



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 3 Friday 10th October

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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 we should look after ourselves and others
Y1	Know about some ways people care for Gods world
Y2	How we can bring hope to others
Y3	Appreciate that psalms and poems reflect and praise creation. Create a creative response to creation.
Y4	WALT for RE this week was exploring how God kept his promise to Abraham.
Y5	WALT: Explore what virtue is WALT: Consider how the virtues can help me to be a better neighbour
Y6	WALT: Explore what virtue is WALT: Consider how the virtues can help me to be a better neighbour

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter by expressing my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful **Parents and Friends Association (PFA)** for their continued support of our school. They are a dedicated and hardworking group who give their time generously to raise funds that directly benefit our children here at St Peter's. The PFA has recently donated an incredible £5,000 towards the cost of our new library (opening soon) and have funded a wide range of fantastic initiatives for our pupils. This includes Golden Ticket prizes, staff training, donuts for Little Way Week, Year 6 leavers' books, and contributions towards for school trips and special experiences, among many other things.

The exciting PFA calendar of events for the coming year includes:

- * 14th November – Movie Evening
- * 6th December – Christmas Fair
- * 23rd January – Family Food and Quiz Night
- * 13th February – Valentine's Disco
- * 5th June – Colour Run
- * 4th July – Summer Fair

If you are interested in the brilliant work of the parents and staff who make up the PFA - or would like to get involved - please do come and speak with me. We are always looking for enthusiastic helpers, and every penny raised goes directly towards supporting our amazing children and wonderful school .

It was a real pleasure to welcome a good friend of mine, **Jansen Moreno of Liverpool FC**, who spoke with pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 about his career in professional football and the importance of education. Jansen joined us remotely on Wednesday morning for a powerful and inspiring session, answering pupils' questions and sharing valuable insights about teamwork, perseverance, and high aspirations - both on and off the pitch.

We are also looking forward to welcoming **Bishop Bosco** next week. This will be the first visit from a Bishop to our school in over 13 years. Bishop Bosco will spend the morning with us and officially open our new school library. We are very excited about this special occasion and look forward to sharing photos and a short write-up in the coming weeks.

There are a number of important upcoming events within our **local Church parishes**, and I encourage parents and carers to read that section of the newsletter carefully. One key event is the St Wulstan Pastoral Area Gathering, led by Father Gary, which will take place here at St Peter's Catholic Primary School in November. This family-friendly event is free to attend and will include a shared lunch, activities and stalls led by each of the eight schools in the pastoral area, and will conclude with a celebratory Mass. Further details will be shared soon.

As shared previously, developing pupils' writing skills is a key focus for us this year. It has been wonderful to see noticeable improvements in handwriting, presentation, and focus during literacy lessons. Spending time in classrooms has been a real joy - our pupils and staff are working hard, and it is clear that their efforts are already having a positive impact on learning. Well done to all our children for embracing the challenge with such enthusiasm.

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket prize winners from the summer term, who have now received their prizes. Three children each won a £15 Amazon voucher, and six children enjoyed a special Waterstones experience. They joined Mrs O'Kane, our school librarian, and me for a trip to Waterstones in Gloucester, where they chose a book of their own and enjoyed a drink in the café while reading their prize!



Finally, a huge well done to our amazing children for their energy and enthusiasm at the Harvest Festival on Friday. Unfortunately I was not present as I was required to lead some work offsite. However, I am reliably told that it was a fantastic Harvest Festival and a significant amount of food was donated for good causes. Well done to all of our children and thank you to the parental community for such wonderful support.

It has been another joyful and productive fortnight here at St Peter's. The children continue to shine - in their learning, in their kindness, and in their enthusiasm for school life. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and encouragement. Together, we continue to make St Peter's Catholic Primary School a truly special place for every child to learn and grow.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

Parish Events

Induction Mass for Father Liam Slattery at Clifton Cathedral

This special Mass will take place at Clifton Cathedral on Tuesday 14th October

Induction Mass Father Gary Brassington at St. Peter's Church

This special Mass will take place for Father Gary on Tuesday 4th November

International Mass - St. Augustine's Church

It was a pleasure to attend the Sunday and Vigil Masses at English Martyrs and St. Augustin Churches this past weekend. They are two of the six churches our school serves. They will be holding a special Mass on Sunday 19th October to celebrate the diversity of the local Parish. Everyone is invited to join them for this Mass and those attending are invited to wear traditional or cultural dress as part of the celebration. More information is available on their website and in their newsletter.

St. Wulstan Pastoral Area Gathering

All children and families are warmly invited to join Father Gary here at St. Peter's for our Parish area gathering. This is provisionally scheduled to take place on Wednesday 26th November. We will share further details once they have been confirmed by the Church. It would be wonderful if we could join this event in number, as a school community.

EYFS Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday 15th October 2:45pm

Parents and carers of children in EYFS are invited to an information session in the Spiritual Space on Wednesday 15th October at 2:45pm. During this session we will share our school's approach to Phonics and reading as well as the wider EYFS Curriculum. This will be an informative and useful meeting for all of our families to gain a better understanding of how your child will learn throughout the first year at school. We will also be sharing many useful and easy ways for you to support your child - especially when reading - at home. We look forward to seeing you then.

Any parents who are unable to attend will be able to access the information slides after the meeting.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who celebrated and contributed to our Harvest Festival.

All donated items will go to Gloucester Foodbank and support our local community.



APPLICATION FOR FSM VOUCHERS

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire. We hope that you will be able to pass these messages on to families within your schools.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the October Half Term 2025 will be open from midday 7 October until midday on 14 October. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 20 October.

Please encourage families to check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 27 October, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This October Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. [The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.](#)

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week.**

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, those wishing to find out more about eligibility and the scheme can do so by visiting our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the October Half Term holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page. If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the link above.



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

Wednesday 15th October	EYFS	Curriculum Meeting	2.45pm
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
Saturday 6th December	Whole School	Christmas Fayre	12.00—3.00pm
Friday 19th December	Whole School	Finish for the Christmas	1.00pm
Monday 5th January	Whole School	INSET	
Tuesday 6th January	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.45am

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DINNER MENU – w/c 13th October

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 with Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 20th October

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