



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 that Jesus takes care of everyone
Y1	Jesus calls his disciples. Jesus is for everyone and calls the children to him.
Y2	Jesus calls his disciples. Jesus is for everyone and calls the children to him.
Y3	Understand what the New Testament means by Miracles
Y4	To explore parables and make links with the way Christians live today
Y5	To explore parables and make links with the way Christians live today
Y6	To explore parables and make links with the way Christians live today

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another couple of positive weeks here at St. Peter's Catholic Primary School. Today marks the Clifton Diocese launch of the Jubilee Year of Hope for schools: Pilgrims of Hope. This was celebrated as a school community this morning and we will continue to engage in a range of events throughout the year as we seek to follow the call from Pope Francis to reconnect with God through prayer, reflection and action.

More information about the Jubilee year can be found using the link below, which includes some beautiful words from one of our pupils, Paige, here at St. Peter's:

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee#:~:text=In%20this%20Year%20of%20Hope,to%20bring%20hope%20to%20others.>

I recently met with Mr McDermott, Headteacher at St. Peter's High School, to discuss how our two schools can further strengthen links and how this could benefit pupils and staff at both schools. Mr McDermott visited us at the primary school, and this was a very positive meeting. It is important that we sustain and build on this important historic relationship; I look forward to sharing some of the benefits of these meetings in the coming months.

Please can I politely remind parents that the school, trust and government expectation is that all children will attend all available sessions. We are unable to authorise holidays and family visits to other countries during term time. I have noticed an increase in requests in recent weeks. Most absence during the school term can be accumulated and under the new government guidance it is likely to result in a fixed penalty notice being issued by Gloucestershire Local Authority. Thank you for working with us to get your child into school every day.

We recently offered two Coffee with the Head meetings. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend. The focus this time was on curriculum development and higher order thinking. We are working hard to develop the curriculum so that children are required to think deeply about important knowledge, ideas and concepts.

We believe the development of these critical thinking skills will give our children the best possible success and opportunities in the future. We will continue to share updates and examples of this throughout the year.

As you may already be aware, we have a vacancy to join the local governing committee as a parent governor. Two excellent candidates have put themselves forward. As there is one post, there will be a vote which is open to all parents. Please can I kindly ask parents and carers to read the candidate bios and consider voting in the coming days. More information will be shared shortly by the school office.

I continue to be impressed with the excellent work and high levels of effort in the classrooms. Year 5 have been studying how and why earthquakes occur and can discuss how the movements of tectonic plates lead to other natural disasters; our reception children have recently started using Drawing Club to support their writing skills and it has been wonderful to see how much progress they are making and how much they enjoy this; the mathematical learning in Year 3 has been great in recent weeks. They are trialling, under Mrs Perez's guidance, the new approach to learning in mathematics. This places a much greater emphasis on understanding number and mathematical reasoning and problem solving - great work, Year 3!

Our Reception classes recently voted to update their role play area. This area will soon become a hospital area for animals and humans. Please see the request below from Mrs. Martin – it would be wonderful if you have a medical background and could be available to support learning in this area.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Kurt Doyle
Headteacher



Jubilee Year

Today was the official launch for us to be Pilgrims of Hope. The children listened to the message of Pope Francis sharing how we can give hope to others by the small acts that we do.

Each class has made its own pledge of how we can all give hope to others and have a class map with challenges that we will complete during the next 12 months.

In the next few weeks, we will be creating our own 'Door of Hope' in the entrance as a focal point. Classes will also be designing their own little doors of hope too. We will share images of these doors with you when they have been completed.

More activities will take place over the coming months and we will share these with you as they arise.

"During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind." Pope Francis



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Medical Experts in our School Family - Help Required

This term in EYFS we had a vote to change the role play areas. With the highest number of votes, we have changed our role play area to include a Hospital for animals and humans alike. We have had lots of wonderful doctors, nurses and patients in there so far. If you work at the hospital, doctors, a vets or have any medical expertise and could come in to EYFS to talk to our children about your profession or even come in and role play with the children we would love to hear from you. Please come to RHM or REQ at hometime to speak to a member of the team or leave your details at the office and we will be in touch.

OPAL VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for an OPAL team member at lunchtimes. If you would like more information, please visit the school website for more information and how to apply.

