



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 1 Friday 11th 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	N/A
Y1	Understand that everything comes from God
Y2	Describing the Covenant between Noah and God and recognising what happens in a baptism in the Catholic Church
Y3	WALT: Read and respond to the creation story
Y4	Learning about the background of the story of Abraham.
Y5	I can retell the story of Moses, focusing on when Moses was called in the Burning Bush and the receiving of the ten commandments.
Y6	Explain some Christian beliefs about the Sacrament of Baptism

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and see how quickly they have settled into their new classes. The atmosphere around school has been calm and positive.

A particular welcome goes to our new Reception families and those joining St. Peter's for the first time. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community. I have really enjoyed getting to know these children over the past week.

If you would like to discuss your child and their learning needs or medical needs then please do not hesitate to contact them either after they have dismissed the class at the end of the school day or by making an appointment, this can be arranged in person or via the school office. We have also brought Parents' Evening forward this year to enable earlier conversations about children's learning, targets, aspirations and any support that may be needed. We know that children are most successful when parents and school work together, and these early discussions will help us build strong partnerships and ensure every child gets off to the best possible start. Parents and carers will now be invited to meet with teachers on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October. Mrs Devereux's class (1SD) will be on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th instead due to RE leaders training. An invitation will be shared via EduLink in the coming weeks.

St. Peter's continues to be a high-performing school, and we are proud that our assessment data has been recognised as very strong. However, our ambition remains clear: every single child should make strong progress in their learning and development. This year, we will place a particular focus on identifying and addressing any gaps in learning, especially in reading, writing and mathematics, so that all children continue to thrive and achieve their full potential.

We will shortly be sharing updated homework arrangements. Following feedback from staff, parents and children, we have made some refinements to ensure homework is purposeful, manageable and effectively supports learning at home.

An important part of any education is the range of opportunities that children experience beyond the classroom. This year, our personal development and enrichment offer has been carefully mapped to ensure enrichment experiences are purposeful, progressive and accessible to all pupils. Highlights include a visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park for Year 1, a residential experience for Year 4 and a visit to London to see The Lion King for Year 5. These experiences help broaden children's horizons, develop confidence and create lasting memories. Please see the current working version attached with more details to follow. Please note that this is subject to change and will be updated each term.

Mrs Hannah Kershaw has taken on the role of Inclusion Lead following Dr Ewan Johnson's promotion to Headship elsewhere in the Trust. This is a vital role within our school, supporting children with additional needs and working closely with families. If you have concerns about your child's development or SEND needs, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Kershaw. We will also continue to offer our additional SEND parent review meetings, with the next opportunity taking place around October half-term.

A polite reminder that mobile phones should not be used within the school building or on school grounds. The latest safeguarding guidance especially cites the use of no devices which may have a camera or audio recording to be used on the school site. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all.

We are always delighted to celebrate achievements beyond school. A huge congratulations to Harrison on his selection for Team GB and qualification for a European final. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish him every success in the competition. Congratulations also to Jasper, who has recently enjoyed the exciting opportunity of modelling for Disney! We are incredibly proud of both pupils and all they have accomplished.



The year has started exceptionally well and there is a real sense of excitement about the months ahead. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and collaboration. The partnership between home and school remains one of our greatest strengths and, together, we can ensure that every child enjoys a successful, happy and enriching year at St. Peter's.

