



6 December 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent: May the light of Jesus shine in our hearts

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

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 the attached poster for more information.

Infant Christmas Show: Shine, Star, Shine - The children have been working very hard on their singing for this show, and we hope that family members of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to join us for the shows next Wednesday (11 December) at 9.30am and 2.00pm. Please could you ensure that all children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a pair of black school PE pumps for the show. (Nursery children will not need these). Please do not forget to order your tickets via School Money.

Attendance – week beginning 25 November, 2024

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%age)	99.6	97.9	95	98.4	97.3	97.7	98.6	98.3
Punctuality (number of late marks)	0	6	1	9	6	10	3	1

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

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 – 30th April – 2nd May – a chase up text has been sent showing outstanding deposits and payments to date. Please bring all payments up to date as the 5th instalment of £66.00 is due 24th 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 **15th 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.

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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 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. 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 20th 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 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**

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, 11th December: Nursery, Reception and Infant Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Tuesday, 17th December: Junior Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Wednesday 18th December: Whole School Mass – End of Advent

Thursday, 19th December: Christmas dinner and party day. Children may wear party clothes to school.

Friday 20th December – School closes for Christmas - Early finish – 2:30pm

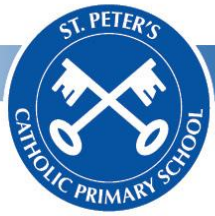
Tuesday 7th January – School opens

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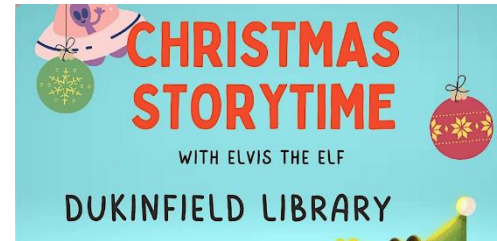


Community Events

Portland Basin Museum –

- Saturday 7 December 2024 – 11:00am – 3:00pm - Free children's craft activities available
- Sunday 8 December 2024 – 11:00am – 3:00pm - Handmade market in the museum.

Dukinfield Library - An interactive story session with Elvis the Elf around a popular children's book. The session will be loud and busy and will take place in the main library space.



Woodend Mill, Mossley – Come join our fun-filled Children's Art & Craft (Ages 4-9) Class where kids can unleash their creativity and make beautiful masterpieces. Tickets are £11 please booked using [this link](#)

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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