



18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: "You must not quarrel about which of you is the greatest. I have come as a servant and not as a king."



Dear Parents and Carers,

### World Mental Health Day

The children shared the story of Padre Pio and made little card mementos to mark World Mental Health day last week.

NSPCC – as advised, we shared the virtual NSPCC assemblies with the children in the main school this week. In an age-appropriate way, children learned about keeping themselves safe. We look forward to an in-person visit by the NSPCC in December.



Just a reminder 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.

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.

The Year 5 assembly will now take place on 29 November at 2.45pm.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**.

**Attendance** – week beginning 7 October, 2024

|                                    | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance (%age)                  | 90.4    | 95.4      | 97     | 99.4   | 99.7   | 94.2   | 96.6   | 98.3   |
| Punctuality (number of late marks) | 0       | 3         | 2      | 3      | 2      | 3      | 5      | 0      |

**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.

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**Movement Breaks** – These take place throughout the day at St. Peter's. Class teachers know their children well, and they have identified particular children in their class who may benefit from joining with friends for a ten-minute 'movement break' at specific times during the day. Our teaching assistants lead movement breaks for reasons such as 'wake and shake,' re-focussing or decompressing at the end of the day.

**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 below:



**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: **Please note – the Year 5 assembly which was due to take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October has now been postponed, a new date will follow.**

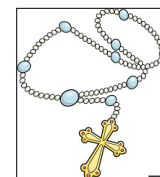
Y6: 18 October

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](mailto:ptfa@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk) to state this.

**Walking to school** – We have received a concern from a family who are worried about the need to walk in Hough Hill Road in the mornings due to the pavement outside the British Protection pub being blocked with families chatting, and with prams. We are quite sure that nothing has been done purposefully or deliberately, but we kindly ask that this pavement is kept clear for people to access as they walk to school.

**Access to School** – Please always let us know if you need us to make any adaptations so that you can access our school site. For example, we are aware that the security gate may not be easy to open for people who are wheelchair users, or for people with joint or muscle difficulties. However, the security gate must be in place for the safeguarding of our children, and staff would be more than happy to come out to the gate to open it for visitors in this situation. Another example is sports day. If access via our school field gate is difficult, please just let us know, and we will arrange for you to access the field via another route. Adult-sized chairs with arms are always available for anybody visiting to watch an assembly or a play, and we are happy to reserve spaces in the hall for wheelchair users. We hope that all of our families and visitors would feel comfortable discussing any access requirements with us.

**SEND Local Offer** – this can be accessed at the following link for our families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities: [Tameside SEND Local Offer \(tamesidelocaloffer.co.uk\)](http://tamesidelocaloffer.co.uk)

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**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](mailto:newsletter@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk) and we will update our records. Sorry for any inconvenience

**Robinwood Residential Year 5 – 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – a chase up text has been sent showing outstanding deposits and payments to date. The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of £40.00 was due on 13<sup>th</sup> September with the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of £67.00 due on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please can you ensure all payments are brought up to date as the next instalment of £66.00 is due on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**Asda Rewards** - Between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.jfcsports.co.uk) Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700

**MCS Stores** - [www.mcsstores.co.uk](http://www.mcsstores.co.uk) 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

**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](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside) Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.**

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*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](mailto: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**

**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- 30<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm. [Book your place here](#)

**Halloween in Hyde** - Families can join us for a spooky, scare-tastic Saturday with music, street theatre, arts, crafts and great food. Acts include roving Victorian servant girl ghosts and freaky fire characters, a puppet show about a mad scientist, plus balloon modellers, face painters and more! You can also satisfy your creepy cravings at an array of carefully curated street stalls offering fearsome food, including gourmet stonebaked pizza, Greek Gyros, Caribbean street food and burgers - as well as Oktoberfest-style beers from a Belgian bar.

**Trans Pennine Trail** - Half term is almost upon us, so we've uploaded our spooktacular Halloween half term activity pack on to our website that is now available free for parents and carers to download.

Once again, the pack contains lots of fun activities for the half term break that include making a fab paperback hedgehog, some spooky Halloween painted leaves and some Halloween cookies as well as an Autumn scavenger hunt, a Wordsearch and some Autumn facts and Halloween jokes to try on family and friends. Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

**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!

**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>

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## Dates for your diary:

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November:** Multifaith Week in school – children will be experiencing activities based on the Hindu faith.

**Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November:** We will be focussing on the children's safety around bonfires and fireworks.

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti-bullying Week

**11<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance Day

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Disability Awareness Week

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

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

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November:** St. Peter's Parish Christmas Fair (in school)

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Nursery, Reception and Infant Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Junior Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas dinner and party day. Children may wear party clothes to school

God bless,  
Kind regards,  
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