



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



21 November 2024

Feast of Christ the King:

“Christ is our king, let the whole world rejoice!”  
“This is our God, the servant king.”



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Disability Awareness Week** – On Monday we had a visit from a British Paralympic athlete, Mr Matt Walker. Matt visited us as part of our work to celebrate our appreciation of Disability Awareness Week. He shared such an important message with our children; that we are all able to succeed, as long as we keep on trying. It will be a pleasure to add Matt’s photograph to our board in the school hall, which states ‘Share our similarities, celebrate our differences.’

**Toast Morning** for Mary’s Meals will take place tomorrow morning in the school hall from 8.15am. Please do join us – it is a lovely way to start Friday! Simply arrive before the school bell to enjoy toast, tea and coffee with friends from our school community. We would be most grateful to accept any donations you may wish to make for Mary’s meals, but please understand that this is not essential. Mr and Mrs White from St. Peter’s Parish will be joining us.

**Thank you** to our choir who will be attending the dementia café at Willow Wood Hospice tomorrow. Last time the choir visited the hospice, the children were a credit to their families. As well as entertaining the residents and visitors with beautiful singing, the choir introduced themselves to the adults in the café in a most respectful and mature way, before greatly enjoying carrying out a quiz with them! We look forward to another lovely afternoon tomorrow, where our choir will represent St. Peter’s and their families in a way which makes us all most proud of them.

**Attendance** – week beginning 11 November, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	98.7	98.6	99.3	99.4	96	96.8	93.8	96.3
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	6	2	6	6	6	1	7

There were some great high attendance figures in lots of classes last week! Please could we ask that children are on time for school whenever possible, however? It can be very unsettling for children if they are walking into a classroom late, especially if the lesson has begun and they have missed the introduction and the sharing of the learning intention. Please do remember that we have a breakfast club in our school grounds – this may help with punctuality if your morning routine involves dropping children off at different settings. Please also be aware that Mrs Russell is our pastoral lead, and that she is happy to talk through any difficulties our families may be experiencing with attendance or punctuality.

Our Mini Vinnies have appealed for pre-loved winter coats and for toiletries as part of their Advent fundraising. The Mini Vinnies will distribute these goods to those who are homeless at the present time, or to those living in sheltered accommodation. Please understand that the group are not asking anyone to go out and buy winter coats – they are simply appealing for any that are now too small, or any that may no longer be used. Please see attached poster for more information.

**St. Peter’s Parish Christmas Fair** will be held in school from 11.00am – 3.00pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Next Wednesday - 27 November we invite the children to come to school in their own clothes and to bring with them a contribution for the tombola at the fair. Next Wednesday will be a usual school day, so please avoid sending your child to school in clothes which are too precious! (Our EYFS children will be accessing paint, glue, sand and water, for example, as they do each day). May we also ask that you avoid sending your child to school in a football kit. Many thanks

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**Christmas Lunch** - the children are invited to have a Christmas Dinner on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6 and normally has a packed lunch and would like to have a school dinner please email - [schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk).

Following your confirmation of a Christmas Dinner, a payment link for £3.20 will then be sent from [School Money](#). All orders must be received no later than **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

Children in Reception to Year 2 who normally have a packed lunch can have a Christmas Dinner and payment is not required. Can you please inform the school office if your child wishes to have a Christmas Dinner. Please note – Christmas Dinner is for children in Reception to Year 6.

**If your order is placed after this date, then unfortunately, your child will not be eligible for a Christmas dinner. Please understand that our kitchen staff are only able to order the supplies for the number of meals that have been ordered by our families. Thank you**

**\*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.

**Entrance to School** - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November between 10:00am and 12:00pm there will be limited access to school due to the fitting of our new external doors.

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

Y5: 29 November (please note this re-arranged date)

Y3: 6 December

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

**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. Please bring all payments up to date as the 5<sup>th</sup> instalment of £66.00 is due 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Postcards** – Please send in any postcards from your days out or holidays in the British Isles – they will be placed on our geography display!

**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. 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 .... £242.55. 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. 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.

**Privacy Notice** – our latest privacy notice for school can be found on our [website](#) – CCCAT Privacy Notice 2024

**PE Kit** – over the past few weeks there has been numerous children forgetting their PE kit, please ensure that you child has their full PE kit in school. If you have any unwanted PE kits at home, we would be grateful of your donation. 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 colder as we go into the season of Winter. Thank you.

**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. Nursery snack fund for this half term is £24.50.

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**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 £112.00 (35 meals). **Please note:** - you will no longer be able to use the TMBC website to pay for school meals, this is due to the change in catering providers from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Payments for school meals will be made via School Money - [www.edsp.co/sm-login](http://www.edsp.co/sm-login). The amount allocated on school money will depend on if you were in credit with TMBC as this will carry forward to the balance owed up to 20<sup>th</sup> December. Any arrears via TMBC will be allocated to school money via a different payment, please could you ensure all payments are cleared and up to date. Messages will be sent next week with your child's new dinner money total (if in credit) and arrears balance.

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.

**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)**

**Coconut, Prawns, Avocado, Nut and Sesame 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.

**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:

**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.

## Community Events



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**fun gymnastics classes for all ages**

From toddler to junior, we have classes for all ages to make sure everyone can enjoy the excitement and physical benefits of gymnastics.

- ★ Gym Tots - 0-4 years
- ★ Mini Tumblers - 2-4 years
- ★ Juniors - 4+ years (from reception school upwards)

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## Droylsden Life Saving Club



**About Us**

We are an affiliated Lifesaving Club who are affited by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK). We have been running since 1971 providing lifesaving awards and qualifications of the RLSS UK to the community of Droylsden and surrounding areas.

**Rookie Lifeguard**  
8 - 12 years old

RLSS UK's Rookie Lifeguard programme is taught using colourful materials, and fun, varied lifesaving and rescue activities to give children the skills they need to be confident in the pool or the sea and enjoy water safely, whether in shallow or deeper water

**ROOKIE LIFEGUARD**

**National Lifesaving Academy**  
12 years old +

The National Lifesaving Academy (NLA) is the RLSS UK lifesaving award scheme for anyone aged 12 years and over. The award programme enables you to train lifesavers of the future, equipping young people with highly transferable skills across a range of environments

**NATIONAL LIFESAVING ACADEMY**

**Contact information**

Every Monday (except bank holidays)  
7:30pm - 9:00pm at Active Medlock

info@droylsdenlifesavingclub.com  
Safeguarding@droylsdenlifesavingclub.com

Gary Shepherd  
Club Chairman

David Columbine  
Club Welfare Officer

www.droylsdenlifesavingclub.com

Ashton Town Team Present

**ASHTON CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23RD FROM 1:30PM  
MARKET STREET/BOW STREET, ASHTON-U-LYNE

LIVE MUSIC • LAUREL & HARDY • CHRISTMAS BEAR  
'SANTAPOOL' • CHRISTMAS MARKET BY LITTLE OWL EVENTS

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God bless,  
Kind regards,  
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