



10th November 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Lord, may we give of our best each day so that we are always ready for you.”

Dear Parents/Carers,

Remembrance Day – today we gathered in the hall as a school and had a minute’s silence at 11.00am in respect and remembrance for Armistice Day.

Royal British Legion – If there is a family who would like to lay a wreath (on behalf of St. Peter’s) at the Remembrance Day parade in Stalybridge on Sunday, please telephone the school office today. Many thanks.

Toast Morning – this morning in the hall, Mr White from St. Peter’s Parish visited us to raise funds for ‘Mary’s Meals’. St Peter’s raised a total of £72.17. Thank you to everyone who gathered, it was a lovely occasion.

Class Assemblies at 2.45pm – all welcome

10th November: Y2

17th November: Y5

1st December: Y3

Class masses at 9.05am – the dates of all class masses and class assemblies for this year can be found on our website at: [Mass and Assembly Rota 2023 - 2024](#) If ever there is a date that Father Philip needs to cancel a mass at the last moment, please do still attend church on this day. We will simply replace the mass with a Service of the Word, which I (Mrs Ryan) will lead. The children will still have the opportunity to visit the chapel and to be part of our parish on these occasions, as well as to share any prayers, readings and hymns they have practised.

15th November: Y1

6th December: whole school mass at 9.15am to celebrate 50 years of our building and the beginning of Advent (Tea and coffee in school afterwards)

20th December: whole school mass at 9.15am to celebrate the end of Advent.

Driving – please do slow down when driving on the roads around our school. We fully appreciate that the vast majority of our families reduce their speed and drive with care as they approach school – however, one of our parents unfortunately sustained a minor injury to her elbow whilst standing on the pavement on Hough Hill Road this week. This happened because the driver drove very close to the kerb at a high speed and the car wing mirror struck the parent’s elbow. Obviously, there is no way of knowing whether this driver was connected to school in any way. We simply wished to mention this in the newsletter as a reminder to drivers.

Dodgeball Club – Inspire Sports are offering a dodgeball club on Wednesdays after school. Please complete and return the online form which was Emailed by the school office earlier this week.

Admission to school September 2024 – letters have either been posted or handed out directly. If your child is registered at our school and you have not received a copy of the application process, then contact the school office. Closing date for online applications is **15th January 2024**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. More detailed information is available on the school website under the School Admissions section.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November – On this day, children will wear their full school uniform as usual, but may add yellow items, spots, or Pudsey merchandise in support of Children in Need. We are happy to collect any donations you may wish to make. We ask that anything the children wear is small, e.g. a wristband or hair accessory – no onesies, please!

Wednesday Word – at present the Wednesday Word is not always being sent via email. The weekly newsletter is still available to view on our website - <https://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/catholic-life/wednesday-word/>

Attendance – Well done to Year 1, who had the highest attendance figure last week – almost 100%!

Week commencing 30 th October									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	96.5%	95.8%	99.3%	96.35	93.3%	97.2%	94.85	93.5%	95.8%
Number of late marks	1	4	2	1	2	2	0	5	17

Young Shakespeare - On Thursday, 16th November, our children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will enjoy a production of 'Romeo and Juliet' from the Young Shakespeare Company in school. School subsidises this performance, and we ask for a donation of £3.50 per child to contribute to the cost. Payment to be made online through the school money website www.eduspot.co.uk

Nasal Flu Vaccination Year Reception to Year 6 – the Department of Health have announced that all children in Year R - 6 are going to be offered a flu immunisation every year. At our school, the immunisation will take place on Thursday 7th December.

NHS Guidance on keeping children well this winter - Tameside Public Health have produced the attached leaflet with advice to help keep children well this winter. This includes information about ways to reduce the chance of catching and passing on infections, some of the more common winter illnesses and how to manage them, as well as information on vaccinations. For more information, please visit the NHS guidance link [‘Is my child too ill for school?’](#) for more help.

PE Kit - please ensure that you child has their full PE kit in school. Details of the PE uniform can be found under the 'Parent Information' tab on our school website. Please ensure junior children have their full outdoor kit – navy or black sweater and navy or black tracksuit/jogging bottoms. Thank you very much for your support with this.

First Holy Communion and First Sacraments – First Forgiveness for the Year 3 children will take place at 6:00pm in St. Peter's Church on Thursday, 8th February 2024. Year 4 children will make their First Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, 18th May. There will be a whole school thanksgiving mass to celebrate the journey of our Year 4 children on Wednesday, 22nd May at 9.15am, to which all families in school and parishioners are invited.

Robinwood Residential Year 5 1st – 3rd May 2024 – a chase up text has been sent showing outstanding deposits and payments to date. Please bring all payments up to date as the 4th instalment of £62.00 due 24th November.

School Fund – the amount for the Academic year is £38.00, payment can be made online via the School Money Scheme. This has been set up so you may choose the amount you would like to pay as this is a voluntary donation. We are most grateful for any contributions you are able to make all monies donated are spent on wider curriculum opportunities for the children.

Nursery Snack Fund - snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement. Payments are made via School Money Scheme. Nursery snack fund for this term will be £26.60. A reminder text has been sent out this week.

Nursery Wraparound Provision – we are pleased to offer wraparound care in our nursery unit. The sessions are from 11:55 am until 15:15. The charge is £15.00 per each afternoon session. Please speak with Mrs Walker or Mrs Evans to arrange any additional afternoons.

Eligibility funding for 15 hours extended (pm session) - please ensure that you apply for spring term (4th January until 28th March) as advised by the e-mail / text you will receive from the Government inviting you to reapply. **You must reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you will have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account in order to keep your code valid.**

School Meals - *Please note we have been notified by Tameside MBC that the price of school meals is now £2.95 per day. The new weekly total will be £14.75. The total amount for this terms meals will be £112.10 (38 meals)*

Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

If your circumstances change you may be eligible to apply for free school meals. More information is available on the school website under school meals where there is a link to a website www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

Coconut, Prawns, Avocado and Nut allergies - please could I ask parents not to include any of these items in their child's packed lunch as we have children in school with severe allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Christmas Lunch - the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner please could a payment of £2.95 be paid via the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals> All orders must be received no later than **Friday 1st December 2023**.

If your order is placed after this date your child will not be eligible for a Christmas dinner.

****Children who normally have a school dinner will automatically be included in this special meal**** Children are also invited to wear party clothes on this day.

Community Events

Tameside Music Service – Tameside Music Services rehearse every week during term time at Birch Lane Centre, Birch Lane, Dukinfield and perform in regular concerts around Greater Manchester. For more information on performing in a choir or learning to play a musical instrument, please see the attached poster on how to join.

Stalybridge Celtic FC Family Day - Sat 11th Nov 2023

Stalybridge Celtic are hosting a Family Day at Bower Fold on Saturday 11th November, for a league match against Nantwich Town. Please come along and support a local football team at a reduced admission fee due to our pupils being team mascots and ball boys during the game. Pre-sale admission for the game has been reduced to:

- Adults - £5
- Ages 14 to 18 - £1
- Ages 13 and under - FREE

Please follow the link to [Book tickets here!](#) Lots of things to do during the day, please see list below :-

- ***Welcome Stall*** – where families will be given a map of the ground and autograph hunt paper.
- ***Stalybridge Celtic Supporters Association Tuck Shop*** – For all children (and parent!) sweet shop!
- ***Face Painting*** - There will be a face painting tent within Bower Fold, getting your little ones ready for the big match.
- ***Food Vans*** – A Cypriot street food van, as well as coffee van and your traditional burger van.
- ***Bier Hut & Bridge Beers Real Ale Bar*** – For the parents to relax with a drink!
- ***Live Music*** – After the game, local artist Charlie Whittaker will be performing live in the social club from 6pm.

St. Peter's & St. Raphael's Christmas Fair – Saturday 25th November 2023 – 11:00am – 3:00pm - 50p admission, children free. On **Thursday 23rd November** children will be able to come to school in their own clothes and we ask that they do this in exchange for a gift for the tombola stall!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday, 23rd November: Own clothes day (in exchange for a tombola prize for our Christmas fair)!

Saturday, 25th November: St. Peter's Parish Christmas Fair (in school)

Tuesday, 5th December: Nursery, Reception, and Infant Christmas Play, 9.20am and 2.15pm.

Wednesday, 13th December: Junior Christmas Play, 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

Tuesday, 19th December: Christmas dinner and party day. Children are also invited to wear party clothes on this day.

Kind regards

Mrs Ryan (Headteacher)

BANDS CHOIRS ENSEMBLES



Come and join one of our groups at our designated Music Centre in Dukinfield. We meet weekly during term time and perform throughout the year. We also run events, workshops and open evenings.

WHAT'S ON

Monday

4:30pm Junior Strings
5:00pm Senior Strings
6:45pm Chamber Strings

Tuesday

4:00pm Junior Wind Band
5:00pm Brass Band
6:00pm Wind Band

Wednesday

5:00pm Band Skills
6:00pm Bands Skills
7:00pm Band Skills

Thursday

4:30pm Infant Singing
4:30pm Theory Lessons
5:15pm Junior Choir
5:45pm Jazz Band
6:00pm Senior Choir



For more information or to sign up visit our website: www.tamesidemusicservice.com

BAND SKILLS **INFANT CHOIR** **WIND BAND**
JUNIOR STRINGS **JUNIOR CHOIR** **SENIOR CHOIR**
BRASS BAND **JAZZ BAND** **JUNIOR WIND BAND**
SENIOR STRING **THEORY LESSONS** **CHAMBER STRINGS**



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