



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 12 Friday 13th March

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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

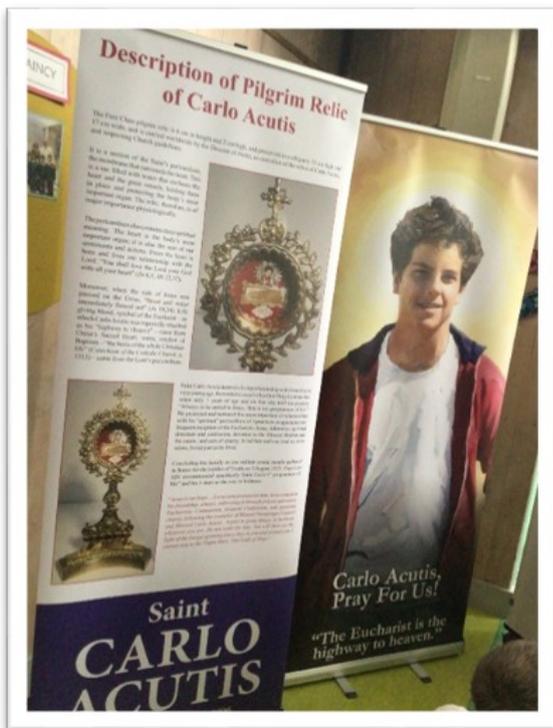
EYFS	I know that Jesus died on the cross.
Y1	We are learning that Jesus asked the disciples to remember him through bread and wine
Y2	We will be finding out about what happened after Jesus died and then thinking about Peter's message.
Y3	Understand the Eucharist is a sacrament and Jesus is present in Holy Communion
Y4	Saint Peter during Holy Week. With a particular focus on how he must have felt after denying knowing Jesus 3 times.
Y5	Simply describe Catholic beliefs in the last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell
Y6	Simply describe Catholic beliefs in the last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue our journey through the holy season of Lent, we are reminded that this is a special time in the Church's year for prayer, reflection and acts of kindness. Throughout the coming weeks, the children will be taking part in a range of activities to help them grow in faith and understanding as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We have an exciting Lenten programme ahead and look forward to sharing this meaningful time together as a school community.

A particular highlight will be the opportunity for our junior pupils to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are fortunate that we were recently visited by the new Chaplain from St. Peter's Catholic High School, who has spoken about Reconciliation with our children as they begin to reflect, pray and experience God's forgiveness. Father Gary and Father Stephen will join us in the coming weeks to facilitate this in school for those pupils who wish to. This is always a very special and prayerful moment in the Lenten journey for our pupils.

We were also incredibly fortunate to be able to host a Relic Mass here at the school. Clifton Diocese asked us to facilitate a special Mass which included first class relics from Saint Carlo Acutis. The Mass was led by Father Gary and the homily included a detailed and inspirational talk about the life of St. Carlo Acutis and how he can inspire us all to lead lives of kindness, faith and hope. We were joined by children from our sister schools of St. Catharine's and St. Mary's for this joyous occasion. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Desando, Mrs Young and all of the staff team who rallied together to organise and lead this Mass



It was also wonderful to see the school come alive with creativity and enthusiasm on World Book Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their love of reading, sharing stories and exploring new books. Thank you to everyone who supported the day. The costumes, storytelling and excitement around reading were truly fantastic to see. Thank you to the parental community. We appreciate you and the incredible effort you make to help your children in their reading journey and to celebrate great literature and book characters on World Book Day. I was so impressed with the range of costumes. A wonderful example includes two siblings, pictured below, can you guess who they are?



It was also a great opportunity this week to recognise some of our Golden Ticket individual prize winners from the Autumn term. A number of children joined me, Mrs Moth and Mrs Hensley at Pizza Express at Gloucester Quays. These children were able to create their very own pizzas using Pizza Express ingredients. This was an exciting experience for them, both making and scoffing their pizzas! Well done to all of the Golden Ticket winners and to all of our amazing children who work incredibly hard in their learning, who are respectful to others, and persevere in their learning when it is sometimes challenging. Keep up the great work!



As always, there continues to be great learning taking place across the school. From engaging lessons in the classroom to collaborative projects and creative activities, it is a joy to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning and proud of their achievements. It has been a real pleasure to see the fantastic progress in phonics and reading in Year 1 recently; I have seen some really interesting geography work in Year 2 and was impressed by what children could tell me about their learning; and the Year 5 children have been enthused in discussing their learning in science.

Finally, we would like to say thank you for your continued support. The partnership between home, school and parish is so important, and we are very grateful for the continued encouragement and support you give our community. For those who may be finding this a little more challenging at this time, please remember that the school has a very caring and compassionate pastoral team. Please do not hesitate to ask for help or for a coffee if needed.

May this Lenten season be a time of reflection, kindness and hope for all our families.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Doyle

Headteacher



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Next Friday 20th March, we are proud to be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day at St Peter's to recognise and celebrate the people who live with Down's Syndrome.

At school we are inviting all of the children to wear 'odd socks' to celebrate. We look forward to learning more about Down's Syndrome from Jan in Year 6 as a knowledgeable and kind big brother to Kazik in EYFS. The theme this year is 'Together against Loneliness'. Everyone feels lonely sometimes. But for many people with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities, loneliness is a more common and painful experience. We want to celebrate our individuality and uniqueness bywearing ODD SOCKS together.

To find out more about the day you can go on the website below

[About WSDS - World Down Syndrome Day](#)

Book free activities for children this spring holiday through the Holiday Activities and Food Programme



A wide range of free, fun activities and nutritious food will be on offer for eligible children and young people across the county to keep them happy, healthy and entertained from Saturday 28 March for the spring school holiday.

Children in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals can take part. Gloucestershire County Council is also extending holiday activities to all children in the county through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP) using grant funding. Both programmes will run during the spring holiday.

Families should visit the new Family Hubs booking system: <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>.

To book activities, families must:

- Create an account

- Add a profile for each child taking part in activities

- Include any Special Educational Needs and Disability information for each child taking part

- Make sure emergency contact details are up to date

This spring, there are lots of exciting options to choose, from creative arts to sports, outdoor activities, science workshops, sensory play and inclusive activities for children with additional needs, family days out and special ticketed attractions.

[HAF Community Connectors](#) are available across all districts to help families who may need support with booking or attending sessions. [A specialist SEND \(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities\) Community Connector](#) is also in place to help children and young people with additional needs benefit from the programme.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 17th March	Whole School	St Patrick's Day	Wear a Green Accessory
Tuesday 17th March	Whole School	Closing date for Easter Colouring Competition	20p to enter
Friday 20th March	Whole School	Easter Bonnet Competition	Bring bonnet with 50p
Thursday 26th March	Whole School	Non-uniform Day - Lenten Colours	Wear Purple
Friday 27th March		FINISH FOR EASTER	1.00pm
Monday 30th March		Easter Holiday	
Monday 13th April		Start of the New Term	8.45am
Thursday 23rd April	Whole School	St George's Day	Wear a Red Accessory

DINNER MENU – w/c 16th MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mild Mexican Chilli	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegan Meatballs	Lentil Curry	Vegetable Wellington	Roasted Vegetable Pizza	Red Pepper Frittata
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 23rd MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Bean Pasty	Beef Burger with Cheese	Roast Chicken	Chicken Enchilada Bake	Battered Fish & Chips
Tomato Pasta	Creamy Coconut Curry	Vegan Sausage	Vegan Bolognaise	Mexican Bean Roll
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