



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 14 Friday 24th April

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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 the Holy Spirit is our friend
Y1	Know that Jesus promised he would send the Holy Spirit to his friends at the Ascension
Y2	We are learning about what happened at Pentecost and what Peter did
Y3	WALT understand that the Bible is made up of different styles of writing. WALT know that Christians have always celebrated the Eucharist and were trying to live in the way Jesus would have wanted
Y4	We have continued learning about St Peter, with a focus on Jesus visiting Peter at Lake Tiberius.
Y5	WALT use specialist religious vocabulary to show knowledge and understanding of the religious actions and signs involved in the Sacrament of confirmation and reflect on what it means for Christians to be anointed for Christ today
Y6	WALT use specialist religious vocabulary to show knowledge and understanding of the religious actions and signs involved in the Sacrament of confirmation and reflect on what it means for Christians to be anointed for Christ today

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the days have become brighter and the weather has improved, it has been wonderful to see the children spending more time outdoors. The recent sunshine has brought a real lift to the school day, with pupils enjoying fresh air, greater play with better OPAL opportunities and some outdoor learning. These moments are so important for wellbeing, friendships and a love of learning, and it has been a joy to see children and staff making the most of them.

Continuing with the theme of outdoors, I am delighted to share that Forest School will be returning very soon, and we are excited that this provision will also be expanded. In recent months, Mrs Whitehead and Mr Hensley have been working hard beyond their usual roles to complete Forest School training and paediatric first aid training so they can co-lead an expanded Forest School offer. Our plan is to re-launch the programme building on the excellent legacy work of Mrs Sysum. Outdoor learning plays an important role in developing confidence, resilience and curiosity, and we know how much the children benefit from these experiences. We look forward to sharing more details with you in the very near future!

We are also very pleased with the extended range of extra-curricular clubs currently on offer. It has been encouraging to see children engaging enthusiastically and discovering new interests throughout the year. We have been able to offer a range of clubs including singing, pokemon, art club, dance, board games and a range of sports, amongst others. As always, we remain keen to continue expanding our provision where possible and to offer opportunities that reflect the needs and interests of our pupils. Please continue to access the clubs available and use the booking links shared by Ms Bobat and the school office to secure places in clubs. A list of clubs for the final half term of this year will be shared with you next week.

A few parents have asked me recently about mixing classes for next year. With the exception of the current EYFS classes, there are no plans to mix classes again ahead of the next academic year. It was a huge undertaking when consulting staff and children and not something we plan to do regularly. Last year, we felt that it was much needed in order to rebalance classes and to make sure we are able to provide more equitable support to all pupils. Now that children have settled into their current classes this approach has helped us to provide more effective teaching and targeted support which has contributed positively to children's learning, and this has had a positive impact across the school. Thank you for your understanding and continued support with this decision.

We are really pleased with the progress being made in pupils' learning, particularly in Writing and History, two curriculum areas where staff have worked extremely hard to strengthen teaching and outcomes. It has been wonderful to see these improvements reflected in the quality of the children's work and their growing confidence. We are currently introducing a new Geography curriculum, and will shortly begin trialling new curriculums in Music and PSHE as we continue to enhance the experiences we offer across the school. It has been great to see the early impact of some of this work and it has been great to see the improvement in writing across the school. I have been particularly impressed with some of the teaching and learning in Reception and Year 1 in recent weeks!

Naturally all schools must continue to evolve and develop. We are highly motivated to be the best school we can be so that we can continue to serve all of our children well. As part of our desire to continually improve we are encouraging parents and carers to contribute to our parental survey. Your feedback is greatly valued and will help us continue to grow and improve as a school. I would be most grateful if you could spare some time to reflect on the school, both positive and suggestions for next steps, by using the link provided below. The closing date for the parental survey will be Friday 8th May.

[St. Peter's Catholic Primary School - Parental Survey \(Ofsted questions\) - April/ May 2026 – Fill in form](#)

We are also very much looking forward to upcoming Coffee with the Head sessions, which provide a relaxed opportunity to talk, share ideas and ask questions. It is always a very worthwhile exercise. The positive feedback is shared with staff (is it greatly appreciated) and the discussion around next steps and sharing of ideas to strengthen what we do is always welcomed and reflected upon. Coffee with the Head will take place on Tuesday 5th May at 2.30pm and Thursday 7th May at 9.00am. All parents and carers are warmly invited to join me and other school leaders for a chat, a coffee or tea, and to join me on a learning walk around school.

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness and partnership. Together, we are proud to nurture a caring and inclusive community where every child feels valued, supported and encouraged to succeed.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday, 1st May	Whole School	May Procession	2.30pm
Thursday, 13th May	Whole School	Ascension Mass	Timing TBC
Friday, 22nd May	Whole School	Last Day—Finish normal time	
Monday, 26th May	Whole School	HALF TERM	
Monday, 1st June	Whole School	INSET	
Tuesday, 2nd June	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.45am
Thursday, 18th June	Y1	Cotswold Wildlife Park	9.00am return by the end of the school day
Tuesday, 16th June	Y2	Weston-Super-Mare Pier trip	9.15am return by the end of the school day
Thursday, 18th June	Y6	Clifton Cathedral	9.15am—during school day
21st—24th June	Y6	Condoover Hall Residential Trip	
Wednesday, 24th June	Y3	Bristol Museum	9.00am—during school day
Wednesday, 1st July	Y6	Gloucester Ski Slope	During the school day
Wednesday, 8th July	EYFS	Barnwood Park Multi Skills	During the school day

DINNER MENU – w/c 27th APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer Pizza	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Roast Pork	Greek Chicken Pitta	Fish Fingers & Chips
Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegan Burger	Vegetable Loaf	Vegan Bolognese	Cheese & Bean Pasty
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

DINNER MENU – w/c 4th MAY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
INSET	Pork Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers & Chips
	Vegetarian Greek Macaroni	Vegan Sausage	Coconut Curry	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato