



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



17th January 2025



*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Wedding at Cana, where Jesus changed water into wine.*

*"Jesus, help us to turn to you in times of difficulty, and to place our trust in your goodness and love."*

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a great week at St. Peter's. The children are continuing 'to be the best that they can be' in line with our school mission statement, and it is a true pleasure for all of us, as a staff team, to work with our children and families each day.

Thank you to Year 6 for trying out a new way of editing writing this week – we are sure this will be a great tool to enable you to make rapid progress.

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies, who have met with the leaders of the local St. Vincent de Paul Society this week in order to find out more about their wonderful work.

Our Year 3 children, as part of their geography work 'Who Lives in Antarctica?' have had a visit from an Antarctic explorer!

<b><u>Swimming</u></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><u>Miss Jones and Miss Sidebottom</u></b>	We have been delighted to welcome Miss Jones and Miss Sidebottom to our staff team. Both of these ladies join us as teaching assistants at St. Peter's. They will be providing extra cover and support to our established team. Miss Jones has spent many years as a teacher of Year 1 children in Tameside, and Miss Sidebottom's career has been as a qualified early years worker.  I would also like to let our Year 1 parents know that Mrs Woodhouse is looking forward to getting back to school next week, as her period of jury service is now coming to an end.
<b><u>Class Masses</u></b>	These all begin at 9.15am in the chapel inside St. Peters Church. All are heartily welcome. 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><u>Class Assemblies</u></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><u>'Time With Jesus' – Prayer and Liturgy, Spring 2025</u></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>Reuben's Retreat</b>	<p>On Monday morning we will be welcoming a visitor from Reuben's Retreat, who is going to speak to the children about the wonderful work of their organisation, and is going to thank them for the donation of £/// raised by ticket sales for our Christmas school shows.</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>Active Tameside Holiday Camps</b>	<div data-bbox="225 1037 520 1270" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Please see the attached QR code for details of sports camps children may attend during the February half term holiday.</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 concerningly, 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>

## Attendance – week beginning 7 January 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%)	99.5	98.2	97.9	96.1	98.4	99.2	94.4	96.9
Number of late marks	0	3	4	5	1	4	2	3

Attendance was great last week – there were some extremely high percentages in most of our classes!

**Arbor** - We are excited to inform you that we now have a new communications portal – ARBOR. Over the next week a letter will be sent out with a how to guide on downloading the ARBOR app to your smart phones.

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.

**Robinwood Residential Year 5 – 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – 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.

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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](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 £20.30.

**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 £92.80 (29 meals). Payments for school meals will be made via School Money - [www.edsp.co/sm-login](http://www.edsp.co/sm-login). 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.

## 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>.

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**Hyde Festival Theatre**  
Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th January 2025  
Relaxed performance on Thursday 23rd January including BSL signed performance  
7:15pm each evening, additional 2pm show Saturday matinee  
Tickets £10 / Concessions £8  
Book online at [www.sparksem.co.uk](http://www.sparksem.co.uk)

## Hyde Festival Theatre –

Presented by Tameside Youth Drama Group.  
23rd - 25th January 2025, 7.15pm every evening  
Additional Saturday Matinee at 2pm  
Relaxed Showing on Thursday 23rd January

The relaxed showing will also include a BSL interpreter who will be located between seats A19 and B20.

1A Trinity St, Stalybridge SK15 2BN  
**TAMESIDE LIBRARIES**  
**Stalybridge Library's**  
**LEGO CLUB**  
on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 3:30 - 4:30pm  
NO need to BOOK, JUST DROP-IN  
Lego Club is aimed at children aged 7+ and their parents and carers. Everyone is welcome, but please leave your own Lego at home unless you want to donate it to the club!

## Lego Club – Stalybridge Library

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month from 3:30pm for lots of Lego fun. Lego provided, no need to book. See you there!

Lego club is aimed at children aged 7+ and their families. Please leave your own lego at home unless you'd like to donate it to the group.



## Love in the Market

Free family entertainment on Saturday 8 February in Ashton Market Hall, created and organised by students at Tameside College, with support from Tameside Council and Curated Place!

Join in the fun from 11am - 4pm, with live music from local bands alongside Storytelling and family-friendly theatre from The League of Curiosity, as well as lots of different creative crafts and making activities.

God bless,

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