



8 November 2024



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Jesus, teach us to share, because everything we have comes from you."



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a great half term at St. Peter's!

We mark so many festivals and celebrations this half term, and began November by marking All Saints Day.

Today the Pupil Leadership Team will share some facts about Diwali with the school, and each class will hang a lantern in the hall to mark this. As well as Diwali, these symbols of light will lead us into the season of Advent, where we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will end our half term with our whole school mass to celebrate Christmas.

Armistice Day – On Monday, 11 November, we will gather together as a school to mark this special day of remembrance. Our choir will lead us in a beautiful song about remembrance, and we will spend some time in silence as a mark of respect as we pray for peace.

Parents' Evenings – Families are invited to sign up for a slot to speak with their child's class teacher on Tuesday, 12 November between 3.30pm and 7.00pm or on Wednesday, 13 November between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. An email was sent with a link for you to book a timeslot with your child's class teacher, if you are having difficulties in booking a time please contact Mrs Murray in the office.

Children in Need Day falls on Friday, 15 November this year. Children must wear their full St. Peter's uniform as usual, but they are welcome to wear Children in need merchandise if they wish, or perhaps something yellow or spotty – all in addition to their uniform. In the past, children have worn headbands, bobbles, socks or ties, for example. School would be very happy to collect any donations you wish to make to Children in Need.

Attendance – week beginning 21 October, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	94.8	93.7	96.3	96.6	98.9	96.8	96.6	98.7
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	2	3	8	5	5	5	3

Well done to our tag rugby team for representing school so well in the tournament with Tameside Catholic schools before the holidays! Our next sporting event is a girls' football event at Curzon Ashton. It has been great to hear of your enthusiasm, girls, for developing your skills at football!

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.

Class Masses will take place on the following Wednesdays at 9.15am in the chapel (in St. Peter's Church).
Reception: 13 November – this will be a Service of The Word, rather than a mass.
Year 6: 20 November

Class Assemblies will take place on the following Fridays at 2.45pm:
Y2: 15 November
Y5: 29 November (please note this re-arranged date)
Y3: 6 December
More dates will be added in the Spring and Summer terms.

PTFA Halloween Disco – WOW! This was a fabulous evening, and was greatly enjoyed by the many children who attended. Thank you to families for supporting our school fundraising by bringing your children back to school for our disco, and thank you to all the members of our PTFA and school staff who gave their time to support with this event. £868.25 was raised, which is amazing. We are going to use this money to purchase seating and resources for a beautiful prayer space that we are creating in school.

Thank you to our Reception families for understanding that it is not always possible for Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mrs Green to chat fully whilst they are receiving children from yourselves between 8.40am and 8.50am each morning. This is simply because staff are fully occupied with welcoming the children into school at this time, and ensuring their supervision. Of course, if you need to speak with staff in Reception, you are more than welcome to come to the school office before 8.40am, or to speak at the end of the school day. If these times are not convenient, please feel free to telephone or Email school in order to arrange an appointment.

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 on 10th October. Please can you ensure all payments are brought up to date as the next instalment of £66.00 is due on 15th November.

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

Parking – Please park considerately when parking on the streets surrounding our school as this causes hazards for children and families on their way to and from school.

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 £213.96. 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.

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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 your 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.

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 £112.00 (35 meals). Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals>. Please could you ensure all payments are 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. Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

I am pleased to inform you that from Monday 18th November, Taylor Shaw will be the new catering provider at St Peter's Catholic Primary School. Everything will still run the same the kitchen staff will remain the same, the price of school meals will remain the same. The only difference is the change of menus. Please refer to our school website for the new school menus. If you would like any further information, please contact the school office.

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.

Dates for your diary:

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.

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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