



27 June, 2024

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jesus heals a little girl

Jesus, today we pray for people everywhere who are unwell.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Family Quiz Night – Last call for ticket sales! Do consider coming along tomorrow evening at 6.30pm. You would be most welcome, and it is a lovely evening.

Big Arts Week – Thank you to the many families who came to look around our classrooms at the end of the school day on Friday. Thank you for your kind monetary donations, which enabled us to provide resources for the children in their arts activities last week. Please click the following link to our school website to view some great images of the week - <https://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/big-arts-week-2024/>

Oliver Twist – Our Y6 leavers’ production of ‘Oliver’ will be performed in school at 2.00pm and 6.00pm on Wednesday, 3 July. **Children in Year groups 3, 4 and 5 will need to be back at school (in uniform) to form our wonderful choir at 5.30pm on this day, please.** We are extremely grateful to these children for their singing support – the show simply would not be the same without them. We are also very impressed by their mastery of the songs from this production – they are not easy to grasp (having been written for adults), but our junior children have done a wonderful job.

Class Masses – Family members are welcome to attend:

Whole School Mass for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul – Monday, 1 July at 9.15am
Nursery – Wednesday, 10 July at 9.15am

September, 2024 – Class teachers from September will be as follows:

Nursery – Mrs K Walker	Year 3 – Miss Cooper
Reception – Miss Southall and Mrs Kirkpatrick	Year 4 – Mrs Barber
Year 1 – Mrs Billance	Year 5 – Mr Hartney
Year 2 – Miss Cavanagh	Year 6 – Mrs Sibson

We are extremely sorry to have to say goodbye to Miss Finan, who has taught Year 1 for us so well this year. Miss Finan has secured a permanent contract at St. Christopher’s School in Ashton. We sincerely wish we had a permanent position at St. Peter’s to offer to her, and I am sure that all of our Year 1 parents will join me in thanking Miss Finan for teaching the children so beautifully this year.

In September, we welcome Mrs Billance as our Year 1 class teacher. Mrs Billance will teach Year 1 until the return of Mrs Cooke from her maternity leave. Upon Mrs Cooke’s return, Miss Southall will take up the teaching of Year 1. Some of you will be familiar with Mrs Billance as she has carried out some supply teaching for us in the recent past. Mrs Billance joins us from Holden Clough School in Ashton.

Mrs S Walker will return from her maternity leave in time for the beginning of the new school year. Mrs Walker will be teaching for two afternoons each week in Year 4 so that Mrs Barber may have her time out of class as Deputy Headteacher.

Reception Visits – Any parents of Nursery children who are beginning in our Reception class in September are welcome to visit the classroom from 3.30pm next Wednesday (3 July). Miss Southall will be available to show you the provision.

Meet the Teacher Morning will be held next Friday (5 July). Children will enter their usual classrooms and will then spend the morning in their new classrooms with their new teachers.

Adventure Track – Please could we politely request that parents of our Nursery children do not let their children play on the adventure track before school in the mornings. The adventure track has been designed for junior-aged children, and our children are only permitted to access it during the school day if an adult is in close proximity to supervise them. Similarly, our schoolchildren are not permitted to go on to the grassed slope in front of the Nursery building. This is because the slope is so steep. Please therefore do not allow Nursery children to play on this slope before school. Thank you for your understanding.

Local Offer – Early Help: The following link (from our school website) gives access to information such as childcare, holiday activities, parenting workshops and other support in the local area: [Parent / Carer \(tameside.gov.uk\)](https://www.tameside.gov.uk)

Attendance - week beginning 17 June, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	98.3	98.4	92	99.3	91.3	94.7	94.6	99.7
Punctuality (number of late marks)	1	3	2	2	2	3	1	0

There were some great attendance figures last week – it was a close race between the classes with the highest percentages. Year 6 were the winners, but Nursery, Reception and Year 2 were hot on their heels!

End of Year Reports – Reports will be given out in-person to all children at the end of the school day on Monday, 15 July. Please let Mrs Murray know if you are a parent or carer who will require an additional copy of your child’s report so that we can make arrangements for one to be sent to you, or for you to collect one from the school office. Reports this year will have a slightly different format, which we hope will make them more useful and accessible.

Mary’s Meals – On Wednesday, 17 July, Mr White from our parish will be in the school hall to offer toast, tea and coffee to our families from 8.15am. All money raised will be donated to ‘Mary’s Meals’ and will be used to give children around the world a school dinner.

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

Diocesan Building Fund - If anyone would like to make a donation to this fund, please do so via School Money at www.edsp.co/sm-login The fund is used to meet the cost of building repairs in our Catholic schools. There is a letter on our school website in which Bishop Mark gives more information. We are very grateful for any donations received, no matter how small.

Eligibility Forms – Nursery September 2024 – parental agreement and funding claim forms were sent out 10th May. If these forms have not yet been returned to the school office, please can these be signed and returned to school by 5th July.

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 half term will be £20.30, please could you ensure all payments are up to date on the approach to the end of the school year.

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.

School Meals - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £85.55 (29 meals). Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals>. Please could you ensure all payments are up to date on the approach to the end of the school year.

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.

Also, if you think you may be eligible and you have a child in the infants - including Nursery, although Infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meal scheme, you should still apply for this, as school receives extra funding to support your child in school. Please contact Mrs Murray in the school office for more information.

Year 6 dinner money - please check with school office before making any payments in advance as any overpayments at the end of the academic year cannot be refunded.

Any pupils moving up to year 3 will not be entitled to the Universal Free School Meals therefore any meals taken will have to be paid for. Please see above with ways regarding making payment. If you wish your child to change to a packed lunch, please would you let the office know no later than Friday 5th July.

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.

Packed Lunches - If your child no longer requires school meals and wishes to go onto packed lunches, we require a minimum of **2 week notice period**. All requests need to be made in writing to the school meal email address – schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk

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/>

Twitter / X - We have re-launched our Twitter/X feed - @stpetersSB and are using this social media platform as a way of engaging with families so you are kept up to date with current news and events. Please take a moment to follow our page.

Dates for your diary

week beginning 24 June – 4+1 meetings in school for parents of children on our SEND register

25 June – Meeting for new Nursery parents, 5.00pm

26 June – Meeting for new Reception parents, 5.30pm

27 June – Year 2 trip to Manchester Airport

28 June – Quiz night in school, 6.30pm

1 July – Whole school mass to celebrate the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, 9.15am

3 July – Year 6 leavers' production

5 July – Meet the new teacher day

10 July – Own clothes day in exchange for tombola gift for the summer fair

11 July – Sports Day

12 July – Leavers' assembly, 9.15am – Year 6 families invited

12 July – Summer fair (in the evening after school)

15 July – Reports given out to families

16 July – Year 6 trip to the Crystal Maze

17 July – Toast morning in the hall from 8.15am

17 July – Parent drop-in for any particular questions about end of year reports

18 July – Leavers' mass, 9.15am. All families welcome

19 July – School closed to children – INSET Day

Community Events

Summer Reading Challenge 2024 - This year's challenge is called Marvellous Makers. Children taking part in the Challenge will meet the Marvellous Makers, a creative club who are making amazing things for a (fictional) festival at their local library. They will discover that Tails (a cheeky squirrel) has been spotted at the creative club recently, and some objects have mysteriously gone missing from the club's creative toolbox... As they move through their Challenge, children will collect stickers to reveal the missing objects, find out what Tails has been up to, and save the festival!

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan

Headteacher