



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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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 Peter was a friend of Jesus
Y1	Know that Christians celebrate their love for Jesus in a church and know that Christians are follower of Jesus
Y2	The Good Samaritan and serving others
Y3	WALT: Discuss and ask questions about the story of Edoxus
Y4	How the church continues the work of Jesus. We have then looked at why Mary
Y5	WALT understand where the Bible came from.
Y6	WALT understand where the Bible came from.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by sharing the news that Dr Ewan Johnson will be taking up a new post as Headteacher at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Nympsfield from 1st September. Dr Johnson has led significant school improvement work in the area of inclusion and has played an important role in the rewriting of our curriculum. We congratulate him on securing his new post and look forward to continuing to work with him until September. We have already begun the recruitment process for a new Inclusion Leader and hope to share further updates in the coming weeks.

This week, we welcomed a monitoring visit from Clifton Diocese. A school inspector from the Catholic Education Service visited St Peter's on Thursday to review the quality of our Catholic ethos and educational provision since our last inspection. We are delighted to share that the feedback was extremely positive. The inspector particularly praised the quality of teaching in RE, the warm and caring relationships between pupils and staff, and the effectiveness of leaders and governors in upholding the Catholic ethos of our school. Whilst we are naturally pleased with this outcome, we remain committed to continuing to strengthen all aspects of our provision.

Following the disappointment of having to cancel last year's Sports Day due to the heat, we have decided to bring the date forward in this year's calendar. Sports Day will now take place on Friday 5th June, and we look forward to enjoying a positive and memorable day with all of our children.

A huge congratulation to all of our children for the fantastic number of Golden Tickets earned during the spring term. Every house achieved over 2,000 tickets, meaning that on Wednesday 17th June all children will enjoy an additional hour of OPAL play and a Crazy Hair Day. Fire House achieved over 3,000 tickets and will also enjoy an Easter egg hunt in June. We also congratulate the individual prize winners of the Amazon vouchers, the karting experience and the Forest School experience. Parents of these children will be contacted after half term with further details.

The collective rewards for this term are: 1,000 tickets for a non-uniform day, 2,000 tickets for an OPAL play afternoon, 3,000 tickets for an ice cream party, 4,000 tickets for a whole school water fight and 5,000 tickets for a bouncy castle event. Individual prizes include three Waterstones vouchers, three Amazon vouchers and twelve places at a trampoline park. These incentives continue to motivate and celebrate effort across the school, and every child can and does earn Golden Tickets regularly. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the PFA for their continued support and generous financial contribution towards these rewards.

Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to our recent survey. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and I look forward to sharing this with our dedicated staff team. We will take time over the summer term to reflect on both the strengths identified and the suggestions for further improvement. Whilst it is clear that the school is performing well and that most parents feel positive about their experience, we are committed to continual improvement and will respond carefully to the feedback received. Further updates will be shared in due course.

It has been very encouraging to see continued improvement in writing across the school, which has been a key priority this year. The early writing work taking place in Early Years is particularly strong, and it has been a pleasure to see so many children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 writing more effectively, with greater care in presentation and more coherent ideas. In Key Stage 2, we are seeing improvements in stamina and in the quality of descriptive writing. While there is still work to do, we are very pleased with the progress and look forward to seeing our children continue to flourish.

We are currently reviewing our curriculum provision in Physical Education and Music. These updated plans will provide a more detailed, rigorous and expressive approach to both subjects. A broad and balanced curriculum remains central to our school vision, and we look forward to launching these developments in September. Updated curriculum overviews, for the 2026-2027 academic year, will be shared with parents in July.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. It has been a positive year so far, filled with excellent learning and opportunities for our children. It is a daily pleasure to walk around the school and to see so many happy, motivated and engaged learners. We are very proud of our school community.

Kind regards,

Mr Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

EYFS Cafe Elm

Over the last two weeks EYFS have been lucky enough to visit Cafe Elm. Walking up in small groups, we thoroughly enjoyed exploring more of our local area en route and learning about the aids in place at pelican crossings to support people who are blind and deaf. Ask us all about it! Then when we arrived at the cafe, we used lovely manners to order our own drink and biscuit then paid with our own cash. This is an important life skill that develops so many areas of learning from the EYFS Framework. The children sat beautifully in the cafe having a conversation with their friends. Then on the way back we had a surprise stop in the park. It was great to see the children climbing, playing and laughing together - even in the rain on some days. Once safely back at school we thanked all of the parent helpers that accompanied us on the walk and went back to do some more learning.

Thank you very much to the EYFS staff and parents for giving us this wonderful experience and a special thank you to Mrs Bowen-Viner for having us at Cafe Elm.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Friday, 5th June	Whole School	Sports Day	During the school day
Thursday 11th June	Y1	Beanbag Rounders	During the school day
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	Conover 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 1st JUNE

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

DINNER MENU – w/c 8th JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegan Meatballs with Spaghetti	Beef Burger with Cheese	Roast Gammon	Peri Peri Chicken	Fish Fingers & Chips
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Roast Quorn	Macaroni Cheese	Vegan Sausage
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato