



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "I want you to love each other as I have loved each one of you. If you live by this rule, other people will see your goodness and love and they will know that you are my disciples." (cf John 13: 33-35)

16 May, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

<u>Miss Cavanagh</u>	<p>Next Friday, Miss Cavanagh will leave St. Peter's for a short period of time to begin her maternity leave. We look forward with excitement to the safe arrival of her new baby, and we offer all our love and prayers to Miss Cavanagh as she begins this very special time.</p> <p>Our Year 2 children will be taught by Miss Duncan after the half term holiday. Please join us in welcoming Miss Duncan to St. Peter's.</p>
<u>St. Peter's Wraparound Care Club</u> 	<p>From September, 2025, our school will be providing breakfast and after-school club in the school hall. For more details, please see the Email sent yesterday, which can also be viewed on our website at St Peter's Breakfast and After School Club.</p> <p>Over the next few days we will be contacting families whose children currently attend Grow Happy breakfast or after school club. We will be asking these families whether they would like places for their children in St. Peter's wraparound care club. We will then swiftly progress to asking all of our families whether they would like places.</p>
<u>Masses</u>	<p>These take place at 9.15am in St. Peter's Church. All parishioners and families are welcome.</p> <p>22 May – Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving (First Holy Communion – Y3) 25 June – Y5 (please note change of date) 30 June – Whole School Mass for the Feast of Saint Peter and Paul 16 July – Nursery 22 July – Whole School Mass for our leavers</p>
<u>Class Assemblies</u>	<p>These take place at 2.45pm in the school hall. Families are most welcome.</p> <p>16 May – Reception</p>
<u>Climbing Frame – junior playground</u>	<p>We politely ask our families not to allow children to access the climbing equipment after school. It is to be used during the school day under the supervision of school staff. We particularly ask our Nursery families for their help with this in the mornings, as the equipment has been designed for junior-aged children.</p>
<u>Mini Vinnies</u> 	<p>Our Mini Vinnies will be selling ice pops for 20p each in the outdoor haven (on the junior playground) at the end of the school day each Wednesday. All proceeds raised will be donated to CAFOD.</p>

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<u>Year 3 sacramental programme</u>	<p>This weekend we are delighted to share in the sacrament of the Eucharist with our Year 3 children as they make their First Holy Communion. We thank Miss Cooper and Mrs Meola for preparing the children so beautifully, and we join together with our families, and our parish prayer sponsors in this wonderful step on the faith journey of our children.</p> <p>The mass to celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children will take place at 10.30am on Saturday, 17 May in St Peter's Church.</p> <p>Special thanks to the children who have volunteered to be part of the choir on Saturday morning in support of those children making their First Holy Communion. We very much appreciate these children giving up part of their weekend in support of our school, and we are grateful to the families for transporting their children to and from school on a Saturday.</p> <p>The mass of thanksgiving will take place at 9.15am on Thursday, 22 May in St. Peter's Church. It would be lovely if family members could attend this mass, as we celebrate the full mass of First Communion with our full school. This mass is followed by a party in the hall, to which Year 3 families are invited.</p>
<u>Year 4 Mini Playwrights</u>	<p>As you may be aware, our Year 4 children have been working with actors from the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester to write a play. This play will be performed by professional actors at Stalybridge Civic Hall on Saturday, 24 May.</p> <p>Our school's play will be combined with others from Bradley Green School, Micklehurst and St. Paul's, Stalybridge to contribute to a performance of one hour. You are warmly invited to purchase tickets for the final performance at the following link: Best Mates, Top Bins & Venga Venga - Royal Exchange Theatre</p> <p>Children in year groups 3, 4 and 5 will walk to the Civic Hall on 23 May to watch the play – they will do this during our school day. Please see attached the brochure for the festival at 'The Den' in Stalybridge. The Year 4 playwrights will have their play performed as part of this festival.</p>
<u>Year 6 - SATs</u>	<p>Congratulations to our Year 6 children for being the very best that they could be as they took their SATS tests this week. Everyone in school is extremely proud of the hard work and determination of our children. Thank you also to Mrs Sibson, Mrs Godsall and Mrs Barber for preparing our children so well.</p>
<u>Lenten Fundraising</u>	<p>Throughout Lent each class helps to raise monies to be donated to school's chosen charities. In 2025 the total amount of money donated was £1264.18. This year the children did various fundraising activities such as sponsored Zumba, Bounce, Talent Shows and a Board Game afternoon as well as the Year 6 Cafod Café and weekly toast and bread sticks. A big thank you to parents and children for all their help with the fundraising. The money raised has been donated to CAFOD this year with it being the Catholic Church's special Jubilee Year.</p>
<u>Summer Uniform</u>	<p>In the summer term, children may wear shorts and blue-checked summer dresses if they wish (and if the weather is warm enough! Please ensure that the children continue to bring coats to school.</p>
<u>SEND caseworker</u>	<p>We have been asked to let families know that Alice Mason-Power is now the caseworker for children at St. Peter's with an Education, Health and Care Plan.</p>

School Website Links and Information:

<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. We currently have 89% of parents/carers using the app and keeping up to date with information!
<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 can 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 For more information please use the following link - Diocesan School Building Fund
<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. Payol Money. Nursery snack fund for this half term is £16.10.

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School Meals	Please refer to our school website for more information. The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £73.60 (23 meals). Payments are made through School Money
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.
Music – Thursday	Please ensure your child's instrument is brought into school EVERY Thursday for Music with Mr Conway.

Family Group Winners

2 May – St Paul's group (purple) and St. Vincent de Paul group (gold)

9 May – St Elizabeth's group (green)

Well done to all children who have been gaining tokens for living out the Catholic life and mission of our school.

Attendance

(Week commencing 5 May)

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (percentage)	95%	97.1%	98%	99.1%	98.1%	93.8%	98.3%	96.8%
Number of late marks	0	2	4	4	1	7	1	1

Community Events

Stalybridge Cricket Club - Stalybridge Cricket Club are looking at developing their junior's section, the club are making positive strides this season. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Tameside Cultural Services - there is so much going on across Tameside during the half term school holidays, you can find out more on our What's On pages on www.intameside.co.uk

Tameside Libraries – Please see attached newsletter with lots of fun activities for during half term

Tameside Music Service – Please see attached poster with information on different sessions happening during half term

Dates for your diary

17 May – Mass of First Holy Communion – 10:30am St Peters Church

22 May – Mass of thanksgiving for our children's sacramental journey – 9:15am St Peters Church followed by a party in the school hall for Year 3 families

17 June – Y5 trip to the Bridgewater Hall to play their cornets with the Halle Orchestra

17 June – Key Stage One football tournament at St. Christopher's

20 June – Class Photographs

24 June – Y3 and Y4 trip to Chester

24 June – Meeting for parents of our new Nursery class – 5:00pm

25 June - Meeting for parents of our new Reception class – 5:30pm

27 June and 4 July – Y6 Bikeability

30 June – Mass to celebrate feast of Saints Peter and Paul – 9:15am

3 July – Nursery and Reception trip to Smithills Farm

4 July – 'Meet the new teacher' morning

8 July – Own clothes day – bring a tombola prize for the summer fair!

9 July – Y6 leavers' production - 9.30am and 2.00pm

10 July – Sports day

14 July – End of year reports to families

18 July – Y6 leavers' assembly

18 July Summer Fair evening 6pm – 8pm – **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

22 July – Mass for our leavers - 9.15am.

Early finish, 2.30pm

God bless,

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