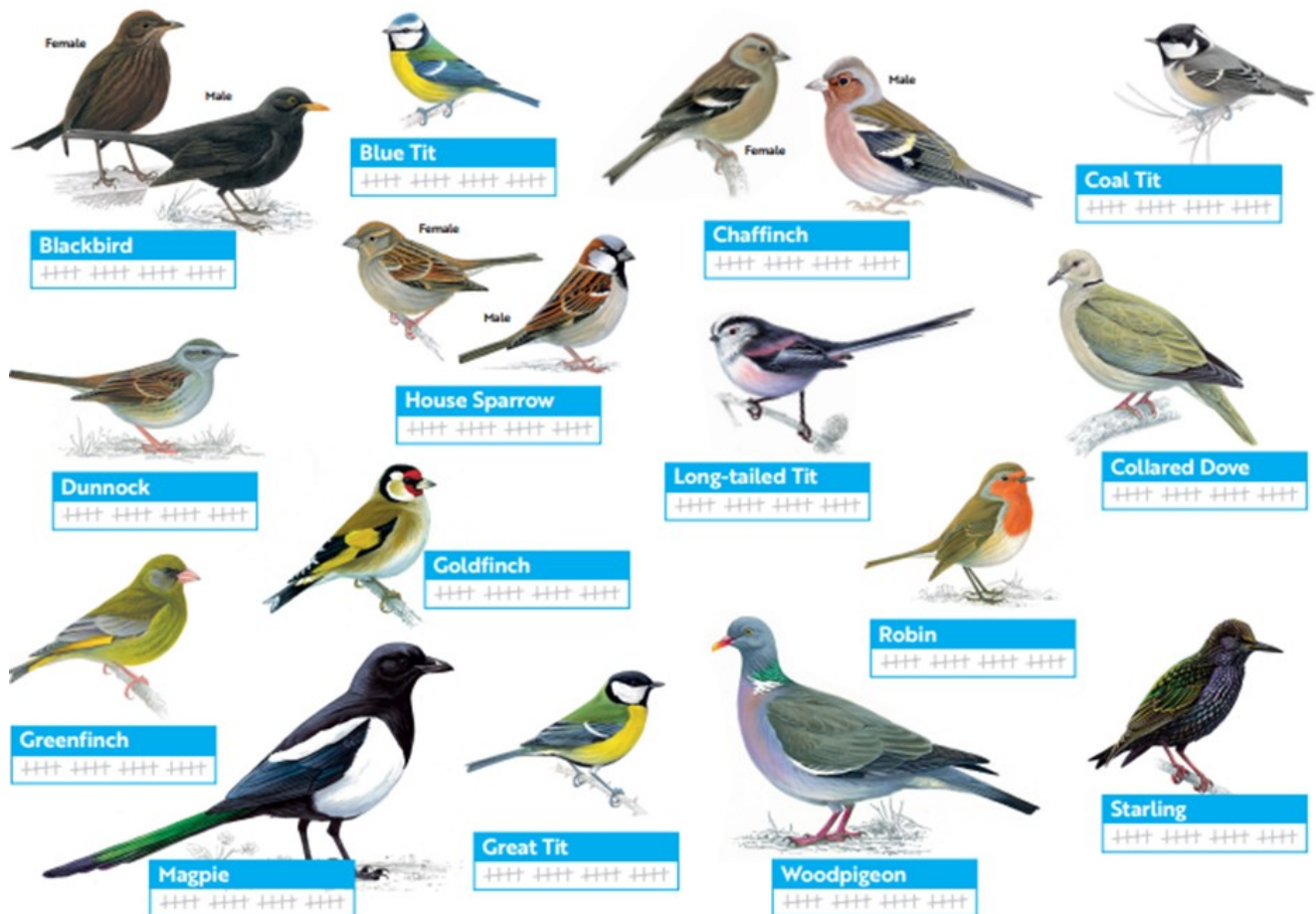
PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Thank you to the parents who have put their names forward. We have two parents standing for one vacancy.

Please look out for the ballot which will be on SchoolPing.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

This weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. It would be lovely if you could take part in this with your family at home! All you need to do is:



Register here to receive your bird spotting sheet and submit your results online: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/register>

Which do you think will be the most common bird in your garden? Will your results be the same at home as we find at school? We are currently taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch as requested by Eco Council! Some classes have completed their bird spotting activities already while others are still excited to do so in the next few weeks. It would be lovely for you to share this learning at home. We will be sure to let you know our results and we'd love to hear yours too!

GSSN SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday a group of Y6 pupils participated in the GSSN Sportshall Athletics Championships. In total there were 11 schools competing against each other in relay events, such as: 'over under', 'obstacle', '1v1', and field events, such as: Triple jump, vertical jump, speed bounce and many more. We came 7th overall after excellent efforts from all involved and we had a brilliant time.



FOOTBALL MATCH RESULTS

On Thursday, 16th January we played a match against Parton Manor. Towards the end of the first half we were in control until a quick throw in was taken, which led to a wonderful goal by Jack to make it 1-0. After half time we kept on the pressure and eventually we won the match 4-1! Man of the match went to Elliott, but it could have been anyone. Well done to the whole team.



GSP Look Who's Talking competition

Excitement has been growing around the school as we have been holding the 'Star Speaker' heats within classrooms.

The Star Speakers from every class have taken part in Whole-School Heats, from which one representative for our school has been chosen for KS1, one for lower KS2 and one for upper KS2.

These winners will then take part in the Partnership Heats which will take place in local schools enabling these finalists to compete against their peers.

Star Speakers are:

Y2) Rutendo, Kamdy, Eliza

Y3) Diya and Sean

Y4) Aibel, Isobel and Freddie

Y5) Vivienne and Shayla

Y6) Oscar

From these winners our finalists going through to the next round are:

KS1) Rutendo

LKS2) Aibel

UKS2) Shayla

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in this oracy competition.

You have all been absolutely brilliant and have each worked very hard to speak about something you are interested in with courage, clarity and passion.

We wish our finalists; Rutendo, Aibel and Shayla the best of luck representing St. Peter's in the next Heat of the competition.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 27th January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Meatballs	Roast Gammon	Chicken Tikka Masala	Fish Fingers & Chips
Caribbean Stew with Rice	Cheesy Pasta	Vegan Sausage	Mild Mexican Chilli	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 3rd February 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