



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



11th October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Lord, you see every act of kindness and generosity, and you store them in your heart.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We begin this newsletter this week by announcing that, with the agreement of our governing body and with Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust, St. Peter's will close at 12.00 noon on Friday, 25 October, which is the last day of this half term.

This is the day of the mass to celebrate Maisie Almond's life, and we close St. Peter's as a mark of respect to Maisie.

We also close our school as a large number of our staff team wish to attend the mass to pay their respects to Maisie, and to offer support to her family.

We understand that this means the children will not eat lunch at our school that day. If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will be able to order a picnic lunch from our cook, Zoe, for them to eat on this day.

Please Email schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk if you would like to order a picnic lunch for your child to bring home with them.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, or if they have a social worker, then school will remain open to them on this afternoon. You are not obliged to keep your child with us in school until 3.20pm on this day – this is simply an offer of provision from us for your child. Again, if your child falls into one of the above two categories, and you would like them to remain in school on Friday, 25 October for the full day, then please Email admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk to let us know about this.

There will be staff remaining in school after 12.00 noon, and there will be staff returning to school after the mass.

We very much appreciate your understanding and support of this situation. Thank you also to the many parents who have passed on their prayers and condolences to Maisie's family via ourselves.

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 30 September 2024

| | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance (%age) | 95.6 | 95.7 | 98.7 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 98.4 | 92.4 | 99.2 |
| Punctuality (number of late marks) | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 |

Attendance climbed again last week – there were some great high figures! Thank you to the many families who make a great effort to get children to school on time for 8.50am. It can be unsettling for children when they enter a classroom late, and lots of our children really benefit from starting the day together as a full class team.

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Open Mornings – These will be held on 15 November and 9 January, both at 9.30am. They are for families interested in applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception classes. Families are invited to look around our school and to ask any questions that they may have. If you know of families who may be in the position of looking for a school place, please feel free to share these dates with them. Places can be booked by telephoning Mrs Murray in our school office.

October is 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!

Fuel4Fun Holiday Camps Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (in partnership with Active Tameside) have funded a number of providers through the central government funding HAF (Holiday Activity and Food Fund) to support children, young people and families throughout the October half term period. The funding from the 'Department Of Education' is given to support families on benefit-related free school meals. For more information, and to book a place on a holiday camp, please see the website: <https://eequ.org/tamesidefuel4fun> or scan the QR code →



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:

Y6: 18 October

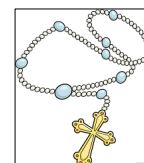
Y5: 25 October

Y2: 15 November

Y3: 6 December

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

October – the month of the Holy Rosary: Class teachers will invite families to a 'prayer share' in each classroom, where you can join to us pray the Holy Rosary.



PTFA Halloween Disco – This will take place on Thursday, 24 October at school. Please see attached posted for more information on such a wonderful night.

6.00pm - 7.00pm for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

7.15pm - 8.15pm for Year groups 3, 4, 5 and 6.

We ask that one adult stays with each Nursery child for the disco, but we ask families of all other year groups to leave their children with us to be supervised by school staff.

Please speak to Mrs K Broadbent in Year 5 if you would like to volunteer to work on a stall during the discos as a member of our PTFA. You could also Email ptfa@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk to state this.

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 with the 3rd instalment of £67.00 due yesterday.

Gmail Email Addresses - unfortunately there is still a problem sending the school newsletter or any other school correspondence to Gmail email address. The newsletter is always accessible on the school website for you to read through. The notifications we have received from Gmail is - to rectify this connection please contact your email admin as your email address is not accepting connection requests from our newsletter email. If you have an alternative email address you wish provide, please email – newsletter@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk and we will update our records. Sorry for any inconvenience

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Asda Rewards - Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. It does not stop there, Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. **It's as easy as 1,2,3**

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools. (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School by either searching by name or postcode – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, SK15 2HB.
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

No need to do anything else as Asda will do the rest. All money raised will be donated our schools to spend on the things we need the most. To date in the St Peters cash pot there is £163.03. thank you to everyone who has joined and is shopping with Asda.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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

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

Etherow Apple Extravaganza and Family Fun Day 6th October – please see attached poster for more information

Tameside Libraries Children's Fancy Dress Swap – please see attached poster for more information

Tameside Music Service - Our 'Be In A Band' holiday club is back for October half-term. It's a fantastic opportunity for young people aged 7 to 11 to learn, create and play music on instruments like Guitar, Bass, Drum Kit, Ukulele, Keyboards and of course, singing! It's happening over 4 days, Mon 28th Oct - Thurs 31st Oct and costs £20 per day (with lunch included). To sign up click the link below, we hope to see you there. Please see attached poster for more information.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-music-service/e-odyxkd>

Bat Detecting Walk and Talk - Join us for a special family walk discovering the noisy nocturnal world of bats and echolocation with the bat detector. Bat enthusiast Russ Hedley will lead the walk and talk, and his love for bats will help you discover more about their habitat, environments and how they connect to the greater web of life. Meet at the front door for Portland Basin Museum, Ashton OL7 0QA- 30th October at 5:30pm. [Book your place here](#)

Bat-tastic Half-Term Craft Activities at Tameside Libraries! - Looking for some spooky fun this half-term?

Join us at Tameside Libraries for Bat-themed craft sessions perfect for kids aged 4 -11! With South Lancashire Bat Group

When & Where:

Mon 28th @ Droylsden 10:30am

Tue 29th @ Dukinfield 10:30am

Thurs 31st @ Denton 2pm

Fri 1st @ Ashton 3pm

Cost: FREE!

We will have craft stations to make your very own hanging bats and bat hats. Learn all about bats in a batty circle time at the start of each session with craft, treasure hunts, colouring and more! Come along, get creative, and take home some bat-tastic creations!

Perfect for keeping those little hands busy and imaginations soaring. No need to book, just drop in! See you there!

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Football Fun Factory - This October we are running our half-term Football Fun Camps where we will be at two different locations, please see information below:-

Monday 28th October - Tuesday 29th October 2024

Saddleworth School, OL3 5NU

Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm (just after our famous blue card presentation!)

£20 per day or £36 for the full 2-day camp! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!

Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2585>

Thursday 31st October - Friday 1st November 2024

West Hill School, SK15 1LX

Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm (just after our famous blue card presentation!)

£20 per day or £36 for the full 2-day camp! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!

Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2584>

We also continue to run our weekly programmes where 3-week free trials are available throughout the month and we would welcome children aged from 18 months through to 12 years to sign up, come along and have some fun with us!

West Hill School (Stalybridge) - Football Fun & Development - Monday's 5.00pm-6.00pm (5 to 12 years) -

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/724>

West Hill High School (Stalybridge) - Tots Football Fun - Saturday's 08.45am-09.30am (18 months to 5 years) -

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/727>

West Hill High School (Stalybridge) - Tots Football Fun - Saturday's 09.30am-10.15am (2 years to 5 years) -

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/728>

Dates for your diary:

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,

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