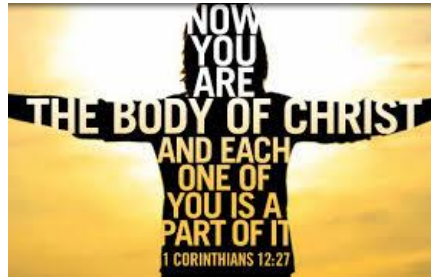




St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



24th January 2025








Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: We all belong to one body – The Church – the Family of God.

Each of us has a special job to do; a special role to fulfil

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we will join together as a school community for a special 'Time with Jesus' about the Year of the Jubilee. Pope Francis has asked us to make this year special, and to become 'pilgrims of hope' through our words and actions. At some point during this Year of Jubilee, each of our classes will plan a small project based on a strand or theme of Catholic Social Teaching. This is part of our commitment to the Common Good, and of our pledge to look outwards and advance harmony with our local and global families. The themes for each class are listed below:

	Strand of Catholic Social Teaching	CAFOD Character reflecting Catholic Social Teaching
Nursery	Stewardship – care of our planet and of all who live on it	 Sofia the Sloth
Reception	Solidarity – we are one big family. Reach out and share God's love with those who are suffering or sad.	 Shristi the Sun Bear
Year 1	Promoting Peace – in our homes, in our communities, in our world.	 Daisy the Dove
Year 2	Putting First those People in Most Need – when we serve the poor, we serve God.	 Poppy the Popokotea
Year 3	The Common Good – we are all brothers and sisters. We must think of everyone, not just ourselves.	 Chikondi the Giraffe

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Year 4	Human Dignity – everyone should be respected and have what they need.	 Luc the Deer
Year 5	Participation – we should use our gifts and talents, and ensure that everyone else can use theirs, too.	 Patariki the Penguin
Year 6	Subsidiarity - everyone must be treated fairly. Everyone should have a say. Leaders who make decisions should listen to all.	 Sid the Sheep
Mini Vinnies group	Distributive Justice – the gifts of our world should be shared fairly. Be grateful and share generously.	 DJ the Dolphin


During each month in this Year of Jubilee at St. Peter's, we will think about and highlight a range of missions. In January, we will celebrate a **Jubilee for Communication**. We will explore how we can spread God's Good News with everyone. Thank you to Mr Hartney, Mrs Broadbent and Year 5 for getting everyone ready for the year of Jubilee with your lovely assembly last week.

Mini Vinnies	Thank you to the leaders of St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Society for meeting with our children, and thank you to the parishioners and families who joined us for our 'Gather the family' event in school on Monday. Next Monday we look forward to our Mini Vinnies speaking to the school about the International Day of Education, and the theme of kindness.
Mini Playwrights – Year 4	Please could parents of children in Year 4 return any consent forms regarding media permission for the Mini Playwrights project. We are so pleased that the children have this great opportunity to work with the Royal Exchange heater, and we cannot wait to watch their completed play being performed at Stalybridge Civic Hall! We will let you know of ticket details as soon as we have this information.
Class Masses	These all begin at 9.15am in the chapel inside St. Peter's Church. All are heartily welcome. 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
Class Assemblies	As usual, these take place at 2.45pm in our school hall. All family members are most welcome. Friday, 31 January – Year 1 Friday, 14 February – Year 2 Friday, 14 March – Reception Friday, 21 March – Year 3 Friday, 28 March – Year 4



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Parent Governor	School has a vacancy for a parent governor at the present time. Please return the application form to Mrs Murray in our school office if you would like to apply for this role.
Sacramental Programme	<p>THANK YOU to the family members of Year 3 who attended our meeting on Monday to begin the sacramental preparation programme.</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.</p> <p>If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for one of our children, please Email admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk 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>If you are a parent or carer of a Year 3 child and you were to be able to attend Monday's meeting, or if you are a parent of a child in Year 4, 5 or 6, and you would like your child to be part of the sacramental programme this academic year, then please speak to the school office or to Miss Cooper at your earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Term dates	Term dates and holiday lists were Emailed to parents on Tuesday, 7 January, 2025. They may also be accessed on our school website at: Holiday Lists – St Peter's Stalybridge 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.
Nursery	If you know of any families who would like to apply for a place in our school Nursery for September, 2025, then please just ask them to telephone our school office, or to pop in to request an application form. The date of the governors' meeting to discuss applications and to allocate places is approaching.
Active Tameside Holiday Camps	 <p>Please see the attached QR code for details of sports camps children may attend during the February half term holiday.</p>
Tameside 5k Festival	Please see the attached poster for more about the Tameside 5k festival on 8 March at Tameside Cycle Track.

Attendance – week beginning 13 January 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%)	89.7	99.3	98.7	97.5	97.1	95.5	100	96.7
Number of late marks	0	5	2	7	2	4	1	2

We continue to celebrate high attendance at St. Peter's! Thank you to all of our families for your support with this. Please remember that you may contact Mrs Russell (our pastoral lead) at school between Tuesday and Friday each week if you would appreciate discussing any particular issues around attendance and punctuality. Our school always wishes to provide care and support if we possibly can.

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 phone. Please contact school if your email address has changed, as a link will be sent out to current email addresses we have on our system.

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 – i.e. – in-app messages / emails.

Robinwood - Year 5 – 30th April – 2nd May – Please bring all payments up to date as the 5th instalment of £66.00 is due today.

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.

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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 £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. 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.

Community Events

Saddleworth Netball Team - Any Year 6 girls interested in joining a netball team? Saddleworth Netball are looking to recruit players. Please attached poster for more information.

Portland Basin – Make, Do and Play Art Activity - Join artist Helen Dodsworth to make something arty and crafty in this drop-in children's craft activity - Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th February 11am-3pm. Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised at all times. The activity costs £1.35 per child - please buy your ticket at the museum reception desk.

Tameside Libraries – You're never too young to join and it's free! You can [apply online to join the library](#) or alternatively you can complete the [invitation form attached](#). Once completed take the form along to your local library. Anyone under the age of 16 will need the permission of a parent or guardian to join the library.

Lego Club – Ashton Library - fourth Tuesday of every month 4-5pm. Each month there's a different theme or challenge and we have plenty of Lego for you to get building. We usually try to display the models that have been made at Lego Club so have a look out for them when visiting Ashton Library.

Stalybridge Library - first Wednesday of every month 3.30 - 4.30 pm. Lego Club is aimed at children aged 7+ and their carers. Everyone is welcome, but please leave your own Lego at home.

God bless,

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