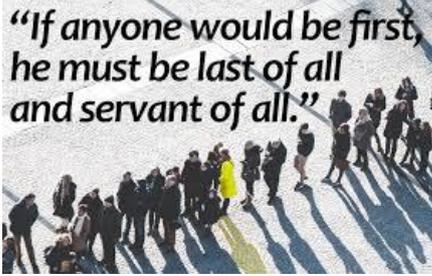




20th September 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: *The Last Shall be First*

Jesus, sometimes I find it hard not to have things my own way; to be expected to share and put others first. Help me to be generous and thoughtful as you would want me to.



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in 'Time With Jesus' we have been learning about Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo was a young man who sadly passed away at the age of 15. During his short life, his actions and words mean that his canonisation has now been approved by Pope Francis. Carlo was *'a teenager who wore jeans and trainers, played video games and loved computing and websites. Carlo Acutis enjoyed football and is very relatable to young people today. His biographer described him as, "a model for all young people, showing that holiness is accessible and can be lived fully even in our contemporary world." ... Carlo's outlook was simple and profound: "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."*

You may wish to view a short animation of the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis with your children at home on the following link: [Carlo Acutis Animation \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

We have watched this video together in school, and considered how Carlo may inspire us today. We have also had a look at how British Values were reflected in Carlo's everyday life.

Transfer from Primary to Secondary School – September 2025 - As our Year 6 children are due to transfer to high school in September, an application should be made using the online application form via the Citizens Portal, which is available on the 'School Admissions' pages on Tameside's website <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions> under the section '**Secondary School Admission**' you are advised to read the '**Moving On**' booklet before you complete your online form. The closing date for application forms is **Thursday 31st October 2024**.

Attendance – week beginning 9 September, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	94.2	95.7	99.3	96.3	99	92.9	98.7	99.6
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0

We are still enjoying high attendance figures – well done to Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 for some very high attendance figures last week. I would like to thank our families again this week for your commitment to getting the children to school on time. Children are ready to begin their learning as soon as registration is completed at 8.50am each day (8.55am in Nursery), which is a great start to their day.

Class Masses will take place on the following Wednesdays at 9.15am in the chapel (in St. Peter's Church).

Reception: 13 November

Year 6: 20 November

Class Assemblies will take place on the following Fridays at 2.45pm:

Y4: 4 October

Y6: 18 October

Y5: 25 October

Y2: 15 November

Y3: 6 December

More dates will be added in the Spring and Summer terms.

Parent drop-in - this will take place on Wednesday, 25th September from 3:30pm until 5:00pm. Parents are invited to 'drop-in' to school and to speak with their child's class teacher if they have a specific concern or issue that they would like to discuss. At this early stage of the school year, it will not be possible for teachers to discuss progress, and the children's work will not be on show. It is not expected that the vast majority of parents will need to attend the drop-in, but the opportunity is there for those parents who feel that this would be of benefit to them.

All Saints Catholic College is holding an open evening on 1 October between 5.00pm and 8.00pm. Families of Year 5 and 6 children are very welcome to visit and view this local Catholic high school.

Robinwood Residential Year 5 – 30th April – 2nd May – a chase up text has been sent showing outstanding deposits and payments to date. The 2nd instalment of £40.00 was due on 13th September.

PE Kit - please ensure that you child has their full PE kit in school. Details of the PE uniform can be found on the 'Uniform' page 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. This is because of the weather becoming cooler as we go into the season of Autumn. Thank you.

School Uniform Suppliers

JFC Supplies – www.jfcsports.co.uk Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700

MCS Stores - www.mcsstores.co.uk 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

After School Clubs

Monday – Choir – Y3 - 6

Tuesdays - Lincoln Delve' football club with Year 2

Wednesday – Tennis for Years 3 – 6 at Stalybridge Tennis Club

Wednesday – Mini Vinnies for Y3, 4, 5 and 6

Thursday – Tag Rugby Year 5 -6 with Terri, our sports coach

Friday – Football – for Years 5-6 with Tameside Sports

More clubs will be added as the year progresses – please just keep an eye on the newsletter for after school clubs that your child may be interested in.

Accessibility of newsletters – If you would prefer to receive our newsletter in an adapted format (such as on a coloured background, in another language or in voice note form), please do not hesitate to let the school office know. Please note that you may access the whole of our school website in a number of different languages simply by clicking your selection in the top right-hand corner of our home page.

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. The immunisation will take place in school on Wednesday, 25th September.

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.

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 £27.30. Snack fund amounts will vary due to staggered intake.

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 Miss O’Brien to arrange any additional afternoons.

School Meals - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £124.80 (39 meals). Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals>. Please could you ensure all payments are up to date. The TMBC website is now up and running. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

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.

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@stpeters.tameside.sch.uk

Birthdays – we are aware that lots of families like to send in treats for the whole class on the day of their child’s birthday, we would like to ask that any parents wishing to send in treats continue to send in a book for the school library, rather than sweets or chocolate. Please understand that there is NO obligation or expectation on school’s behalf that you send anything in at all! We have the Healthy Schools accreditation and with that it is very difficult to stick to our Healthy Schools guidelines when we have so many generous community members who like to contribute treats for the children.

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.

Community Events

Local Youth Groups – please see attached posters for more information on local youth groups

Dates for your diary:

Week commencing 30th September: Class teachers will invite families to a ‘prayer share’ in each classroom, where you can join to us pray the Holy Rosary.

Week commencing 30th September: Year 5 children will have a lesson about puberty. It will be delivered by Mr Hartney and taken from our scheme for PSHE (Ten: Ten).

October: Black History Month. As we celebrate this at St. Peter’s, we are keen to make it as relevant and ‘real’ to the children as possible. **We would very much welcome visitors from our families who would like to speak to our children about their own family history, or their own beliefs about significant people throughout Black History.** Class staff would support any adult visitors, and visits would only need to be short!

Please telephone or Email the school office if this is something you feel you could support us with. It would really bring history to life for our children!

Friday, 4th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Children are invited to bring a tin or packet to school to support our local food bank. Our Mini Vinnies will then walk to the food bank with our school donations.

Thursday, 10th October: World Mental Health Day – more information to follow!

Thursday, 24th October: PTFA Halloween disco after school – volunteers who can support our PTFA by running a stall at the disco would be most welcome

Week beginning 4th November: Multifaith Week in school – children will be experiencing activities based on the Hindu faith.

Week beginning 4th November: We will be focussing on the children’s safety around bonfires and fireworks.

Week beginning 11th November: Anti-bullying Week

11th November: Remembrance Day

Week beginning 18th November: Disability Awareness Week

Parents’ Evening: Tuesday, 12th November, 3.30-7.00pm AND Wednesday, 13th November, 3.30-5.00pm. Families will be invited to sign up for a slot nearer to the time.

Wednesday, 27th November: Own clothes day (in exchange for a tombola prize for the Christmas fair)!

Saturday, 30th November: St. Peter’s Parish Christmas Fair (in school)

Wednesday, 11th December: Nursery, Reception and Infant Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Tuesday, 17th December: Junior Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Thursday, 19th December: Christmas dinner and party day. Children may wear party clothes to school

God bless,

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan
Headteacher