



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2 Friday 25th 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	WALT recognise that we can grow closer to God through prayer (learn the Lord's prayer)
Y2	Describing the symbols of Baptism and understanding the link between the story of Noah and taking care of creation
Y3	WALT: Know that everyone should be treated with dignity
Y4	Sequencing the story of Abraham
Y5	WALT understand the commandments Jesus gave and how they might apply today and how Catholic Social Teaching helps us to love our neighbour.
Y6	Show an understanding of the literary forms found in the text's studied, including the use of metaphor, symbolic language and poetry

Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children continuing to thrive over the past fortnight. Across the school, our children have been working hard, growing in confidence and showing real enthusiasm for their learning. We have been really focused on establishing clear routines and high expectations. The children have responded really well, especially those children in the first years of school.

Our Catholic Mission since returning in September has continued to focus on inclusion and belonging, reminding every child that they are known, valued and loved as part of our school family. We have also revisited our three simple school rules: Listen with Love; Speak with Love; Act with Love. These words capture beautifully how we want everyone in our community to treat one another each day.

Across school, we are continuing our strong focus on securing children's foundational knowledge, making sure that the essential building blocks are firmly in place so that children can flourish in their learning. A central part of this is placing particular emphasis on handwriting and spelling, encouraging children to take real pride in the quality and presentation of their work. We have recently introduced a really positive research-informed approach to support this. We are really encouraged by the improvement in writing, including handwriting last year, and will continue to focus on these foundations, alongside a sound understanding of counting and number, and a relentless approach to developing reading and comprehension for all children.

Thank you, as always, for your support with attendance. Being in school every day really does matter. Strong attendance gives children the very best opportunity to learn, build friendships and feel fully part of school life. We are unapologetically relentless in our work to improve attendance. Research consistently shows that children who attend school well are significantly more likely to make better progress in their learning, and to achieve better in a number of areas in adulthood.

Finally, we would love to involve even more of you in the life of our school. If you might be available to support trips, visits or other experiences, please let the school office know. We are also looking for more parent volunteers to listen to children read. If you are a confident reader and could spare a little time to support our children, please do contact me. Your help really can make a difference. Regular support does require a safeguarding vetting process.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are very fortunate to have such a warm and supportive school community. The strong collaboration makes our work more effective and we really do appreciate your engagement with the school.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

Important Reminder

Use of the Staff Car Park

Please be reminded that the school staff car park is designated for staff use only and must not be used for dropping off or collecting children at the beginning or end of the school day.

The staff car park can be a busy area with vehicles arriving and leaving throughout the day, and restricting access helps us maintain the safety of all pupils, staff, and visitors.

If there is an exceptional circumstance that requires access to the staff car park, this must be requested **in writing** and approved by the school in advance.

We ask all parents and carers to use the appropriate drop-off and collection arrangements and to avoid entering the staff car park unless prior written permission has been granted.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Saturday 24 October, 11am – 3pm at St Patrick's Church, Brockworth

The Saint Wulstan Pastoral Area invites our schools, parishes and religious communities to come together for a special celebration of faith, fellowship and growth. We will celebrate Mass together, followed by the blessing and presentation of an oak sapling and candle to each participating community, to be taken back and planted or displayed within their own community.

"That they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified." Isaiah 61:3

A bring-and-share lunch will follow. All are welcome.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Do small things with great love."

Little Way Week

Monday 28 September -
Friday 2 October

Inspired by
St Therese of Lisieux
The Little Flower Saint

St Therese taught that we do not have to do big things to show God's love. Her 'Little Way' was to do small, ordinary things with great love. She is known as the Little Flower because these small acts of love can be like flowers offered to God.

Small Acts
Big Difference

What acts of kindness can YOU show to make a difference?

Smile Help Share Include Listen Encourage Forgive Give thanks

Everybody is welcome to join us for 9am.
Donations will be welcome from Monday 12th October.
Thank you so much, Mrs Devereux



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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	9.00am
Tuesday 20th October—Friday 23rd October	Y6	Condoval 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
Tuesday 17th November	Y6	World War II Day	Wear WWII costume

DINNER MENU – w/c 28th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	Pork Sausage	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

DINNER MENU – w/c 5th October

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