



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 1 Friday 12th September

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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

<b>EYFS</b>	N/A
<b>Y1</b>	We are learning to know that God made everything
<b>Y2</b>	The Covenant between Noah and God
<b>Y3</b>	Know the creation story tells us there is a Holy Day. Know that we are created in God's image and that everyone should be treated with respect
<b>Y4</b>	Know why God gave the 10 commandments and know what the commandments
<b>Y5</b>	Know why God gave the 10 commandments and know what the commandments
<b>Y6</b>	Know why God gave the 10 commandments and know what the commandments are and how they might apply to modern life

Dear parents and carers,

It has been great to be back in the school building with our amazing children. This first full week has absolutely flown by! The children have settled really positively into their new classes with their new teachers the feedback from children and parents have been very good.

Please can I remind all our parents and carers at the start of a new school year of the importance of good **school attendance**. Research consistently demonstrates a strong correlation between school attendance and both academic outcomes and life-long wellbeing. Please continue to work with us to avoid holidays and days off during term time and to prioritise school attendance and arriving promptly. We note that there is currently an extensive programme of road-works locally and around Gloucestershire, if – like me – you live further afield, it may be worth leaving additional time to arrive at school in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us get all of our children to school for every available session.

I would like to remind parents and carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit to please check their child's eligibility for **Pupil Premium**. It only takes a couple of minutes to check eligibility for Free School Meals and this can be done online and discreetly. If eligible, the school also receives additional funding to support learning and wellbeing of our pupils. I was a free school meal child myself and I am happy to support parents and carers with the application if needed. The additional money we receive through Pupil Premium helps us to fund additional teaching support, wellbeing and enrichment activities across the school; this makes a significant positive difference to all children. I have included a useful link to the application form at the bottom of my ramble.

We had a great time enjoying the **Golden Ticket** rewards in the summer term of the last academic year. We are keen to maintain momentum with this as the children tells us they love the initiative and it is clearly having a positive impact on learning and behaviour within the school. I met with the children this morning (in a very excited assembly) to discuss this, and we have taken some exciting suggestions for collective rewards for the Autumn term. We will review these as a staff team and share these in due course.

We are delighted to share that the **new school library** has been fitted and looks great. We are now in the process of cataloguing all of the books and returning them to shelves. We plan to open the new library in a few weeks' time. Reading and literature continues to be a key focus for us here at St. Peter's and I am excited to share that our Year 3 and Year 4 children will have the opportunity to return to the **Cheltenham Literature Festival** again this year. They will be meeting Cressida Cowell who is the author of How to train your dragon. This is a really exciting opportunity for some of our children to hear about the development of the story and to encourage them to enjoy reading and writing in a fun way. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding this in the coming weeks.

There will be a **Meet the teacher (just for year 1-6 only)** after school on Wednesday next week, 3.30 - 4.15pm. This is a great opportunity to pop into your child/ren's classroom and have a chat with their new teacher/s. Relationships are at the heart of everything we do as a school so please take this opportunity to establish a connect, if you are able to. Please can I kindly ask you wait until 3.30pm so that we can safely dismiss the children in each class.

Finally, we currently have a **small number of school spaces** in the new Reception classes and a space in Year 1. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our wonderful school and may be looking for spaces in these age groups, then please do encourage them to visit the school for a tour. This can be done by contacting the school office. We are currently full in all other year groups.

On behalf of the staff team here at St. Peter's, we are really excited about the year ahead. The children have settled in well and we look forward to support them in their academic, personal, social, emotional and spiritual development this year.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Mr. Kurt Doyle

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



## GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL'S AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Gloucestershire Council's August newsletter for families of children with SEND need is now out, with useful information on activities, childcare before school and SENDIASS support. If you wish to speak to someone about the issues it covers, or about a child with special educational needs, please email the Inclusion Lead, Dr Ewan Johnson, at [senco@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:senco@st-peters-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership->



## Day of Many Colours

Children are invited to wear rainbow colours, bringing in 50p for Mission Together.

Children will learn about this year's Mission during the week with Mrs MacDonald.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Friday 19th September	Whole School	Day of Many Colours	
Friday 19th September	Whole School	Coffee with the Head	
Friday 10th October	Whole School	Harvest Festival	Info to follow
Monday 20th October		School visit for new Reception Classes	10.00am
Tuesday 21st October	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.00pm
Thursday 23rd October	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—6.00pm
Friday 24th October	Whole School	Finish for Half Term	Normal time
Monday 27th October	Whole School	HALF TERM	
Monday 3rd November		INSET	
Thursday 6th November	Y3	Stone Age Day	Wear stone age costume
Tuesday 4th November	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.45am
Thursday 13th November		School visit for new Reception Classes	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th November	Y6	World War II Day	Wear WWII costume
Wednesday 3rd December		School visit for new Reception Classes	9.15am

**DINNER MENU – w/c 15th September**

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

**DINNER MENU – w/c 22nd September**

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