well-being afternoon

			Shakespeare performance.		display (hand/class tribe)			
Year 4	<i>Art exhibition:</i> Free-standing paper sculptures.	Learn an instrument – ukelele.	Residential – Wilderness Centre. Cheltenham Literature Festival. Gloucester Roman tour.	Girls Capture the Flag event.	Option for the poor: fundraise for a humanitarian charity. Human Dignity: what makes me special and how can I help other display (hand/class tribe)	Gloucester Cathedral	Mini 'Parliament' debates linked to the Greeks	Create a wellbeing tree with positive messages for all to access during OPAL.
Year 5	<i>Art exhibition:</i> sculptures using metal wire.	Christmas Carols.	Cheltenham Science Festival. Theatre experience and London walking tour.	Swimming	The Common Good: termly field reset of large loose parts (OPAL). Human Dignity: what makes me special and how can I help other display (hand/class tribe).	Synagogue (Cheltenham)	Visit from PCSO/local police officer to talk about legal responsibility.	Mindfulness and Team-Building challenge day.
Year 6	<i>Art exhibition:</i> sculptures using materials of their own choice. Leavers' performance.	Christmas Carols. Leavers' performance.	Science Festival. Residential. Ski centre. WW2 experience.	Boys' Basketball taster event. Girls' Basketball taster event.	Solidarity: fundraise for guide dogs. Stewardship: write to MP on climate change. Human Dignity: what makes me special and how can I help other display (hand/class tribe)	Mass at Clifton Cathedral. Buddhist temple, Cheltenham.	Write to the MP to champion a good cause (climate change)	Transition and Mental Health Workshop (with SPHS)

Over the summer, we will also be launching a **new school website**. The aim is to provide a more accessible and user-friendly platform for families, with clearer curriculum information, improved communication and easier access to key documents and updates. This should, I am reliably told, transfer seamlessly in August.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to **thank the people of St Peter's**, without whom there is no school. Pope Francis often spoke about the people being the Church. In a similar way, the people here are the school. Our children bring joy, energy and purpose to all we do. Our staff give tirelessly of themselves each and every day in service of our community. Our governors provide challenge, support and strategic direction. Our clergy and parish family ensure that Christ remains at the heart of our mission. Our parents and carers place their trust in us and work alongside us in the education and formation of their children. Together, each of us makes St Peter's the very special place that it is. For that, I give my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

As we begin the **summer holidays**, I encourage all of our children to do two very important things: rest and play. Childhood is precious, and children need time to laugh, explore, spend time with loved ones, enjoy new experiences and simply be children. These moments matter. They help children grow, develop confidence, strengthen relationships and return to school refreshed and ready to learn. It is important that children do not spend the holidays doing curriculum related work but rather get outside, climb trees, play games, learn to swim or ride a bike, and use their brains and bodies for something very different. This will give them a true rest and means they return in September happy, rested and ready to go again!

In recent weeks we have temporarily relaxed our **uniform** policy in response to the heatwave. Please may I politely remind parents and carers that we will return to our normal uniform policy and expectations from September. We will continue to adapt where the weather dictates, but we are very proud of our uniform and the distinction it brings in being part of the St. Peter's family. May I also politely remind parents about the value of good **school attendance**. Research consistently demonstrates that children who miss days, even odd ones, often do not achieve as well as their peers who have consistent attendance. Thank you so much to everyone who works with us to keep their child attending school for every available session. September is a great opportunity to start again and to aim to give your child the very best chance in life by ensuring they are with us as much as possible.

As a Catholic school, we also recognise that rest is more than simply stopping; it is an opportunity to appreciate God's blessings, enjoy the gift of family and community, and find joy in the world He has created. My prayer this morning is that every family has a peaceful, happy and safe summer.

Thank you for your support throughout another successful year at St Peter's. It is a privilege to serve this community, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September as we begin another exciting chapter together.

May God bless you all and keep you safe over the summer break.

Mr Kurt Doyle
Headteacher

EYFS Multiskills

On Wednesday 8th July, EYFS went to the GSSN Multiskills Sports Festival at Barnwood Park High School. The children excitedly travelled by coach and enjoyed singing as we drove to the school. Once at the school, we quickly got into position and started our carousel of the activities. There were eight different stations where we enjoyed practising and developing lots of sports skills including running, jumping, skipping, hopping, balancing and using equipment such as rackets, beanbags and balls. We were so proud of all of the children because they behaved brilliantly, applied themselves to each and every station and completed all of the activities with a smile. What a fabulous way to end our first year of school together! Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all. We would like to also share a special thank you to all of our parent helpers too. We couldn't have got to and from the event safely without your support.

Some of our favourite activities included:

Alex - My favourite part was the dancing station - especially the hokey cokey

Harshith - I liked the dancing too!

Harri - I liked when we skipped and threw the ball and hit the skittles like bowling.

Azari - I loved the one when you balanced on the plank, then did a barrel roll and then went inside the hoop.

Felishia - I loved the one when we ran and got dressed up like we were going on a trip somewhere like Hawaii - it was fun and funny.

Kianna - We balanced a beanbag on our head and then walked along a see-saw balancing beam and had to get to the other side. It was great!





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31/07/26 – CHURCHDOWN SKATE PARK, GL3 2JH

04/08/26 – THE PAVILLION, KINGSWAY, GL2 2SN

05/08/26 & 12/08/26 – THE VENTURE, WHITE CITY, GL4 6TY

06/08/26 – GLEVUM PARK, ABBEYDALE, GL4 4BL

07/08/26 – ARMSCROFT PARK, GL1 3QL

11/08/26 – AYLAND GARDENS, GL1 4BD (WITH PLAY GLOS.)

13/08/26 – PARRY HALL PARK, GL1 4RZ

14/08/26 – SEBERT STREET PARK, KINGSHOLM, GL1 3BS

18/08/26 – HOLMLEIGH PARK, TUFFLEY, GL4 0RQ

**BETWEEN
10AM & 2PM
EACH DAY**

Challenge

11 July – 12 September 2026

Tales Through Time

Calling all readers, adventurers and story explorers!

Join the Library Challenge this summer to travel through time, get reading, and earn rewards.

How to Take Part

- Children aged 3+ can sign up for free at any Gloucestershire Library.
- Explore the tasks in your Challenge Journal, collecting stamps and rewards for each completed task.
- Come along to exciting events throughout the summer.



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11 July - 12 September

TLC Handbook

2026



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 1st September		INSET	
Wednesday 2nd September		INSET	
Thursday 3rd September	Whole School	Start of the new academic year	8.45am

DINNER MENU – w/c 31st AUGUST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	INSET	INSET	Greek Chicken Pitta	Fish Fingers & Chips
			Vegan Bolognese	Cheese & Bean Pasty
			Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 7th SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	Pork Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers & Chips
Cheese & Pepper Whirl	Vegetarian Greek Macaroni	Vegan Sausage	Coconut Curry	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato