



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2 Friday 26th September

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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 God made me
Y1	We know we can come closer together through prayer—We will be focusing on the Our Father Prayer
Y2	Making links between Noah's Ark and the Creation Story
Y3	Know that everyone should be treated with dignity Understand how Pope Francis wanted us to look after creation
Y4	Creation and Covenant
Y5	I know that a sin affects our relationship with god
Y6	I know that a sin affects our relationship with god

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another successful few weeks of learning here at St. Peter's. The new classes are gelling together nicely, and it is positive to see the high expectations and ambitions staff have for the children. In turn, the children are working hard and have been very focused so far this year.

It was great to have parents join me for the latest Coffee with the Head sessions on Friday, last week. I appreciate that it is a real challenge for parents and carers to make the sessions, and I am very grateful for those who were able to attend. Your feedback was very positive and your ideas and recommendations are most helpful as we continue to strengthen our wonderful school.

We are currently reviewing our Forest School offer. Forest School is a real strength of the school and it is something we plan to continue to offer. In the meantime, children continue to use this space with their teachers, and they are engaged in less risky activities and learning. Moving forward we will be training a small number of staff in Forest School Leadership, and we are planning to expand this amazing provision across the school in the coming months.

Enrichment is a positive part of our school offer and an important part of our wider curriculum. We worked hard to expand this last year and the feedback from children, parents and staff was great. Some external clubs have started already but our co-curricular offer will usually begin after the October half term. A list of available clubs will be shared with parents and carers in the coming weeks. Our co-curricular clubs are very popular so please do apply for a place for your child in good time. We will continue to reserve a small number of spaces for children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium and children who have special educational needs.

Most classes between Years 2 and 6 have now received the CGP homework books for the year ahead. Year 6 also receive a CanDoMaths revision guide which is of a very high quality. The school invests significantly in providing these additional resources to support learning, revision and consolidation at home. This work should be completed weekly and should be complimented by reading for pleasure. If you have any questions about homework then please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. Please note, the answers are also available in the back of each book.

In the coming weeks - and throughout this year - we will be placing a much greater focus on the development of children's writing skills, inclusive of handwriting. Skilled writing is a powerful tool that helps children express their thoughts clearly, creatively, and confidently. As writing improves, so does the ability to communicate ideas, solve problems, and engage more deeply with the wider world. Strong writing skills also support learning across all subjects and lay the foundation for future academic success.

Finally, it was a real pleasure to speak with the children during assembly last week and to hear their recommendations for Golden Tickets. These rewards are earned for positive behaviour, excellent work, and mostly for pupil effort. Golden Tickets have proven very popular; each of the houses can win prizes collectively and individual tickets are also drawn out at random in the Golden Ticket Raffle for individual prizes.

The prizes for the Autumn term, as requested by the children, will be:

- 1,000 Golden Tickets: no school uniform day
- 2,000 Golden Tickets: OPaL afternoon
- 3,000 Golden Tickets: ice cream party
- 4,000 Golden Tickets: glow in the dark disco
- 5,000 Golden Tickets: bouncy castle madness

The individual prizes will include: £20 Waterstones vouchers; in-school VIP cinema experience; pizza creation experience at Pizza Express.

The final prize of the Summer Term will take place next week when a small number of children will join me and Mrs Young on a special trip to Waterstones where they can choose a book and enjoy a hot chocolate.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Kind regards,
Mr. Kurt Doyle
Headteacher



Our St. Peter's lionesses have had a super start to the football season! We had our first tournament at Coney Hill Primary on Wednesday, where we played against them and Castle Hill. We won all our games! The scores were 2-0 to us against Coney Hill in our first match and 1-0 in our second game with them and 1-0 against Castle Hill. We were ecstatic and incredibly pleased with these wins. A big well done to all our girls for super playing and a special well done to Serah and Aria for scoring the goals.

Harvest FESTIVAL



Friday 10th October @ 9.00am

Milk (UHT or powdered)
Sugar (500g)
Fruit juice (carton)
Soup
Pasta sauces
Sponge pudding (tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)
Cereals
Rice pudding (tinned)
Tea bags/instant coffee
Instant mash potato
Rice/pasta
Tinned meat/fish
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fruit
Jam
Biscuits or snack bar

**Please donate items
for Harvest.**

**All items will go to
Gloucester Foodbank.**



**ALL DONATIONS WELCOME
FROM 8th OCTOBER.**



Applications for Secondary School are now open.

To register your application, please use the following link:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions

The closing date for all applications is 31st October 2025.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 10th October	Whole School	Harvest Festival	9.00am—All Welcome
Monday 20th October		School visit for new Reception Classes	10.00am
Tuesday 21st October	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.00pm
Thursday 23rd October	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.00pm
Friday 24th October	Whole School	Finish for Half Term	Normal time
Monday 27th October	Whole School	HALF TERM	
Monday 3rd November		INSET	
Thursday 6th November	Y3	Stone Age Day	Wear stone age costume
Tuesday 4th November	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.45am
Thursday 13th November		School visit for new Reception Classes	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th November	Y6	World War II Day	Wear WWII costume
Wednesday 3rd December		School visit for new Reception Classes	9.15am

Chaplaincy Applications

This opportunity is open for children in Years 1-6.

If your child would like to be part of our school Chaplaincy team this year, please refer to the Edulink1 communication that went out on Thursday 25th September.

Children in KS2 are asked to complete the form themselves where possible and pupils in KS1 may have an adult scribe for them but they can also draw their ideas.

This is a privileged role within school.

The Chaplaincy Team are expected to be respectful, support the class and wider school community in prayer and support Mrs MacDonald in key religious events during the school year.

Successful applicants will be commissioned into the role in a special service at Clifton Cathedral by Bishop Bosco.

All applications must be handed in at the latest Friday 3rd October.

DINNER MENU – w/c 29th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet Potato Curry	Hot Dog with Wedges	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

DINNER MENU – w/c 6th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bean Burger	Green Thai Chicken Curry	Roast Gammon	Greek Chicken Pitta	Battered Fish & Chips
Creamy Curry	Vegan Bolognese	Roast Quorn	Vegan Meatballs	Spinach & Cheese Pinwheel
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato