



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 18 Friday 27th June

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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 we are all invited to be friends with Jesus
Y1	Our Father Judaism
Y2	Our Father Judaism
Y3	Jewish celebration of Passover and the Last Supper Islamic religious laws and beliefs
Y4	Ways in which Christians work together for the common good
Y5	Ways in which Christians work together for the common good
Y6	Ways in which Christians work together for the common good

Dear parents and carers,

It is unbelievable to think that we only have a few weeks left of this term, and of the school year! Each day this term has been filled with laughter, with great energy and fantastic learning; each day is a gift filled with the light of Christ shining through each of our amazing children. We are proud to share some updates and celebrations from our school over the past fortnight.

The process for the library refurbishment is already upon us. This is a really exciting time as it means our children will have a brand new, refreshed learning space for reading when they return in September. In preparation for this, the school library is now closed for the summer. This will allow us enough time to box up all the books before they are audited and then either returned to the shelves or shared with a local reading charity. If your child has a school library book, please can they endeavour to return it to Mrs O'Kane as soon as possible. We will be inviting the Gloucestershire libraries representative in to promote use of their libraries over the summer.

With this in mind, please can I share that we are not currently accepting book donations at this time. This is to keep the audit as manageable as possible (we have c.10,000 books already) and to manage the quality and specificity of the books which go into the new library. Thank you for your understanding.

Continuing with reading, we also have the Book Fair this week. Please consider bringing your child along to school if you are looking for something great for them to read over the summer!

Please can I remind parents that our sports day this year will now take place on Friday 11th July. We will send plenty of reminders and more information closer to the time.

The school has recently advertised for a new teaching assistant to join the St. Peter's team. This advert has now closed. We have had some fantastic interest in the role, including from within our school community. We are looking for someone to support learning in classrooms and to care for children with special educational needs. We are looking for someone who loves working with children, who is energetic, motivated and ardent in their belief that every one of our children can flourish. We look forward to sharing news of staffing additions in the near future.

In my previous newsletter, I shared that the school was reviewing its swimming offer across Key Stage 2 next year. After much consideration, and discussion with GL1, we are delighted to share that we will offer a more comprehensive package for Year 5 in the coming academic year. We will share details in the coming weeks, but this new offer includes an increased number of weeks with each session length being increased from 30 minutes to 45 minutes. This better justifies the time taken to get to GL1 and will support our children to learn how to swim and our confident swimmers to swim more effectively.

You may already be aware that school budgets are incredibly challenging at this time. Schools nationally have not received appropriate funding increases for a number of years. This means that this school, like many others, is having to consider changes to some long-standing practices to reduce spending. One area we are considering making a change to is the school's contribution to school trips for those children in receipt of Pupil Premium.

The school currently covers the full cost of all trips and experiences for those children. This ensures that they are always able to attend these opportunities. We are proposing that from September the school will need to ask those families for a 50% contribution for trips and experiences. This is a difficult decision, especially as I was a free school meals child myself, however it is the only way the school can afford to continue to offer our current range of exciting educational trips and experiences. We understand that even 50% may be too much for some families and we will do our best to work with those who are in extreme need. If you are concerned about the impact this may have on your child, then please do speak with me or Mrs Desando in person.

It was a real pleasure to join our current Year 6 children on their residential trip in Shropshire last week. I have had the pleasure of joining Year 6 groups at a number of different residential centres during my career to date. I have always found the trips to be excellent and love seeing how the children develop their resilience, confidence and independence throughout the trip. This year's trip was at Condover Hall in Shropshire and it was truly superb. The Year 6 children had a wonderful time participating in a range of exciting activities such as; kayaking, tunnelling, archery, buggy building and using the climbing walls. The children demonstrated great perseverance, resilience and visibly grew in their confidence and independence as time went on. Well done! I am super proud of all of you!

We have recently been considering how we can further improve communication with parents and carers. From September, we will be moving our communication system from SchoolPing to Edulink One. This is a system already used by St Peter's High School, so many of our parents may already be familiar with the system. Please look out for a welcome email and please ensure that you sign up so that you continue to receive newsletters and other important information about your child/ren. This system will also be used to book Parents' Evening appointments.

Our 'Move up' sessions with new teachers will take place on Thursday 10th July. Children will attend their moving up morning in their new classes and we will share this information with them as part of the process. At the end of their morning session, children will be given a letter from their new teacher for parents. This letter will tell you a little more about the teacher ahead of September. We will then follow this up with a 'Meet the teacher' evening in September.

I also wanted to reflect on the significant improvement in written work across the school in recent weeks and months. I previously shared that leaders and teachers had constructed a new writing curriculum with a greater focus on mastering important knowledge and skills in writing. This focus appears to be having very positive results. Although standards and expectations are higher, pupils are working incredibly hard, are thinking hard and are increasingly producing much better written work. This has been really pleasing to see in classrooms and books. I have had an increasing number of children being sent to me to share their fabulous work and there are more and more writing certificates being awarded in our celebration assembly. I think it is important that we recognise the hard work and achievement of pupils and staff alike. Well done to all involved!

As we look ahead to the final weeks of the summer term, may we continue to grow in faith and friendship. Thank you for your ongoing support this year.

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SUMMER FUN DAY

FRIDAY 4th JULY

3.30—5.30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

- Stalls
- Bottles & Sweets
- Raffle
- Cash Games
- Games for all
- Face Painting
- Refreshments
- International Food Market & BBQ
- Musical Entertainment
- Bouncy castle
- ... and lots more



ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT

This Thursday, 23 Year 2 to 6 pupils travelled to The Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham to take part in the 2025 GSSN Athletics Tournament. They took part in track events including hurdles, sprint, relay races and middle distance races; and field events including the shotput, long jump and speed bounce. Our pupils did exceptionally well bringing home around 40 medals in total! We came 2nd in the Y5 category and mid table for the overall team category. Our pupils had great fun and were a credit to our school. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers for making the event possible and well done to all.



End of Term Mass

We will celebrate the end of the school year with a whole school mass at **St Peter's Church** on Monday 14th July at 10am.

We would appreciate as many volunteers to help us walk with the children as possible. If you are able to help, please let the office know as that can gauge our numbers. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

We had a wonderful day together on Tuesday celebrating all of the children in Year 3 and KS2 who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion. Father Liam came in to celebrate Mass with us and the children looked beautiful in their sacramental outfits. The celebrations continued as we had a party together on the field; enjoying the wonderful sunshine, eating party food and snacks, playing fun games and celebrating together.



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12th July
3pm Start

How You Can Help

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- Become a Sponsor ✓
- Urban Members Get Involved ✓

Location
Urban Gloucester

talkWell

JOIN US

Gavin from Class 5FB and Fay from Class 3LP will be participating in a 24-hour sparring event to raise money for **Talk Well** (formerly Tic+).

Talk Well is a fantastic local charity that provides vital counselling services to young people aged 9-35. Their work makes a real difference in the lives of many, offering support and guidance when it's needed most.

Gavin and Fay have been training hard, and their dedication to this challenge is truly inspiring. Please consider supporting their efforts for this very worthy cause. Every donation, no matter how small, will help Talk Well continue their invaluable work.

You can donate directly through their JustGiving page here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/urbanmartialartsschools24?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

Let's cheer on Gavin and Fay as they undertake this impressive feat for a great cause!





Could we please remind all parents that dinner money accounts **MUST** remain in credit at all times in order for your child/children to have a school meal. **Could we please ask that the current Year 6 pupils' accounts be monitored by parents/carers to ensure there is no debt or monies left on the accounts by the end of the academic year. Many thanks.**



EARLY FINISH

Just a reminder that we finish for the summer holidays on Friday, 18th July at 1.00pm.



Please visit the below website for further details:-

<https://www.universe.com/events/primary-multi-sport-camp-at-st-peters-tickets-T0LJ2D>

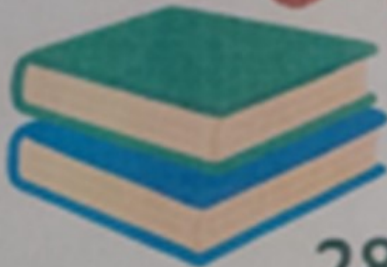
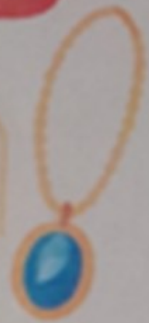
Year 1 - On Wednesday 18th June we participated in a bean bag festival event at Plock Court organised by the GSSN.

We had a fabulous time despite the heat; throwing, catching, running and laughing!

All of our adults are so proud of how we walked to and from the event and got stuck in ... what super stars we are!



SUMMER FETE



Saturday

28th June 2025

12pm until 4pm

**PLANTS • TOYS • CAKES
JEWELLERY • BOOKS
GAMES**

**ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH
247 TUFFLEY LANE, TUFFLEY,
GLOUCESTER GL4 0NX**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday, 30th June	Whole School	Feast of St Peter & St Paul	9.00am Everyone welcome
Monday, 30th June-4th June	Whole School	Book Fair	During the school day
Tuesday, 1st July	Y4	Roman Walking Tour of Gloucester	During the school day
Wednesday, 2nd July	Y6	Gloucester Ski Slope	10.30am—2.15pm
Thursday, 3rd July	EYFS	Multi Skills	During the school day
Friday, 4th July	EYFS-Y5 Y6 TBC	School Reports	
Friday, 4th July	Whole School	Summer Fair	3.30pm—5.30pm
Thursday, 10th July	Whole School	Move up Day	
Friday, 11th July	Whole School	Sports Day	During the school day
Monday, 14th July	Whole School	End of Year Mass at St Peter's Church	10.00am
Tuesday, 15th July	Y6	Production	1.30pm
Friday, 18th July		FINISH FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY	1.00pm

DINNER MENU – w/c 30th June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bean Burger	Green Thai Chicken Curry	Roast Gammon	Greek Chicken Pitta	Battered Fish & Chips
Creamy Curry	Vegan Bolognese	Roast Quorn	Vegan Meatballs	Spinach & Cheese Pinwheel
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 7th July

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
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato