



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *What we see on the outside is not important, but our hearts must be filled with goodness, so that our words and actions may be kind and loving.*

27 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a lovely, busy half term at St. Peter's!

<u>Lent</u>	<p>Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – 5 March. Father Philip will give school some blessed ashes so that we may all take part in the tradition of wearing these on our foreheads at the start of Lent. On Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) we will offer each child a small piece of pancake to eat. Please just let your child's class teacher know if you do NOT wish them to eat this. (You could also telephone the school office). During Lent, as we prepare for the glorious feast of Easter, each class will plan and carry out a fundraising activity for CAFOD.</p>
<u>Lent Fundraisers for CAFOD</u>	<p>Nursery and Reception – sponsored Zumba Year 1 and Year 2 – sponsored bounce Year 3 and Year 4 – talent show (families may purchase tickets to spectate) Year 5 and Year 6 – board game and bingo evening on Friday, 28 March from 3.30pm</p>
<u>Pilgrimages of Hope</u>	<p>In this Year of the Jubilee, each of our classes is going to embark on a pilgrimage. We will be taking a candle to present to the people at our destination. Each candle bears our school logo, as well as the logo for the Year of the Jubilee, and we hope to spread hope throughout our locality as we journey on these pilgrimages. Nursery will travel to Father Philip's presbytery Reception will travel to Trinity School Year 1 will go to the '5 a Day' shop in Stalybridge Year 2 - Trinity Church and the local foodbank Year 3 – Willow Wood Hospice shop Year 4 – a local care home Year 5 – St. Mary's School, Dukinfield Year 6 – St Raphael's School</p>
<u>Class Masses</u>	<p>These all begin at 9.15am in the chapel inside St. Peter's Church. All are heartily welcome. Wednesday, 12 March – Year 5 Wednesday, 19 March – Year 2 Wednesday, 9 April – whole school mass to celebrate Holy Week and Easter</p>
<u>Class Assemblies</u>	<p>As usual, these take place at 2.45pm in our school hall. All family members are most welcome. Friday, 14 March – Reception Friday, 21 March – Year 3 Friday, 28 March – Year 4</p>
<u>Arbor</u>	<p>We are excited to inform you that we now have a new communications portal – ARBOR. Please download the new free Arbor parent app onto to your smart phone where you will be kept up to date with all correspondence from school. This in-app messaging will replace the text messaging service that school used in the past. If additional parents would like their email address adding to their child's information in order to access Arbor, please contact the school office.</p>

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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.
Y5 Robinwood: 30 April – 2 May	Please bring all payments up to date as the 5 th instalment of £66.00 was due 24 th January 2025. The next and last payment of £66.00 is due today - 28 th February.
Children's Sleep Awareness Month	<p>Did you know that up to 50% of children struggle with sleep at some point, which rises to 80% where there is a diagnosis of SEND? Poor sleep can lead to cranky mornings, trouble focusing in school, and even long-term health challenges. That's why we're dedicating an entire month to raising awareness about the importance of sleep for children. Whether you're navigating toddler wake ups, battling bedtimes, or convincing your teen to switch off at night, we're here to help!</p> <p>What's coming in February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🌟 Practical tips for better sleep routines. 🌟 Free weekly webinars with our experts to tackle sleep challenges. 🌟 Resources, info and challenges. <p>We want to work together with you to make bedtime battles a thing of the past. Follow us for updates, tips, and resources, and get ready to sleep better this February! Download the supporter's pack here: https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/get-involved/awareness-events/</p>
PE Kit	The PE kit list is located on the school's website under Parents' Information section > uniform Please ensure your child's kit is returned to school following half term. Any spare PE kit is greatly appreciated as our spare's box is very low for juniors.
Nursery Wraparound Care	For more information on wraparound care please refer to the following section on our school website.
Packed Lunches	If your child would like to change from school meals to packed lunches, then please give us 2 weeks' notice at schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk More information about school meals may be found on our website
Nursery Snack Fund	Snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1 each week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement. Payments are made via School Money. Nursery snack fund for next half term will be £23.10.
School Meals	Please refer to our school website for more information. Please ensure all arrears are paid and up to date, all payments are made via School Money. Spring 2 school meals for this half term will be £105.60
Allergies	We ask parents not to include any of the following foods in their child's packed lunch: Avocado, Nuts, Coconut, Prawn and Sesame. 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.
Tennis Club	We have space for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend a tennis after-school club at Stalybridge Tennis Club (on the Mottram Road side of Cheetham's Park) each Wednesday. There is no cost to families. Please contact Mrs Murray in the office of you would like your child to attend.
Polite Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please could our Nursery and Infant parents and carers refrain from allowing their children to access the climbing frame on the junior playground? It has been designed for junior school children and should not be accessed by children younger than this age. • Please do not allow any children to play on the climbing frame after school. As a school, we are insured for the children to use it under supervision during the school day. • Please refrain from parking in bays marked out for residents in the homes around our school. Please also park with consideration of residents' driveways. Many thanks.
Music – Thursday	Please ensure your child's instrument is brought into school EVERY Thursday for Music with Mr Conway.

