



*Third Sunday of Advent: "Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."*

At church on Sunday the pink candle of joy shall be lit. We continue to wait in joyful hope for the birth of Jesus.

13 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

An enormous thank you to our Mini Vinnies and to all those who donated winter coats and toiletries. There was an enormous collection for the worker from the Barnabus charity to pick up yesterday! Do have a look at the website for the Barnabus charity to.

It would be lovely if you could join us to celebrate mass on Wednesday, 18 December at 9.15am in St. Peter's Church. We will be marking the end of Advent and the start of the Christmas season. 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.

**Infant Christmas Show: Shine, Star, Shine** – Thank you to each and every member of staff in our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes for a wonderful re-telling of the nativity yesterday. Thank you to our audience for all of the clapping and cheering. We hope you all enjoyed the show.

**Attendance** – week beginning 2 December, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	94.3	100	95.3	95.3	93	97.4	95.9	98.8
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	3	1	14	5	6	2	5

**Thursday 19 December** - Children are invited to wear party clothes to school on this day.

**Christmas Holiday** – School will close at 2.30pm on Friday, 20 December for the Christmas holiday break.

**Job Opportunities** - Please see the '[vacancies](#)' tab of our school website for current opportunities at St. Peter's.

**Olivia Peers** - It is with great regret that we announce that our dance tutor, Olivia, will be hanging up her dancing shoes and leaving St. Peter's at the end of this term. Olivia is going to work across Tameside as a teacher of yoga for children with additional needs, which is a passion of hers. Of course, we wish Olivia well with this venture, and we know that all the children she will work with will benefit greatly from her teaching.

Mrs Russell (who has lots of experience as a teacher of dance) is going to deliver gym and dance lessons to the children in Y1-Y6 after Christmas.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Reed, who has secured a full time position as a teaching assistant at St. Raphael's Catholic Primary School. We will miss your calm, caring presence, Mrs Reed. Good luck in your new full-time role, and do come back to see us at St. Peter's.

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# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



**Arbor** - We are excited to inform you that from **7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** the school will move to a new communications portal – ARBOR.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way.

**Teddy Sale** – On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December there will be a teddy sale outside the Year 6 classroom after school. All money raised will be donated to [CAFOD World Gifts](#) Teddies will be priced at 50p, come along to help spread kindness this season in helping us raise money for CAFOD.

**The Santa Bus** will be visiting Active Copley on 21 December, 10.30am-4.00pm. This is a scheme run by Active Tameside which offers families the chance to take their children to see Santa and to receive a gift at a low cost. Please see the attached poster.

**Greater Manchester Primary Care: Get to Know Where to Go** Please follow the link: [Greater Manchester Integrated Care website](#) to access information about NHS services locally, including pharmacies, opticians and out of hours medical care.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

**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:**

**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.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas - Early finish – 2:30pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – School opens for the Spring term at 8.50am (gates open at 8.40am as usual)

## **Community Events**

**Hyde Christmas Markets** - from 10am - 4pm! With over 100 festive stalls popping up across the Town Hall, Market Place, Indoor Market, and Clarendon Shopping Centre, there's something for everyone – from unique artisan crafts to delicious food, warm mulled wine, and hot chocolate. 🎁🍷🍩

**Tameside Libraries newsletter** – please see attached posters

God bless,

Kind regards,

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