



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

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The table below details what your child will be learning from Monday

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
Y1	Addition & Subtraction	Writing questions	Seasons & day length
Y2	Addition & Subtraction	Recount writing	Animals including humans
Y3	Addition & Subtraction	Planning & writing instructions	Rocks
Y4	Shape	Bird, Snake, Mouse, Wolf	Solids, liquids & gases
Y5	Decimals	Journey	Filtering investigation
Y6	Sequences	Newspaper Reports	Light

RE CURRICULUM

RECEPTION	
Y1	Explore Psalms
Y2	Ask questions about whether the world Amos lived in was fair
Y3	WALT retell a narrative (Jonah and the Whale)
Y4	Retelling the narrative of Abraham
Y5	Beatitudes
Y6	Reflecting on the Ten Commandments and their relevance to our lives today

Leaders In Faith

Our Y2 children were the first Leaders in Faith for this academic year and they set a high standard!

They helped us to understand that with a little faith we can make a big difference.

Since September, our little acts of kindness have made a big difference to: the people in Pakistan who have been affected by the floods, the Badjao tribe children in the Philippines who need teachers, and families in Gloucester who are hungry. Great work, everyone!

Remember, little acts of kindness



This Tuesday, the regional OPAL mentor came in to re-accredit the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) provision here at St Peter's. We were last accredited in 2019 and scored highly, becoming an OPAL platinum school. The benefits to our pupils have been evident throughout our OPAL journey and benefitted our pupils hugely through the difficult times during lockdown and Covid restrictions where a fantastic play offer was still available throughout here at St Peter's. We have not, however, been coasting since our last accreditation but continually striving to improve the OPAL play offer for our pupils.....and this has been recognised with our re-accreditation. We scored a whopping 99% in the extensive audit and have once again been awarded our Platinum status.

A huge thank you to all involved in making our OPAL provision top class and I will leave you with the statement from the auditor:

'Huge congratulations to the pupils, staff and parents at St Peter's Catholic primary school, Gloucester on their second OPAL platinum award! This is a significant achievement and one that the whole school community should feel very proud of. It places St Peter's in the top 0.5% of primary schools in the country in terms of the quality of their outdoor play. St Peter's outdoor play provision has been strongly and effectively championed by Head teacher Carol Baron and OPAL Play lead Mark Dowling throughout the school's entire OPAL journey, which started back in 2017. However, it took a whole-school community effort to achieve their first platinum award in 2019, and then go from strength to strength to achieve their second award in Oct 2022, scoring a whopping 99% on the comprehensive play audit. Well done to the school's Play Team for their continued high quality play provision, even through the challenges and restrictions thrown up by the covid pandemic. Congratulations and thanks should also go to the school's PTA and the Site Manager for supporting development of the wonderful school grounds for play. It was an absolute pleasure to observe the pupils at lunchtime play - every child was engaged, with a huge range of options within a rich landscape for play. I saw children riding on scooters, digging in the sandpit, tree climbing, den building, cooking in the Mud kitchen, dressing up, dancing to music, exploring nature, trying musical instruments, and climbing to the very top of their tall climbing frame! I could go on! There were opportunities both to relax and to seek adventure and challenge. Play is clearly prioritised and the school actively values and champions children's right to play, as outlined in the UNCRC Article 31. Well done to all!'

Rachel Murray, OPAL Regional Mentor

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Today we celebrated Harvest. It was a lovely occasion filled with poems, songs and prayers.

We were overwhelmed by your generous donations which will now go to Gloucester Food Bank.

Thank you to all who helped contribute today.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion programme will soon begin at St Peter's Church, Gloucester. If your child is in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, then please go to the church's website and complete the application form.

Alternatively, application forms can be collected from the table at the back of the church.



PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA TOWELS

IN the summer term, every class created their own Jubilee Tea Towel to mark the late Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of reign as our monarch. Following her passing, these tea-towels really are a fantastic historical keepsake—something that your child can share with their friends and family and hopefully their own children in years to come. We still have a few tea towels left over from the Platinum Jubilee which we are now selling at the reduced price of £3 each. If your child is in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 and you would like to purchase one then please go to the ParentPay website. Many thanks.



PFA SCHOOL DISCO—FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

FRIDAY, 14th OCTOBER

The PFA are having a school disco for the children next Friday, 14th October.

The timings are :

EYFS & KS1 - 5.15pm - 6.30pm

KS2: 6.45pm-8.15pm

Tickets cost £1.50 per child in advance of the night.

Ticket sales on the night of the disco will be £2.

Please send the money in a clearly named, sealed envelope.

The PFA will then issue your child with his/her ticket.



PARENT/CARER HELPERS: Can you help supervise at the EYFS/KS1 or the KS2 Disco?

If you can, please email PFA@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk Thank you.

PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE—SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 11AM—2PM

Secret Wrapping Room: **UNWANTED GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED!** This is a 'children only' room where the children can purchase gifts for parents/carers and other friends. We would really like to start collecting any unwanted gift items you might have at home for this secret wrapping room. Please bring any gift items to the school office.

PFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE & PROFESSIONAL STALLS

If you know of anyone who would like to 'buy' a professional stall space (£10 and a raffle prize donation), please ask them to email PFA@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk

PFA MEETING 2

The next PFA meeting is on Tuesday 8th November, 7.30pm. The meeting is in school but you can also join via Zoom. We will send the link before half term. We will be organizing the Christmas Fayre so if you can help in any way please do come and join us. Thank you.



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BE YOUR BEST

Thank you to all our parents/cares who were able to attend the information sessions about our new restorative approach to managing behaviour in school. This is very much a 'relational approach' and focuses' on resolving conflict between children *with* the children and agreeing a way forward that helps the children to restore their relationships in a positive way.

Not all families were represented at the sessions, so Mrs Baron will upload a recording of the presentation to the school website and this will be available next Monday. Thank you.

SPELLING INFORMATION SESSION

Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to attend the Spelling information session on Wednesday morning. Not all families were able to attend, so Ms Bobat will upload a recording of the presentation to the school website and this will be available next Monday. Thank you.



TAKING HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME

Even though the much lower cost of holidays during children's school term times encourages many families to look into the idea of taking their child out of school during the academic year, the first thing to note is, the law does not allow this!

Our main concern is that any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. Children returning from a term time holiday are unprepared for the lessons that they have missed. The Department for Education only allows a Head Teacher discretion to consider an absence/holiday in term time in "exceptional circumstances". Very few requests fall into this category.

Any holiday request must be submitted on the school's Request for Absence during School Term Form which can be found on the school website or from the school office. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the request is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. In the case of an unauthorised absence/holiday, the Education and Inclusion Team at Shire Hall will be notified of the unauthorised absence/holiday taken, and a Penalty Notice will be issued.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to **each** parent for **each** child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child, which increases to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days, this may result in legal action and ultimately a criminal record.



Energy Bills



As you will know, the price of gas and electricity is going up and financially it might be very difficult for some families this winter. If you are in this position, it is really important to get in touch with your energy provider NOW and let them know. They are legally obliged to come to a financial arrangement with you.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The closing date for secondary school applications is midnight 31st October 2022. It is very important that your application for your child is made by this date, otherwise it will

PARENTS EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents/carers who have replied to indicate that they would prefer a virtual parents' evening.

Mrs Harris is now setting up the online system, School Cloud, to allow all parents to book their parent evening slots in school.

We have had a few teething problems offering this hybrid option but we hope that we will be able to roll this out to you on Monday, and at the very latest Tuesday, of next week.

Parents Evening will be on Wed 19 and Thursday 20th October for all year groups except 3SP.

Mrs Pollard is on a course on Wed 19th October so she will have parents meetings on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October instead.

Please keep your eye out for the Schooling on Monday/Tuesday letting you know that the booking system is open.

Thank you

Friday 30th September

Writing Champions



Learning Champions



Caring Champions



Reading Champion



Maths Champion



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 18th October	Y4	Ancient Greece Day	During the school day
Weds 19th October	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm—6.10pm
Thurs 20th October	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm—6.10pm
Fri 21st October	Whole School	Last Day of Term	Finish normal time
Mon 24th October		HALF TERM	
Mon 31st October		INSET	
Tues 1st November		INSET	
Wed 2nd November	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.55am
Wed 9th November	Y2	Cotswold Wildlife Park	Leave 9.00am return 3.00pm approx.
Thurs 10th November	Whole School	School Photographer	During the day
Mon 21st November	Y6	Bikeability - all week	During the school day
Sat 3rd December	Whole School	Christmas Fayre	11.00am—2.00pm
Mon 5th December	Whole School	Flu Immunisation	During the school day
Tues 6th December	Whole School	Flu Immunisation	During the school day
Weds 7th December	Whole School	Flu Immunisation	During the school day
Tuesday 20th December		1.00pm FINISH	
Wed 21st December		START OF THE CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Thurs 5th January	Whole School	START OF THE NEW TERM	8.55am

DINNER MENU – w/c 10th OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pork Sausages & Mash	Roast Turkey	Chicken Pasta Bake	Battered Cod & Chips
Falafel with Rice	Vegetable Enciladas	Lentil Puff Pastry	Vegan Sausage & Mash	BBQ Quorn
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato