St Peter's Catholic Primary School
School Newsletter 4 Friday 23rd October 2026
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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

Dear parents and carers,

This term has been another busy and successful one at St. Peter's, with so much to celebrate across our school community. As we approach the half term break, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

One area where we need your support is attendance. Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.0%, which is below the national average. We have seen a number of term time holidays being taken, alongside some children who are regularly missing days each week.
Research consistently shows that children who attend school regularly achieve better outcomes, not only during their time at school but also later in life. Every day in school matters. Lessons build upon previous learning, and frequent absence can make it difficult for children to keep up, both academically and socially.

We are monitoring attendance carefully and will continue to challenge low attendance where necessary, including asking the local authority to issue fixed penalty notices for holidays, unauthorised leave, and persistent low attendance. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. By working together, we can give every child the very best opportunity to succeed.

At Christmas, we will say farewell to Mrs Liz Davis, who is leaving St. Peter's after an incredible 25 years of dedicated service to our school community.

During my time at St. Peter's, I have been extremely grateful for Mrs Davis' hard work, professionalism and unwavering commitment to the children in her care. She has made a significant contribution to the lives of countless pupils and families, and I know that the whole school community will join me in thanking her for everything she has done for St. Peter's over the past quarter of a century.

Mrs Davis has secured an exciting new teaching opportunity at the new special school in Abbeydale, which she will take up after Christmas. Whilst we will be sad to see her leave, we wish her every success in this next chapter of her career.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, I am delighted to share that **Mr Tim Anderson** will become the full-time class teacher of 3DD from January 2027. Mr Anderson is an experienced and highly effective teacher whom I have worked with at two previous schools. He is gifted at developing strong relationships with children and helping them achieve their very best. I am confident that he will build successfully on the excellent foundations established by Mrs Davis and Mrs Daniell this year. Mrs Daniell will continue to teach PPA cover in 3DD from January

We are also incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of **Gavin and Fay Cartwright**, who recently competed in the ICO World Championships in France.

Despite moving on to secondary school in September, Gavin remains a valued member of the St. Peter's family, and we were delighted to hear that he won an incredible three World Championship titles. Both Gavin and Fay performed exceptionally well on the international stage, demonstrating outstanding dedication, determination and skill. A huge congratulations to the Cartwright family on this remarkable achievement. We are immensely proud of you both.

We have a special date for your diaries! Our annual **Christmas Fair** will take place on Saturday 5th December from 11.00am until 1.00pm.

This is always one of the highlights of the St. Peter's calendar and an event that brings together families, friends and our wider community. Importantly, every penny raised directly benefits the children of St. Peter's. If you are able to offer any support, either before or during the event, please contact a member of the PFA. Your help really does make a difference. Most importantly, please make sure the date is firmly in your diary.

Our Year 6 pupils recently returned from a fantastic **residential visit** to Condover Hall in Shropshire. The children threw themselves into a wide range of adventurous activities and team-building challenges, showing tremendous resilience, perseverance, courage and cooperation throughout the week. Residential visits provide children with opportunities to step outside their comfort zone, develop independence and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to Mrs Williams, Mrs Carr, Mr Dowling and Mr Jalloh for giving their time, energy and enthusiasm to organise and support the visit. It was a wonderful experience and one that the children will undoubtedly remember for many years to come. Well done to everyone involved.

If you have family members, friends or neighbours with **children due to start school in September 2027**, we would be grateful if you could share details of our upcoming admissions tours on 18th November at 10.00am and 26th November at 2.00pm.

These visits provide a wonderful opportunity to experience the warm, welcoming and faith-filled community that makes St. Peter's such a special place to learn and grow.

Finally, I would like to **thank you** for your incredible support throughout this term. It has been a busy and productive few months, and I am immensely proud of all that our children, staff and families have achieved together.

I hope that you enjoy a restful and happy half-term break with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

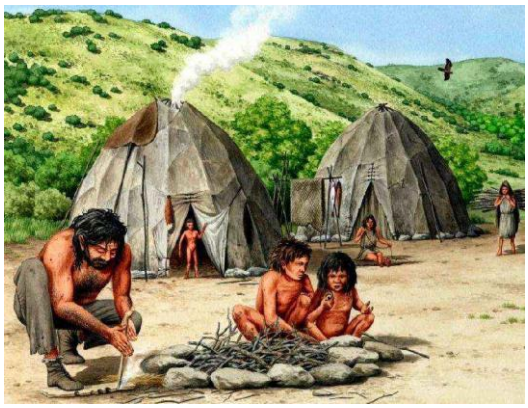
A polite reminder that Monday 16th November is a **Trust INSET Day**. School will be closed to pupils on this day to enable staff professional development.

May God bless you and your families, and thank you, as always, for your continued support of St. Peter's Catholic Primary School.

Kind regards

Mr. Kurt Doyle (Headteacher)

Y3 'STONE AGE' DAY



Year 3 welcomed a 'Stone Age' visitor to school on Tuesday 13th October. We took part in drama-based activities, treasure hunts and played historical games. We also learnt about hunter gathers, early farming communities, technology and the coming of the age of metal. We handled and identified artefacts from this period. We had a fabulous day!

FREE FOOD SUPPORT

Families across Gloucestershire can access free food support and activities during the October half term.
Gloucestershire County Council is organising a countywide programme that provides children and young people with opportunities to enjoy healthy meals and stay active and entertained during the school holidays for free.



DINNER MENU – w/c 2nd November

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Beef Meatballs with Rice	Vegetarian Sausage	Jacket Potato
Wednesday	Roast Gammon	Roast Quorn	Jacket Potato
Thursday	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips	Cheese Whirl	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 9th November

Monday	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash	Mild Mexican Chilli	Jacket Potato
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Lentil Wellington	Jacket Potato
Thursday	Beef Lasagne	Roasted Vegetable Pizza	Jacket Potato
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips	Jacket Potato



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd October	Whole School	Finish for Half Term	Normal time
Monday 26th October	Whole School	HALF TERM	
Monday 2nd November	Whole School	Return to School	8.45am
Tuesday 3rd November	Y1	Westonbirt Arboretum Trip	During the school day
Tuesday 17th November	Y6	World War II Day	Wear WWII costume
Tuesday 17th November	Y2	Gloucester Folk Museum	During the morning
Wednesday 16th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day	
Wednesday 16th December	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	
Tuesday 22nd December	Whole School	FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS	1.00pm
Monday 4th January		INSET	
Tuesday 5th January	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.45am