



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 15 Friday 11th April

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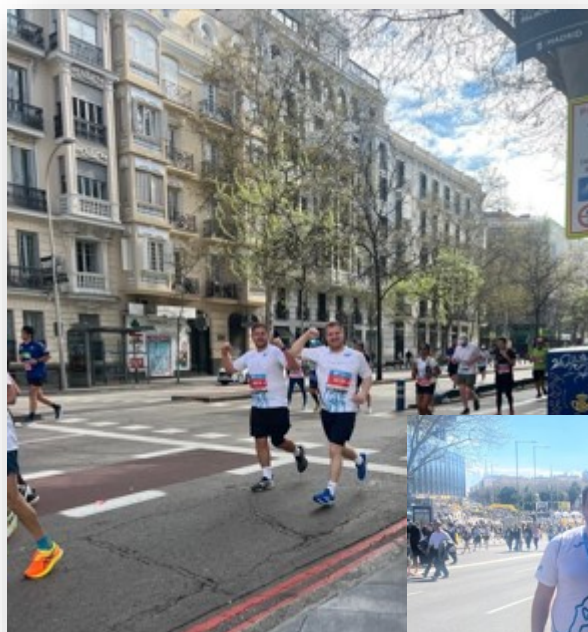
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Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

### RE CURRICULUM

EYFS	I know that Jesus went back to his Father
Y1	Cycle of life, death & the resurrection of Jesus Christ
Y2	The Resurrection for both Y1 and 2
Y3	Understand more about the story of the road to Emmaus and how that links to mass
Y4	Reflect and respond to the Resurrection as retold in John 20:1-10
Y5	Reflect and respond to the Resurrection as retold in John 20:1-10
Y6	Reflect and respond to the Resurrection as retold in John 20:1-10

Mr Doyle has done it! 2 hours and 24 minutes! What a great achievement and for two great causes! **Congratulations!** We are all super proud of you! If you would still like to donate, please use the barcode opposite



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been Holy Week at St. Peter's. It has been a truly wonderful experience for me, and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of our community at this very special time. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs MacDonald and the staff team for organising a range of events including prayer and worship throughout the week.

The children have been incredibly respectful throughout the week and have engaged meaningfully and positively in this spiritual experience. It is very important to us as Catholics that we recognise Jesus' victory over sin, his resurrection and the fulfilment of prophecy. St. Paul famously cites this time as the foundation of Christian Faith. Hopefully our children have a greater understanding of some of these big concepts and, for those who intend to be present in Church over the coming weeks, they are well prepared for this important time.

As many of you know, I completed the Madrid half marathon on Sunday. This was to raise money for two great causes: Mission Together and the newly formed St. Peter's Disadvantaged Fund which is designed to support families within our own community. It has been a real challenge for me to complete the race as I find running tedious and was almost two stone heavier at the beginning of my training! However, this is part of my almsgiving this Lent and I believe it reiterates the school's commitment to serving all families, especially those in need. At the point of writing this newsletter we have raised an incredible **£1377** on the JustGiving page. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has kindly donated. It is not too late to support two great causes. If you would still like to donate, the page will remain open until next week. You can access it using the following link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kurt-doyle?utm\\_medium=CR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kurt-doyle?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL)

It has been a very busy few weeks inside and outside of school. I was fortunate enough to be invited to speak as a keynote at the recent National Pupil Premium conference. This was a conference for school leaders, policy makers and think tanks which focuses on how we can raise attendance, attainment and outcomes for disadvantaged children. This is incredibly important because research demonstrates that if we can raise outcomes for our children who are most in need, then all children benefit. As shared previously, I was one of those children and so this is a strong personal motivation for me. My presentation was entitled, 'The lived experiences of a Free School Meals Headteacher.' It was very well received, and we have been asked to do further work with some very exciting collaborators in the near future. This work will directly benefit the children here at St. Peter's.

I am hopeful that by sharing my experiences we may begin to remove some of the stigma around poverty and around Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium Grant. The Pupil Premium was introduced to provide schools with additional funding to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Primary schools receive an additional £1,480 per pupil, per year. This money can be spent on any support mechanisms, including additional staffing support and can be spent on any children, as long as the initiative also benefits children in receipt of Pupil Premium. It is a wonderful initiative and hugely benefits all children within the school. I strongly encourage all parents to check if they may be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. Please see the section further down in the newsletter for more information, including the link to apply.

I would also to thank Mrs Desando and Mrs Baron for re-launching our Mini Vinnies group this term. This is a younger section of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) which focuses on turning concern into action. The children have produced some beautiful Easter cards which were sold in our parish churches and have so far raised £50. This money will be shared with the newly created St. Peter's disadvantaged fund. After Easter, our Mini Vinnies will focus on feeding the hungry. They will be visiting Gloucester Food Bank and leading a project to collect food for those in need. This builds on some of the excellent ongoing work our amazing school already does to support those in need in Gloucester.

With the change in weather, we will (hopefully) now have some more sunshine. Please can we kindly remind parents to apply suncream before school on sunny days and to ensure that children have a sunhat and water bottle in school. Please can parents name these items clearly to avoid loss.

It has been a wonderful spring term. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and the progress in children's learning has been really impressive. Hopefully you have been able to see this progress too. It is important that our wonderful children get a good rest over the Easter holidays and they are fresh and ready to learn again on their return.

Thank you for your excellent support so far this year. It is an absolute privilege to be the headteacher of this incredible school and to work with you, your wonderful children and my highly committed colleagues. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful and spiritual Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

### Recycling Food Waste



Eco Council gave an assembly 2 weeks ago on how recycling food waste will work at school going forward. At break time (only) all food waste goes into the red bin in the year group bay. As you will know from the School Ping we sent, anything your child doesn't eat from their packed lunch must be put back in their lunchbox. Packaging will also be put back in their lunchbox so that you can recycle correctly at home. These measures help parents/carers to see how much their child is eating each day and ensures the school is following the Council's new recycling





## GSSN Year 1 Multi skills - Barnwood Park Secondary School - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Today, Year 1 had the wonderful opportunity to go to the Easter Multi skills event organised by the GSSN.

There were a range of exciting stations for us to go to; target bean bag throw, tunnel Easter egg count, skittles, dancing and much more!

Thank you to the GSSN and Mr. Dowling (Sports Lead) for organising these exciting events for us to participate in.





ParentPay

Reminder - As we come to the end of this term, please check your PARENTPAY account is activated.

We are a cashless school and payments are required for hot school dinners, school trips and swimming/ sports events.

If you need any help with this, please see our School Office staff who will be more than happy to help you.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



<b>BURGER KING</b> From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.	<b>PREZZO</b> Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025
<b>BILLS</b> Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.	<b>COCONUT TREE</b> One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025
<b>FARMHOUSE INNS</b> 2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required	<b>PIZZA HUT</b> Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend
<b>TGI FRIDAYS</b> Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)	<b>PRETO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
<b>PIZZI</b> Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)	<b>SAINSBURY'S CAFES</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.
<b>CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE</b> Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays
<b>YO! SUSHI</b> Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult	<b>MORRISONS</b> Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
<b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.	<b>LAS IGUANAS</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
<b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.	<b>TABLE TABLE</b> 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!
<b>TRAVELODGE &amp; PREMIER INN</b> 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	<b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
<b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day	<b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
<b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	<b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
<b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	<b>SA BRAINS PUBS</b> Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## Free School Meals - please read

The school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children, for every child who is eligible for free school meals. Please apply even if you do not wish for your child to have hot lunches, or if your child is in the infants and has a Universal Infant Free School Meal, as this is different from Free School Meals.

The process is simple and you use the same login for when you applied for a primary school place. You then just need your NI number.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

You get an instant response, which means that entitlement will start from the day you apply.

For more information on FSM and UIFSM, please go to the

<https://www.st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk/free-school-meals-dinner-menu>



Here are the results of the final vote for our Core Virtue of the year.

Compassion 172

Generosity 159

Therefore, in Summer 1 our Core Virtue focus will be Compassion. We shine and follow in the footsteps of Jesus when we show compassion to others, learning from Christ's teaching.

In Summer 2 we will look at Generosity. How can we show generosity to others? How does this virtue connect with the Gospels.

We follow in Jesus' footsteps when we show generosity in what we do and

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 11th April	Whole School	Finish at 1.00pm	
Monday 14th April	Whole School	HALF TERM	
Monday 28th April	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.45am
Monday 5th May	Whole School	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 20th May	Y2	Weston-Super-Mare Trip	9.00am—3.00pm
Thursday 19th June	Y1	Cotswold Wildlife Park	9.00am—3.00pm
Friday 4th July	Whole School	Summer Fair	During the school day
Thursday 10th July	Whole School	Move up Day	

## DINNER MENU – w/c 28th April 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Roast Gammon	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers & Chips
Caribbean Stew	Mild Mexican Chilli	Vegetable Wellington	Cheese & Bean Pasty	Summer Frittata & Chips
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

## DINNER MENU – w/c 5th May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	Hot Dog	Roast Chicken	Chicken Korma	Battered Fish & Chips
	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Roast	Vegan Hot Dog	Mexican Bean Roll
	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato