



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



“She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus – because He will save His people.”

20 December, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the many people who attended Mass yesterday. It was lovely to join together as a school and parish community to mark the end of the season of Advent, and the beginning of the Christmas season. Thank you to Father Philip for being our wonderful, caring parish priest.

[Interactive online Advent calendar 2024](#) – do continue using this CAFOD resource in the run-up to Christmas. It is a lovely way for our children to gain a greater awareness of our global family, The Church.

**Junior Christmas Show: Cinderella Rockerfella** – Thank you to each and every member of staff in our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes. The pantomime was very entertaining and got us all in the mood for Christmas! Thank you to our Year 6 children for learning lots of lines and for singing some beautiful solos.

**Christmas Show - USB Orders** – If you would like to order a USB of your child Christmas show, please send your order form into school in clearly marked envelope with your child's name and correct money. Please note - no change can be given due to a third party dealing with the cash. The deadline for orders is **10:00am Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** for all productions.

**Swimming** Year 4 will continue to swim in January each week, and this arrangement will carry on until the Easter holidays. There are currently quite a number of children in Year 4 who are unable to swim. If this is the case for your child, please do consider taking them to swimming lessons outside of school time in order to learn this potentially life-saving skill.

Our Year 3 children will swim between September, 2025 and Easter, 2026 (when they are in Year 4).

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that any of our CURRENT Year 4 children will be able to join the new Year 4 children in September, 2025, if they are still unable to swim.

**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.

**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.

## **Dates for your diary:**

**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)

## **In the love of God and neighbour**

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## A Prayer for our School Community as we approach Christmas

Father God,

Thank you that we have so many good things to celebrate within our school life.

We pray that we hear Your voice and that we are led by Your Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the excitement of Christmas and we pray for our school as we prepare our hearts for all that we can celebrate this season.

We thank you that we may freely celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We thank you for the noise and fun, and we pray that there may also be time for reflection and quiet.

We pray for those families who may face any sort of challenge at Christmas time, and we ask that they may have peace, and have provision for all that they need.

We pray that each member of our school community has an enjoyable Christmas season and comes back to school in January feeling rested and ready for a new term.

In your holy name,

Amen



Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and with every good wish for the new year,

God bless,

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