



10 January, 2025



*The three wise men were not Jewish, as Jesus was. They represent the fact that Jesus came for everyone – for all people.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying an enormous thank you to all of our families for your generous cards, gifts and messages of goodwill at Christmas. All were extremely appreciated by all of the staff here at St. Peter's. I would also like to wish you all a very happy new year, and I hope that 2025 brings peace and blessings to each and every one of you.

This week the children will hear the story of the Epiphany, when the three wise men came to visit the baby Jesus in the stable.

<b>Swimming</b>	Year 4 will continue to swim on Mondays each week, and this arrangement will continue 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 for them 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.
<b>Children with SEND</b>	We have many children at St. Peter's with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and we celebrate this. If you are a family where one or more of your children has SEND, do take a look at the following link on our website: <a href="#">SEND – St Peter's Stalybridge</a> Here you will find links to helpful documents and information, as well as a link to the local offer, which is a bank of resources and 'signposts' to services in the local area.
<b>Class Masses</b>	These all begin at 9.15am in the chapel inside St. Peters Church. All are heartily welcome. Wednesday, 15 January – Year 6 Wednesday, 22 January – Reception Wednesday, 29 January – Year 3. This is an enrolment mass for the children as they begin their sacramental programme, so it would be lovely if someone from each family could attend. Wednesday, 5 February – Year 4 Wednesday, 12 February – Year 1 Wednesday, 12 March – Year 5 Wednesday, 19 March – Year 2 Wednesday, 9 April – whole school mass to celebrate Holy Week and Easter
<b>Class Assemblies</b>	As usual, these take place at 2.45pm in our school hall. All family members are most welcome. Friday, 17 January – Year 5 Friday, 31 January – Year 1 Friday, 14 February – Year 2 Friday, 14 March – Reception Friday, 21 March – Year 3 Friday, 28 March – Year 4
<b>'Time With Jesus' – Prayer and Liturgy, Spring 2025</b>	<a href="https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/">https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/</a> Above is a link where you can explore and share resources with your children. Do take a look – there are some lovely images and meditations, all of which directly relate to the content of what are children are experiencing in their sessions of Prayer and Liturgy at this time in the Church's year.

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<b>Sacramental Programme</b>	<p>Year 3 parents (or other family members) are invited to attend a meeting in the school hall on Monday, 20 January at 3.30pm. The meeting will last no longer than an hour. Please do try to send an adult from each Year 3 family to this meeting, as they are a lovely way to share the preparation for the sacraments between home, school and parish.</p> <p>The sacrament of First Forgiveness for Year 3 children will take place on Thursday 20 March at 6:00pm in St. Peter's Church. If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for one of our children, please Email <a href="mailto:admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk">admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk</a></p> <p>Alternatively, you could call into the school office or speak to Miss Cooper on the school playground at the end of the day. A prayer sponsor has a very simple, yet lovely and incredibly vital role. We simply ask our sponsors to pray for our children. You would be most welcome to attend our prayer sponsors' party on Monday, 10 February, as well as the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion, but there is no obligation to do so at all.</p> <p>Parents of children in year groups 4, 5 and 6 who would like their children to be part of the sacramental programme this academic year should speak to the school office or to Miss Cooper at their earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<b>Term dates</b>	<p>Term dates and holiday lists were Emailed to parents on Tuesday, 7 January, 2025. They may also be accessed on our school website at: <a href="#">Holiday Lists – St Peter's Stalybridge</a></p> <p>Thank you for being mindful of these dates when booking family holidays. Unfortunately, we are unable to authorise time away from school during term time unless the circumstances are exceptional.</p>
<b>SEND Friends</b>	<p>Family members of children on our SEND register are most welcome to attend a coffee morning in the mobile classroom on Wednesday, 15 January from 9.00am. Mrs Russell, our SENDCO, will lead the session, and at the next session, our educational psychologist will be attending. Do feel free to come along and join us – everyone is assured of a warm welcome.</p>
<b>Opportunity with the Halle Choir</b>	<p>Parents of boys in year groups 3, 4, 5 and 6 – we invite you to express interest if your sons would like to attend a workshop with the directors of the Halle Youth Choirs. The workshop takes place during the school day on 13 March. It is entitled 'Boys Sing!' and has a cost of £7.75. At the moment our school is simply gathering a register of interest from our junior-aged boys. If we have sufficient interest, we will look into hiring or arranging transport to the venue at Halle St. Peter's in Ancoats. Please Email <a href="mailto:admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk">admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk</a>, call into the school office, or speak to your son's class teacher in order to express your interest.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<b>NSPCC</b>	<p>The NSPCC will be visiting children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday, 15 January. You may recall a virtual assembly that we held with all children in the Autumn term. (The letter that we sent to families to accompany the assembly has been sent along with this newsletter). Wednesday's visits will serve as an in-person recap of this vital message of safety for our children.</p>
<b>Care when dropping and collecting children at school</b>	<p>We have received a concern from one of our neighbours that families arriving at our school around the times of 8.50am and 3.20pm are blocking their driveway when they park. Obviously, this is causing difficulties to our neighbour in terms of access and egress from their home. More concerning, however, the neighbour has reported the use of language by some of our families towards them as making them feel quite unsettled. We ask, please, that our families using cars to drop and collect children at school do so considerately, and with the safety and wellbeing of our children at the forefront of their minds. School has once again requested the presence of a PCSO to assist in facilitating this.</p>

**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.

**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.

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## Community Information

### NHS Pharmacy First Service

This service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment (where appropriate) for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. Accessing the service may hopefully mean that children and parents are helped to feel better as quickly as possible.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common Condition	Patient Eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throat	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract infection	Women aged 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first) as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

With every good wish for the new year,

God bless,

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