Attendance – week beginning 10 February 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (%)	99.1	98.6	96.2	97.8	94.2	91.6	95.2	97.6
Number of late marks	0	3	0	8	1	3	1	0

Some great attendance figures in the week before half term, with 6 of our 8 classes having over 95% attendance, and Nursery having the highest attendance for the second week running!

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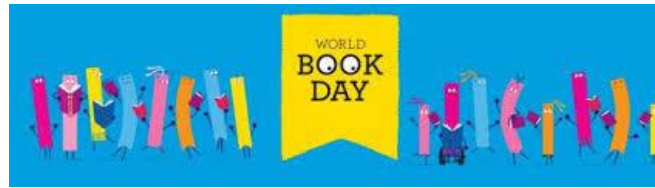
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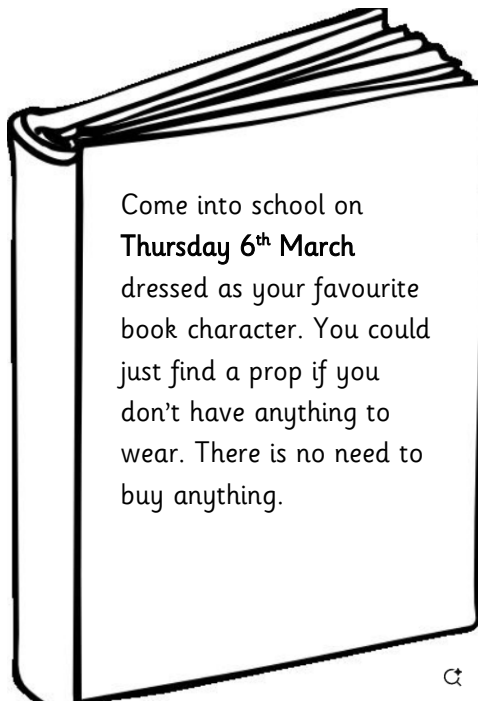


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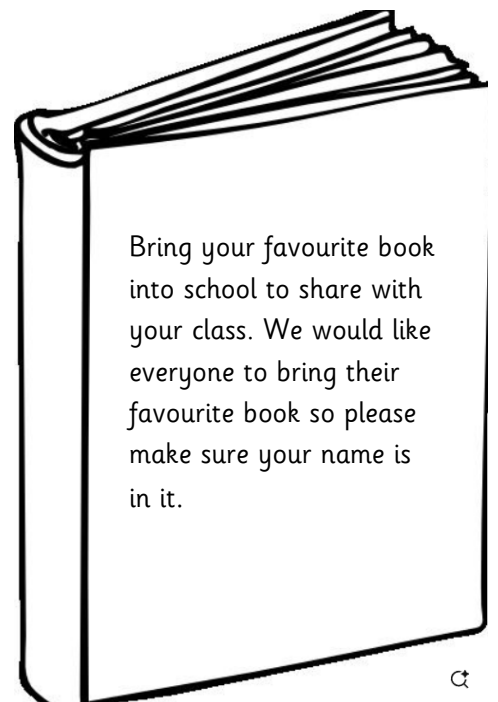


We are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March 2025**.

This year the theme is *"Read Your Way"* - celebrating the reading that your child chooses to do in their free time without judgement. *Read Your Way* encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and lets children find fun in reading.



Come into school on **Thursday 6th March** dressed as your favourite book character. You could just find a prop if you don't have anything to wear. There is no need to buy anything.



Bring your favourite book into school to share with your class. We would like everyone to bring their favourite book so please make sure your name is in it.

It will be a day of fun reading activities where all classes will celebrate the love of reading! All children will receive a book token that they can spend in participating shops.

God bless,

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