Kind regards,

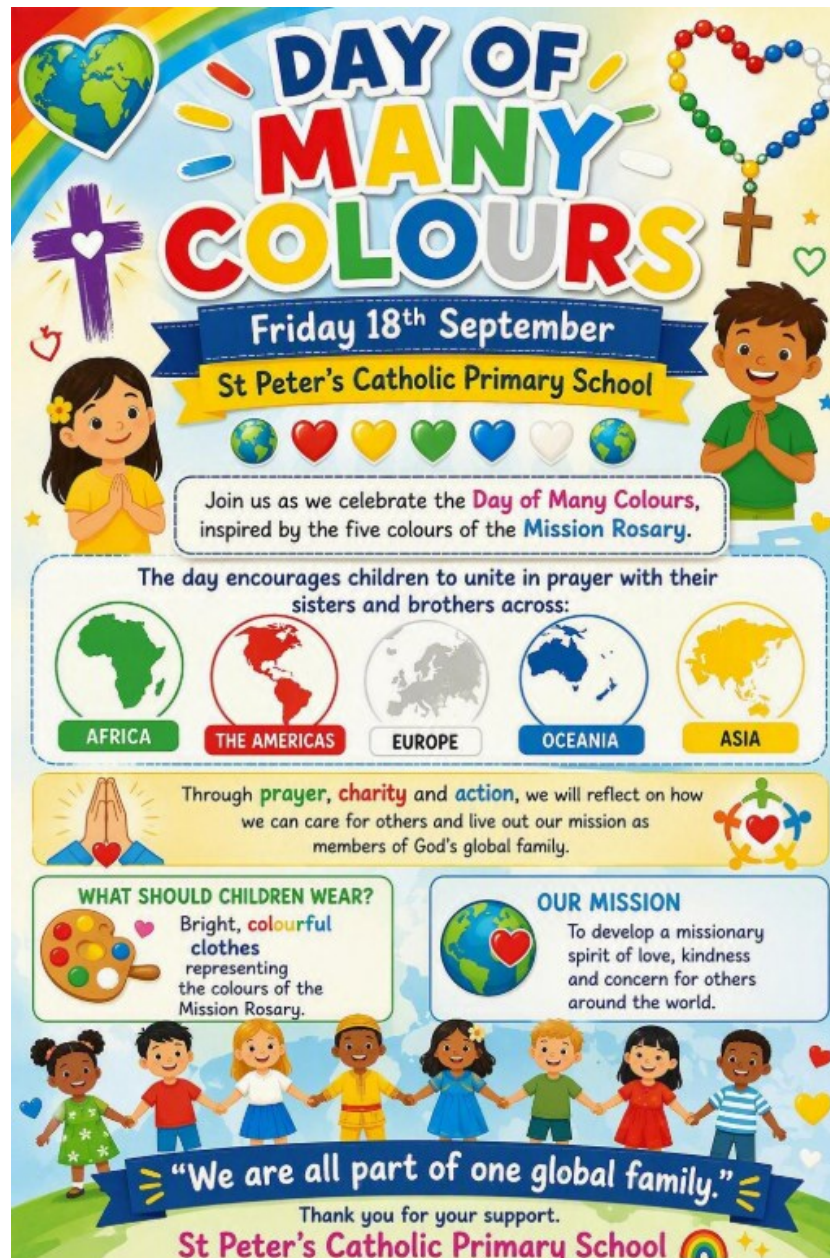
Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

PARKING



Can the school please remind our parental community to be mindful of parking in private car parking spaces in the local area - especially as our neighbours have to pay for these spaces. Also, be mindful of pedestrians at picking up and going home time. Thank you.



The Day of Many Colours is a celebration encouraging children to unite in prayer, charity, and action for their global brothers and sisters, inspired by the five colours of the Mission Rosary.

The **Day of Many Colours** is a special event organized by **Mission Together**, the children's branch of Missio, the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. It is designed to help children develop a **missionary spirit**, fostering awareness and care for others around the world through prayer, charitable acts, and community engagement.

We will be celebrating this day on Friday 18th September and encourage everyone to wear the colours of the rainbow in exchange for a £1 donation to go towards the charity Mission Together, which encourages children to help children.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 14th September	Y6	Bikeability	
Friday 18th September	Whole School	Day of Many Colours	Wear the colours of the rainbow
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September	EYFS– Y6	Nasal Flu vaccination	
Tuesday 13th October	Y3	Stone Age Day	
Friday 16th October	Y3 & Y4	Cheltenham Literature Festival	During the school day
Wednesday 14th October	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm– 6.00pm
Thursday 15th October	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
Thursday 15th October	Whole School	Photographer	
Friday 16th October	Whole School	Harvest Festival	Times to be confirmed
Tuesday 20th October—Friday 23rd October	Y6	Conover Hall Residential	
Friday 23rd October	Whole School	Finish for Half Term	Normal time
Monday 26th October	Whole School	HALF TERM	
Monday 2nd November		Return to School	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

DINNER MENU – w/c 14th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegan Meatballs	Beef Burger	Roast Gammon	Peri Peri Chicken	Fish Fingers & Chips
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Roast Quorn	Macaroni Cheese	Vegam Sausage
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 21st September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer Pizza	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Roast Pork	Greek Chicken Pitta	Fish Fingers & Chips
Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegan Burger	Vegetable Loaf	Vegan Bolognese	Cheese & Bean Pasty
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