



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



Second Sunday of Lent – The Transfiguration: God of light, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to make a change in our world, so that all people may live in peace.

14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school we have reminded all the children (including our Nursery and Reception children) of their family groups at St. Peter's. Each child in school is placed in a family group, and each group has a colour and a patron saint. Our ten groups are listed below:

- St. Mary – red
- St. Bernadette – blue
- St. Elizabeth – green
- St. Teresa – yellow
- St. Francis – orange
- St. Paul – purple
- St. Joseph – silver
- St. John – brown
- St. Catherine – pink
- St. Vincent de Paul – gold

Children can win tokens for their group at any time in school. They win tokens by carrying out our Catholic Life and Mission – for example, by being a kind friend, for welcoming visitors, or by considering the needs of others. Each week we will publish the winning group in our newsletter.

Alongside this system, each class now also uses dojo points. These are awarded by adults in each classroom to children who have done their very best to strive for excellence with their class work.

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| <u>Lent Fundraisers for CAFOD</u> | 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) Wednesday 2 nd April – 9:00am – Please see attached poster Year 5 and Year 6 – board game and bingo evening on Friday 28 th March from 3.30pm |
| <u>Lenten Preparations</u> | As part of our Lenten preparations junior children will be able to purchase toast and infant children will be able to purchase breadsticks every Thursday for 4 weeks from 13 th March. (These snacks will be served on Friday this week, rather than Thursday). Total cost is £1.00 which will be donated to CAFOD. If you would like your child to receive toast or breadsticks, please ensure payment is made via School Money – www.eduspot.co.uk Thank you |
| <u>CAFOD Café</u> | Year 6 invite all our families (from all year groups) and parishioners to attend school between 1.30pm and 3.00pm on Monday 17 th March for tea, coffee and cakes. Feel free to come along on this afternoon, where any donations will be given to CAFOD. |
| <u>First Forgiveness</u> | This will take place on Thursday, 20 March at 6.00pm in St. Peter's Church. We ask the families of our Year 3 children to be at church for 5.50pm for this beautiful liturgy. Thank you to Miss Cooper and to Mrs Meola for preparing the children so well to receive this sacrament, and thank you to the family members of our Year 3 children for supporting them on this lovely journey as the children receive their first sacraments this year. I wish you all many happy memories of this time. |

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| <u>Class Masses</u> | These all begin at 9.15am in the chapel inside St. Peters Church. All are heartily welcome. Wednesday, 19 March – Year 2 Wednesday, 9 April – whole school mass to celebrate Holy Week and Easter |
| <u>Class Assemblies</u> | 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 |
| <u>Swimming Gala</u> | Good luck to our swimming team as they compete with the Tameside Catholic Schools in our annual swimming gala THIS EVENING at Denton Wellness Centre. The team should arrive to meet Mrs Broadbent at 6:30pm. |
| <u>St. Peter's Bake-Off</u> | Come along to our school hall at the end of the school day to browse and purchase cakes and biscuits, baked by our children and hosted by our Year 2 class. 7 April – Great St. Peter's Bake-Off in the school hall from 3.20pm |
| <u>Spring Reports</u> | Every child will receive a Spring report on 7 April. These may be collected from your child's classroom at the end of the school day. Family members are welcome to come into the classrooms on that day to have a look at their child's school books. Please note that the purpose of our Spring reports is to provide families with a snapshot of how their child is achieving (in relation to age-related expectations). There will be brief comments about maths and English, along with a suggested 'next step' for every child. This is simply to share this information with families, and to ensure that school and home are working together to help each individual child to achieve their full potential. |
| <u>Survey</u> | We are considering an exciting new development of offering provision to children aged 2-3 years in our Nursery unit. We would be most grateful to any of our families who have pre-school aged children if they could complete the Google Form in order to let us know about any potential interest in this venture. |
| <u>World Down Syndrome Day</u> | This falls on Friday, 21 March. We are inviting all children and staff at St. Peter's to wear their brightest, funkiest socks on this day to symbolise the uniqueness of every chromosome – each one different, wonderful and one-of-a-kind! Please see that attached poster, although we will not be fundraising on this occasion. We simply wish to raise awareness of this day. |
| <u>Arbor</u> | 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. The 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 to access Arbor, please contact the school office. |
| <u>School Fund</u> | 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. |
| <u>Diocesan Building Fund</u> | If anyone would like to make a donation to this fund, please do so via School Money 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 the school's website on which Bishop Mark gives more information. We are very grateful for any donations received, no matter how small. |
| <u>Y5 Robinwood: 30 April – 2 May</u> | Please bring all payments up to date as the 5 th instalment of £66.00 was due 24 th January 2025. The last payment of £66.00 was due 28 th February. |
| <u>PE Kit</u> | 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. |
| <u>Nursery Wraparound Care</u> | For more information on wraparound care please refer to the following section on our school website. |
| <u>Packed Lunches</u> | 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 |
| <u>Nursery Snack Fund</u> | 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 this half term is £23.10. |
| <u>School Meals</u> | 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. Just a reminder to send the new menu's back to school ASAP. Thank you |
| <u>Allergies</u> | 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. |

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| 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 if you would like your child to attend. |
| Music – Thursday | Please ensure your child's instrument is brought into school EVERY Thursday for Music with Mr Conway. |

Attendance – week commencing 3 March

| | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Attendance (%) | 95.2% | 93.9% | 97.2% | 95.3% | 99.4% | 93.2% | 95.5% | 99.2% |
| Number of late marks | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 |

Community Events

Fuel 4 Fun Easter Camps - Dates Running: 7th April 2025 – 17th April 2025

Bookings Open: Wednesday 12th March 2025 – 12:00PM

Tameside MBC and Active Tameside have partnered to deliver the Fuel 4 Fun programme, funded through the Holiday Activity and Food Fund (HAF). Scan the QR code to book your place



Baby Fair; Saturday 29th March 11am-2pm

St Peter's Third World Group will be holding a Baby Fair of good quality pre-loved baby clothes and equipment in St Peter's Parish Hall on Saturday 29th March between 11am and 2pm.

Tables cost £10 to rent. There is room for 18 tables. If you prefer to just donate items for the group to sell, we will be available to accept items between 8.30am - 9.30am at St Peter's Presbytery door on Thursday 27th & Friday 28th March.

Admission is £1 on the door & there will be a Mother's Day Pamper Hamper raffle. Tickets £1.

If you wish to take a table, please email Gordon-Smith.Jenny@hotmail.co.uk by the end of Tuesday 25th March.

Dates for your diary

- 14 March – Swimming Gala – 6:30pm at Denton Wellness Centre
- 17 March – CAFOD Café – Everyone is welcome to come to school from 1:30pm for tea, coffee and cake, served by our Year 6 children.
- 18 March – Young Shakespeare Performance – Year 4, 5 and 6 - 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
- 20 March – Year 3 Sacrament of First Forgiveness - 6.00pm in Church – If any family members would like to read during this liturgy, please contact Miss Cooper
- 28 March – Board games and bingo after school in the hall – 3:30pm
- 31 March - Opportunity for our Y4, 5 and 6 children to receive the sacrament of reconciliation during the school day
- 7 April – Collect Spring reports from classrooms at 3.20pm
- 7 April – Great St. Peter's Bake-Off in the school hall from 3.20pm
- 8 April – Nursery and Infant Easter reflection, 9.15am
- 9 April – Whole school mass, 9.15am
- 9 April – Junior Easter reflection, 1.45pm in church
- 9 April - Early finish, 2.30pm

God bless,

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