



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 18 Friday 3rd July

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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

|      |                                                                                                                                         |
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| EYFS | Exploring another faith                                                                                                                 |
| Y1   | We are learning to understand that the Torah guides Jewish people.                                                                      |
| Y2   | Exploring Judaism                                                                                                                       |
| Y3   | WALT explore examples of Islamic art                                                                                                    |
| Y4   | Looking at Catholic Rites and Catholic traditions, and we have begun to explore how traditions within the church vary around the world. |
| Y5   | WALT use specialist vocabulary to describe some Jewish beliefs expressed in the Shema prayer.                                           |
| Y6   | WALT use specialist vocabulary to describe some Jewish beliefs expressed in the Shema prayer.                                           |

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. The final weeks of the summer term are always packed with events, celebrations, reporting, transition activities and planning for the year ahead. Whilst there is a tremendous amount happening behind the scenes, it is also one of the most rewarding times of the year as we celebrate all that our children have achieved.

### Summer Fair

Please do join us and support our Summer Fair after school today. Every penny raised is used directly to benefit our children and enhance their experiences at St Peter's.

Thank you to our PFA and the many staff, parents, carers and volunteers who have given their time to organise the event. We are looking forward to what promises to be a wonderful afternoon for our school community. Please do join us if you are able to.

## **Class Allocations and Staffing Arrangements - September 2026**

We are now able to confirm the staffing arrangements and class allocations for next academic year. Children will take part in their Move Up Morning on Thursday 9th July, giving them the opportunity to spend time with their new teachers and classmates:

- REM - Ms Evans and Mrs Martin
- RMW - Mrs Williams
- 1SD - Mrs Devereux
- 1HQ - Mrs Hurley and Mrs Hodges (Mrs Beth Quinton returns from maternity leave after Christmas)
- 2KM - Mrs MacDonald (current 1SD) with a shared class arrangement with Mr Jalloh for the Autumn Term
- 2SH - Mrs Sellers and Mrs Harris (current 1AH)
- 3DD - Mrs Davis and Mrs Daniell (current 2KM)
- 3FW - Miss Woods (current 2SH)
- 4LP - Mrs Perez (current 3DD)
- 4LR - Miss Reynolds (current 3LP)
- 5MD - Mr Dowling (current 4LR)
- 5FB - Ms Bobat (current 4HK)
- 6YW - Mrs Young and Mrs Williams (current 5MD)
- 6MC - Mrs Morris and Mrs Carr (current 5FB)

For children who require additional support, Dr Johnson and Mrs Kershaw will contact families directly via EduLink in the coming weeks to confirm the adults who will be working alongside your child.

Ms Evans and Mrs Martin will continue to co-lead Early Years. I will lead Years 1-3 and serve as phase leader until Mrs MacDonald completes her return during the autumn term. Mrs Young will continue as phase leader for Years 4-6.

## **Sports Day**

Thank you to our incredible school community for your attendance and support at Sports Day this week. It was a great relief to finally enjoy a dry, cool day and see the event take place as planned.

What a wonderful celebration of sport, teamwork and community it was. It was fantastic to see our children demonstrating resilience, determination and encouragement throughout the day. Whether sprinting, jumping, throwing or cheering on their friends, the children were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and our school.

One of the great joys of Sports Day is seeing our community come together. It was lovely to spend time with so many parents, carers and family members and to witness the enthusiasm and encouragement shown to all of our children. These moments remind us that education is at its strongest when school and home work together in partnership.

A special thank you must go to Joshua Thompson's mum, who quite literally frog-marched me into taking part in the parents' race before very kindly highlighting just how slow I am! Judging by the children's reactions, they enjoyed seeing the adults embarrass themselves almost as much as the races themselves.

We made a number of changes to the format this year and, overall, these were successful. We have received mixed feedback regarding parents remaining on site during lunchtime. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children must remain our priority, and this year's arrangements were made with safeguarding considerations in mind.

However, in the spirit of community involvement, we will review this again ahead of next year's event. One idea we are keen to explore is the creation of a parent and family volunteer team to help support lunchtime arrangements. This would require volunteers to undertake enhanced DBS checks and safeguarding training before working alongside school leaders and staff. If there is sufficient interest, this may provide a safe and practical way of increasing family involvement in future events.

## **St Peter's RC High School Football Tournament**

A huge well done to the boys and Ellie who recently represented the school at a football tournament hosted by St Peter's RC High School. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the competition. They played some excellent football, demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship and represented our school exceptionally well. A special congratulations goes to Rome, who scored a hat-trick during one of the matches - our resident Harry Kane.

The tournament brought together sixteen teams from eleven schools across Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud, including four of our fellow LWCET schools. Opportunities such as these continue to strengthen the growing partnership between St Peter's

Primary School and St Peter's RC High School. We look forward to developing these links further next year as we continue to enhance our sporting and extra-curricular opportunities.

### **Year 6 Residential**

It was a pleasure to join many of our Year 6 pupils on their recent residential visit to Condover Hall. I firmly believe that residential experiences are among the most valuable opportunities children encounter during their primary school years. Beyond the excitement and adventure, these experiences help children develop independence, resilience, confidence and teamwork. They encourage children to step outside their comfort zones, embrace challenge and discover strengths they may not have realised they possessed.

Throughout the week, the children tackled activities including high ropes, rock climbing and archery with determination and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with every challenge they overcame. A particular highlight was watching Theo and George take an unexpected dip in the lake - under the supervision of staff and while wearing the appropriate safety equipment, of course!

A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their own time to organise and support this trip. Their commitment ensures our children are able to experience opportunities that help shape them both academically and personally.

### **England v Mexico**

We are aware that some of our older pupils may choose to watch the England v Mexico World Cup Quarter-Final, which kicks off at 1.00am on Monday morning.

Although I would naturally prefer all of our children to be asleep at that time, we recognise that some families may choose to watch the match together. To support this, registration will be extended until 10.00am on Monday morning. Any pupil arriving between 9.00am and 10.00am will be marked present and not late.

Please note that children requiring a school dinner during this extended registration period will be able to choose from pizza or pasta only, as the kitchen will not be able to offer the jacket potato option.

### **School Reports**

School reports will be shared with families on Monday afternoon (6<sup>th</sup> July).

If you would like to discuss your child's report, please contact the class teacher directly to arrange a convenient time.

For Year 6 families, we have been informed that Key Stage 2 SATs results are likely to be delayed by approximately one week. We will share these results with parents as soon as they are released by the Department for Education.

### **Curriculum Development and Enrichment Opportunities**

Over the past two years, leaders and staff have undertaken an extensive review of the curriculum across all subjects. This work has focused on ensuring learning is carefully sequenced, increasingly connected across subjects and designed to help children develop deeper understanding over time.

We are pleased to share that the first phase of this curriculum redesign is now complete. Leaders are currently carrying out final reviews and quality assurance, and updated Year Group Curriculum Overviews will be published on the school website in the coming weeks.

Alongside this work, we have continued to strengthen our enrichment offer. Whilst significant improvements have been made, we recognise that there is still more to do, particularly with regards to trips and experiences. We want every child to benefit from a rich range of experiences that broaden horizons, deepen learning and create lasting memories.

Leaders are currently mapping educational visits, visitors, enrichment experiences and wider personal development opportunities across each year group. These plans will be shared with families alongside the revised curriculum overviews. We will also provide greater clarity regarding the timing and cost of trips so that parents can plan ahead. Our intention is to ensure that high-quality enrichment opportunities are both accessible and affordable for all families.

Finally, there is a tremendous amount of work taking place across the school at the moment as we prepare for the new academic year. I would like to thank our staff team, governors, clergy, parish community, parents and carers for their continued support. Most importantly, thank you to our wonderful children, who continue to inspire us each day through their faith, kindness, enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

As we move towards the end of the year, we give thanks for the many blessings we have received and for all those who make St Peter's such a special place. Together, let us continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by showing kindness, serving others and striving to be the very best versions of ourselves. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Fair.

Kind regards,  
Mr. Kurt Doyle

# Get ready to book free activities for eligible children and young people this school summer holiday

Families can view activities available through Gloucestershire County Council's summer holiday activities and food programme (HAF) from midday on Monday 22 June. Bookings will be open from midday on Monday 6th July.

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 Wednesday 22 July to Tuesday 1 September for the summer school holidays.

Children in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals can take part.

To view the activities on offer families should visit the Family Hubs booking system and create an account: <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>.

To book activities, families must:

- Create an account
- Provide details of the child taking part in activities by creating a profile
- Include any Special Educational Needs and Disability information for each child taking part

Make sure emergency contact details are up to date

This summer, there are lots of exciting options to choose, from creative arts to sports, outdoor activities, science workshops, sensory play and inclusive activities for children and young people with additional needs, family days out and special ticketed attractions. To check eligibility for the programme, families can email: [freeschoolmeals@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

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 can also help children and young people with additional needs benefit from the programme.

*Cllr Linda Cohen, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "day Activities and Food Programme gives children and young people the chance to take part in fun, activities, enjoy healthy meals and spend time with others in a safe and supportive environment."*

*"We're pleased to offer a wide range of activities again this summer, including options for children with additional needs. I encourage eligible families to take a look at what's on offer and get ready to book from Monday 6 July to make the most of the support available."*

Families who aren't eligible for free school meals can find further information and support on the Glos Families Directory: [Glosfamilies Directory](#) | [Information for Families](#)

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

|                      |              |                                        |                         |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Friday, 3rd July     | Whole School | Summer Fayre                           | 3.30pm—5.30pm           |
| Wednesday, 8th July  | EYFS         | Barnwood Park Multi Skills             | During the school day   |
| Thursday, 9th July   | Whole School | Move up Day                            |                         |
| Friday, 10th July    | Y5           | Airhop                                 | During the school day   |
| Tuesday, 14th July   | Whole School | End of Year Mass                       | 9.15am—Everyone welcome |
| Wednesday, 15th July | Y4           | Gloucester Museum                      | During the school day   |
| Wednesday, 15th July | Y6           | Production                             | 1.45pm                  |
| Friday, 17th July    | Whole School | End of the academic Year—1.00pm Finish |                         |

**DINNER MENU – w/c 6th JULY**

| Monday            | Tuesday       | Wednesday      | Thursday            | Friday               |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Summer Pizza      | Vegan Burger  | Vegetable Loaf | Vegetable Bolognese | Fish Fingers & Chips |
| Tomato Pasta Bake | Sandwich      | Sandwich       | Sandwich            | Cheese & Bean Pasty  |
| Jacket Potato     | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato  | Jacket Potato       | Jacket Potato        |

**DINNER MENU – w/c 13th JULY**

| Monday                | Tuesday                   | Wednesday     | Thursday            | Friday                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Tomato Pasta          | Pork Sausage Roll         | Roast Chicken | Spaghetti Bolognese | Fish Fingers & Chips     |
| Cheese & Pepper Whirl | Vegetarian Greek Macaroni | Vegan Sausage | Coconut Curry       | Cheesy Broccoli Frittata |
| Jacket Potato         | Jacket Potato             | Jacket Potato | Jacket Potato       | Jacket Potato            |