



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 11 Friday 07/02/25

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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	Jesus teaches us that we should share what we have with others
Y1	WALT: know that Zacchaeus was changed by meeting Jesus
Y2	The Story of Zacchaeus
Y3	To learn about the life of a saint and reflect on what the Kingdom of God means to Christians
Y4	Describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make links with Jesus' teaching and Christian belief
Y5	Describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make links with Jesus' teaching and Christian belief
Y6	Describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make links with Jesus' teaching and Christian belief

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks at St. Peter's. The unexpected sunshine makes a big difference to everyone and you can feel a real sense of energy and enthusiasm in the classrooms and around the school building.

The Parents and Friends Association of St. Peter's (PFA) are actively looking for new parents to join. The PFA need adults who can spare some time to help organise and support the delivery of fundraising events. All of the money raised directly benefits the children in our school. This invitation is not limited to parents, we would also warmly welcome grandparents and members of the wider community who might be interested. If you are interested in knowing more then please come and speak with me, Mrs Desando or Ms Whitehead.

Our next set of Parents' Evening sessions are next week. Please use the link provided in SchoolPing to book a slot, if you have not already done so. If you require assistance with this, then please speak with the school office.

I will be running the Madrid half marathon on Sunday 6th April to raise money for two great causes: Mission Together (our school-chosen charity this year) and a new fund we have created within school to support disadvantaged children and families in our school community. I would be grateful if you might consider sharing the link below and donating to two good causes. More information is provided in the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kurt-doyle>

Our wonderful teaching team have been working hard to develop our curriculum for our pupils. A number of parents have been asking some very good questions about the curriculum development work, and we are always happy to share update and discuss this. We intend to share the curriculum plans for the 2025-2026 academic year in July. They will be shared with all parents and carers and uploaded onto the school website. The new plans will include more detailed progression in subjects such as writing, history, geography and PSHE (amongst others) and will include the following:

- A comprehensive overview of each year group's taught material
- Detailed breakdowns of what is being taught in each half term in each subject
- Key reading texts we plan to use in writing
- Outline of when school trip/ experiences are likely to happen and what they will be
- Clear links to Catholic Social Teaching where they naturally arise (e.g. when discussing distribution of natural resources in geography)

These curriculum plans will inevitably be flexible as we respond to the learning and developmental needs of our children. However, they will provide us with a more cohesive approach to teaching which systematically builds on prior knowledge. It also gives parents and carers a detailed map of what your children will be learning, the trips they can expect (with more advanced notice) and the big ideas in each topic. Hopefully you will find these plans both helpful and informative.

I wanted to finish this newsletter with a huge thank you to our parental community. Your support in recent changes to the behaviour policy and our new approach to homework has been gratefully received. Children seem pleased with the recent changes and many of them have spoken with me about enjoying their homework books and to share the reading books they are enjoying at home. We would also like to thank you for your engagement as we seek to improve school attendance. Research repeatedly shows a direct link between high school attendance, pupil outcomes throughout school and later in life. Despite a small, expected hit over the Christmas period, overall attendance continues to be positive this year. It is really important that we continue to work together to make sure that all of our children are attending every available session.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle
Headteacher

MEAL PRICE RISE

We have been notified by Caterlink, the school's caterers, that from 1st April the cost of a meal will be increasing to £2.85. Please see the statement below:-

"As you will be aware the increase in employer National Insurance contributions made in the budget has impacted many of our contractors. The combined increase of National Living Wage, National Insurance and food prices has resulted in an increase of **14p** per meal to **£2.85** from the **1st April 2025.**"

Can we please remind you that there must be money on your child's ParentPay account before a meal is ordered. Thank you for your co-operation.



ARE YOU A MEDICAL EXPERT?

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



Read With Me will be bringing our Not So Secret Book Club to Robinswood Hill this February half term (Tuesday 18th February, 11am until 2pm). Please could we ask you to share this with your contacts / network. Further information can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Readwithme2020/>

If you would like to join us for some storytelling with puppets, we will be hosting a fun-filled day of activities, including a treasure hunt, themed crafts and free books - so there is something for everyone!

The session is entirely free to attend and there is no need to book.

GSP Look Who's Talking Oracy Competition

This week, our STAR SPEAKERS; Aibel (LKS2), Shayla (UKS2) and Rutendo (KS1) have competed against other Gloucester schools in the GSP Look Who's Talking competition.

Although they are not through to the next round of the competition, they represented St. Peter's Catholic Primary brilliantly and we are super proud of each of them!

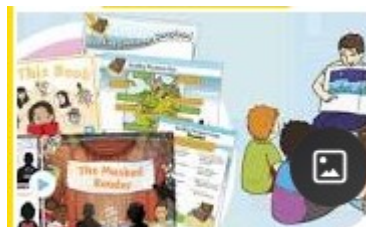
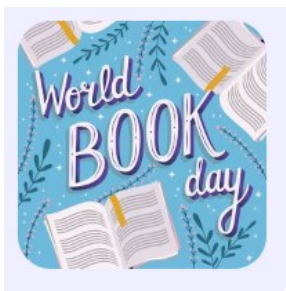
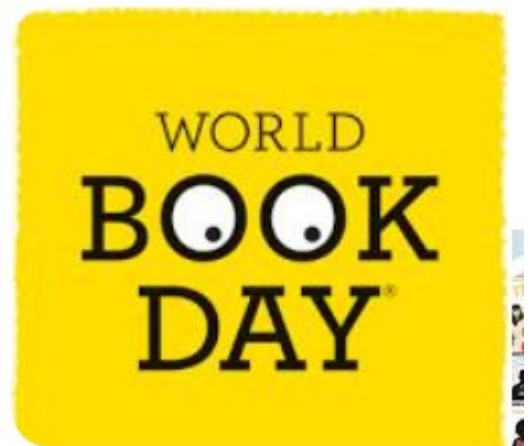
Congratulations for taking part and becoming STAR SPEAKERS ☆

Mrs Devereux



World Book Day 6th March 2025

On Thursday 6th March 2025 we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children will be participating in lots of book related activities throughout the day. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and as always the children will be receiving a £1 book token.



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	
Thursday, 6th March	Whole School	World Book Day	Dress as a character

DINNER MENU – w/c 10/02/25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken	Beef Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers & Chips
Mexican Fajitas	Creamy Curry	Vegetable Roast	Baked Bean Hot Pot	Mexican Bean Roll
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 24/02/25

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