



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 6 Friday 28th November

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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 Advent is a time to get ready for Jesus
Y1	We are learning to know how Mary is honoured around the world.
Y2	The Story of Zechariah
Y3	WALT explore the meaning of the annunciation to Joseph WALT explore how Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent
Y4	We have been looking at the feast of Christ The King and what type of leader Jesus was
Y5	WALT understand how the Gospels made links with Jesus and David
Y6	WALT understand how the Gospels made links with Jesus and David

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a wonderful fortnight of learning in school, and I am delighted with the enthusiasm and focus shown by our pupils. We have also been very lucky with the weather, which has allowed classes to make the most of outdoor spaces for learning and play - most welcome in late November!

A special thank you to **Mrs Young** who has deputised this week as I have been unwell and therefore limited to working from home. I am very grateful to her and the wider team for their excellent work and leadership in my absence. We have a very capable staff team here at St. Peter's!

A very special well done to the children who were successful in being appointed to the **Chaplaincy Team** this year. They represented the school beautifully at the Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass at Clifton Cathedral, where they had the exciting opportunity to meet two well-loved figures within our diocesan community: Bishop Bosco MacDonald and Monsignor Canon Liam Slattery. The children took part in the service with great reverence and maturity, and we are incredibly proud of the start they have made in their new roles. We look forward to seeing them support the spiritual life of the school in the coming months. Thank you to Mrs MacDonald for organising and leading this.

As we enter this special season, a series of **Advent events** will be taking place across the school. These will be shared in detail in the body of our newsletter, including the dates for our **Advent Mass**, which will be offered by Father Gary Brassington. We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us in prayer, reflection, and celebration as we prepare for Christmas.

We are continuing our work with the **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** this term. A wonderful part of their offer to our local community is support for families in need at Christmas. If you are finding it difficult at the moment and are worried about the pressures of Christmas then please do speak, in confidence, with Mrs Desando as SVP may be able to support you.

Our incredible Parents and Friends Association (PFA) has been working hard to bring some festive joy to our school community:

We are excited to be hosting our **Christmas Fair** again this year. This will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at school. Please do join us for Santa's Grotto and other Christmas-themed events. It will be a great family event and all of the money raised directly supports our children here at St. Peter's.

A huge thank you to the PFA for organising this year's **Movie Night**. This will take place today (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November). We are excited for the first event of this kind to take place. We will be showing a Christmas themed movie which is suitable for children.

Thank you for your continued support with **attendance**. Working together to keep attendance high makes an enormous difference to children's progress, learning habits, and wellbeing. Regular attendance helps pupils build confidence, maintain friendships, and get the most out of every school day. Our whole school attendance continues to be in line with national average. Thank you for sending your child into school for every available session. Attendance is incredibly important as research consistently demonstrates a strong link between attendance and how well children achieve later in life, including links to long-term health, career earnings and happiness.

If you ever need support with attendance or punctuality, please contact us - we are here to help and will support you where we can.

Finally, a huge thank you to the staff here for their continued hard work and to the parental community for your ongoing support and partnership.

Kind regards,

Mr. Kurt Doyle

Headteacher

## MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL PREMISES



Our school policy is that mobile phones are not used on our school site.

When parents are invited into school for celebration assembly, we ask that you enjoy the assembly and watching your child receive their certificate but take no photographs. You will then be invited at the end of the assembly to take a photo of your child with their certificate. This is a safeguarding issue as there are children in our school family who cannot have their photograph taken. If you have taken any photographs **during** the celebration assembly today (other than the individual one of your child after assembly has finished) these will need to be deleted.

### EVENTS AND SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS



**9<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Carol Service**

**10<sup>th</sup> December EYFS Nativity**

**11<sup>th</sup> December UKS2 Carol Service**

**15<sup>th</sup> December LKS2 Carol Service**

**Times of the above will be confirmed nearer to the events.**

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December Hour of Prayer**



The poster features a light blue background with white snowflakes. At the top, there are three Christmas jumpers: a red one with an elf, a green one with a cross and 'TU ES PETRUS', and a blue one with a reindeer. The text 'CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'IN AID OF' is written in smaller letters, followed by the James Hopkins Trust logo, which includes a colorful triangle and the text 'JAMES HOPKINS TRUST' and 'Providing Respite Care for Children in Gloucestershire'. A red banner contains the dates '15<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER' and the text 'WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND DONATE £1 OR MORE IF YOU CAN OR WANT TO!'. Below this, it says 'ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS PROVIDING NURSING RESPITE CARE TO LIFE-LIMITED AND LIFE-THREATENED CHILDREN IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE'. There is a QR code and the text 'SCAN TO DONATE'. To the right of the QR code are three more Christmas jumpers: one with a Christmas tree, one with a penguin, and one with a snowman. At the bottom, the hashtag '#JHTChristmasJumperDay' is displayed.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK**

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

The school kitchen has now had the final numbers for the Christmas lunch. If your child has ordered a meal and they are in KS2, please make sure you have paid the £2.85 on ParentPay before this date. KS1 children do not have to pay. If your child hasn't ordered a lunch, please make sure they have their packed lunch on this day. Thank you for your co-operation.



## ST AUGUSTINE'S AUTUMN FETE

**SATURDAY 29 Nov**

**11 AM – 2:00 PM**

**in the church hall  
Matson Lane GL4 6DT**

Delicious lunches  
Irish Coffee with an Irish welcome  
Tombola, Bottle stall and Grand Raffle  
Our legendary cake stall  
Well stocked book stall  
Jams and chutneys  
and much more ...

**Authentic Indian curry – eat in or takeaway**

**Free craft activities for children**

**Admission 50p, children free**

### **FAMILIES IN PARTNERSHIP**

Please check out the latest newsletter from GCC regarding the above. Please click on the link below:-

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/families-november-in-partnership-newsletter-2025/?pageNumber=1>

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 2nd December	Whole School	Non-Uniform Day	Exchange for an item for the Christmas Fair
Wednesday 3rd December		School visit for new Reception Classes	9.15am
Friday 5th December	Whole School	Christmas Light Switch On & Choir Singing	3.15am
Saturday 6th December	Whole School	Christmas Fair	12.00—3.00pm
Tuesday 9th December	KS1	Carol Service	2.30pm
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS	Nativity	
Thursday 11th December	UKS2	Carol Service	2.30pm
Monday 15th December	LKS2	Carol Service	2.30pm
Wednesday 17th December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner	Lunchtime
Thursday 18th December	Y1	Advent Liturgy	9.00am
Friday 19th December	Whole School	Advent Mass	9.00am—everyone welcome
Friday 19th December	Whole School	Finish for the Christmas	1.00pm
Monday 5th January	Whole School	INSET	
Tuesday 6th January	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.45am

### DINNER MENU – w/c 1st DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mild Mexican Chilli	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken	Spaghetti Bolognese	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 8th DECEMBER

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