



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



29 November 2024

The First Sunday of Advent: "Stay awake; be ready!" We begin our wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It would be lovely if you could join us to celebrate mass on Wednesday at 9.15am in St. Peter's Church. We will be marking the start of Advent. In each class every day, our children will be opening a door on a virtual advent calendar, similar to the CAFOD one at the following link: [Interactive online Advent calendar 2024](#) You are welcome to use this link at home – it really does help our children's sense of being a part of a global community, and of being a member of God's family along with those who live in countries other than ours.

**Toast Morning** What a wonderful morning we had before school last Friday! Despite the snow, we raised £98.50 for Mary's Meals – the highest amount for a long time! Thank you for supporting us with this.

**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.

**Attendance** – week beginning 18 November, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	94.8	98.2	92.7	95.9	97	96.1	95.2	97.5
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	7	5	7	3	14	5	4

**St. Peter's Parish Christmas Fair** will be held in school from 11.00am – 3.00pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The teachers will be on the tombola stall as usual! Please do come along if you can – it would be lovely to see you!

**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.

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

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!

## In the love of God and neighbour

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**Christmas Productions** – Please also ensure that your child has a pair of black PE pumps for their Christmas play and please check that these pumps still fit them! We only have a limited stock of spare pumps in school. Tickets are now being reserved via school money.

**Admission to school September 2025** – letters have been emailed to families regarding the admission to St Peter's. If your child is registered at our school and you have not received a copy of the application process, then contact the school office. Closing date for online applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency. **Even if proof of residency was submitted for a Nursery application a further 2 proof of residency is required for the 2025 admission process.** More detailed information is available on the school website under the School Admissions section.

**Admission to Nursery 2025** – letters have been emailed regarding the admission intake process for September. Proofs of residency and birth and baptismal certificates if applicable are required. These are explained in the Nursery Admission Policy which is mentioned on our school website - <https://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/admissions/nursery-admissions/> If you have not already registered your interest for a nursery or school place, please contact the school office or look on the school website <https://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/> application forms for the nursery are also available from the school office.

**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 .... £256..75. 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.

**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.

**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. 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.

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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**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 4<sup>th</sup> December:** 9:15am Whole School Mass – Beginning of Advent

**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.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole School Mass – End of Advent

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

## Community Events



## Football Fun Factory -

Monday 23rd December 2024

West Hill School, SK15 1LX

Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm

£25 per day! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!

Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2889>

God bless,

Kind regards,

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