



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 12 Friday 28/02/25

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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	I know that Lent is a time when we grow closer to Jesus
Y1	The Temptation of Jesus and Palm Sunday
Y2	Jesus goes to Jerusalem and teaches in the Temple
Y3	Understanding the practices of other cultures during Holy Week
Y4	To describe the work of organisations that help people today and make links with Jesus' teaching and actions.
Y5	To describe the work of organisations that help people today and make links with Jesus' teaching and actions.
Y6	To describe the work of organisations that help people today and make links with Jesus' teaching and actions.

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for support following the lockdown procedure yesterday. The police visited us at school and advised us to put temporary additional measures in place. Staff responded superbly. It is always a priority to keep staff and children safe. Hopefully most children are unaware that action was taken as they largely continued the school day as normal. We will continue with some additional measures, such as increased senior leader presence at entry points, for the foreseeable future.

Please can I politely remind parents to collect their children from the classrooms at 3.15pm. We have recently seen an increase in children being collected late. This has a significant impact on staff who have training, marking and planning to complete outside of direct teaching time. I will endeavour to challenge parents who regularly do not collect their child promptly at 3.15pm. This does not apply to the vast majority of parents. I appreciate that there occasionally may be factors outside of our control and any one of us may be late as a result. This could happen to any of us. However, there are a number of children who are regularly being collected late.

I am delighted to launch the new Pokémon Club for Key Stage 2 later today. I have absolutely no idea what I am doing (don't tell the kids) but I have managed to buy and acquire a range of cards to support the club. A small number of children are really keen to attend the club but do not have any cards. If you happen to have any old cards at home which are no longer used, then please could I kindly ask you to consider donating them to the school. I would be extremely grateful if any card donations could be shared at the school office.

We will be having a non-school uniform day on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes and are encouraged to wear yellow (for St. David's day) and/ or green (for St. Patrick's day). The suggested contribution is £1 per family and this money will be split equally between Mission Together and the new St. Peter's Catholic Primary School Fund for Disadvantaged Children and Families.

The new fund is designed to provide the school with an accessible pot of money we can use to support children and families within our school community. The Pupil Premium Grant provides us with some additional funding to support those in receipt of Free School Meals, however we are seeing an increase in families, often working families, who are approaching the school for support. This fund will allow us to support any children or family in need at any time. I kindly ask everyone to consider supporting this.

As previously shared, I am also due to run the half Marathon in Madrid on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Monies raised from this will also be split equally between Mission Together and the St. Peter's Disadvantaged Fund. We have managed to raise over £300 so far. I would be extremely grateful if the school community would consider donating to two very good causes:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kurt-doyle?utm\\_term=xgJ2Zy4Rx](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kurt-doyle?utm_term=xgJ2Zy4Rx)

Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parents' evening meetings before half term. This is the first newsletter since that event but the engagement and feedback from parents was very supportive and encouraging. The school has a strong reputation for providing excellent pastoral support and high-quality education. We are working tirelessly to continue to build on this so that every single of our amazing children can flourish here at St. Peter's. Your continued support is an essential component to this. It is very much appreciated by the staff team here at the school.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle  
Headteacher

# Young Voices 2025

What a night! The Young Voices Choir in Years 5&6 had a simply amazing time on Wednesday night performing at the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham. We joined together with other schools to sing as a choir of 5653 children!

We had the time of our lives dancing and singing.

Y6 claimed it was the best night of their lives and Y5 have requested to go again next year!

Children, you were an absolute pleasure to take. The joy and excitement on your faces, as well as your attitude to the whole event and those around you, made me burst with pride.

Wayne, our coach driver said we were the best school in Gloucester, and I have to agree with him!



## Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

We will be entering Lent on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and holding our Ash Wednesday Liturgy at the start of the school day (9:05am).

Mnsr Liam will be distributing ashes with the help of our upper KS2 Chaplaincy team.

All are welcome to attend.

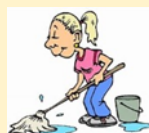


## World Book Day 6th March 2025



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.

### CLEANER VACANCY



We currently have a cleaning vacancy in school. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please have a look on the school website for more information.



## **Eco Council's Secret Shopping Room**

A huge thank you to the PFA for making this possible and to everyone who donated, purchased items and supported us to make this such a success! Together we reduced waste, gave parents/carers the chance to buy affordable presents for their

**£178.63 raised  
for CAFOD!**



## RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch Results

Everyone enjoyed a spot of birdwatching at school last term and we hope lots of you did at home too.

The results will help the RSPB to understand the health of some of the UK's most common bird populations, which is very important given the rapid decline in recent years.

Here are our school results. Were your most and least common birds at home the same as ours at school?

Type of bird	Total
Magpie	378
Wood pigeon	235
Herring Gull	201
Crow	159
Blackbird	108
Feral pigeon	88
Robin	75
Starling	35
Blue Tit	32
Sparrow	28
Wagtail	14

**Together, we  
made it count.**

This is to certify that

St. Peter's

took part in  
Big Schools' Birdwatch 2025.

Thank you very much!

Signed



Suzanne Welch  
National Education  
and Families Manager



Big Schools'  
Birdwatch

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Wednesday, 5th March</b>	Whole School	Ash Wednesday Liturgy	9.05am everyone welcome
<b>Thursday, 6th March</b>	Whole School	World Book Day	Dress as a character
<b>Friday, 11th April</b>	Whole School	<b>FINISH AT 1.00pm</b>	
<b>Monday, 14th April</b>	Whole School	<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>Monday, 28th April</b>	Whole School	<b>Start of the new term</b>	8.45am

**DINNER MENU – w/c 3rd March 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Cowboy Casserole	Roast Turkey	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Breaded Fish & Chips
Vegan Meatballs	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegan Quorn	Chinese Vegetable Curry	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

**DINNER MENU – w/c 10th March 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	Sausage with 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