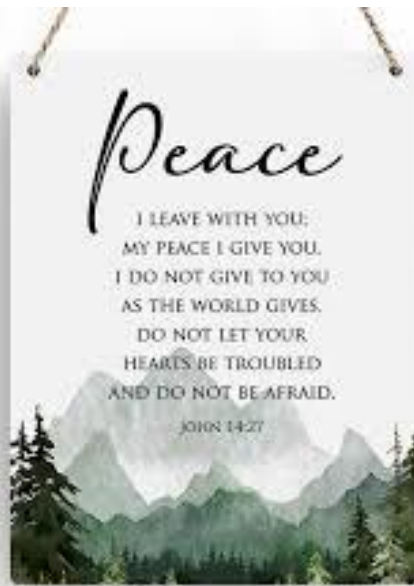




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Sixth Sunday of Easter

All of us know how good it feels to get away once in a while from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, and to enjoy some peace and quiet. Jesus gave us the gift of His peace which comes from God himself.

23 May, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,





<u>Miss Cavanagh</u>	After today, 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. 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.
<u>Miss Hunter</u>	Miss Hunter (who works in our Nursery unit as a teaching assistant, as well as across our whole school as a member of the site team) gets married to her fiancé Mr Atherton tomorrow. We wish Miss Hunter and Mr Atherton a wonderful wedding day full of happy memories, and cannot wait to have a look at some beautiful wedding photographs!
<u>Half Term Holiday</u>	School closes at 3.20pm today, and re-opens at the usual time on Tuesday, 10 June. Please note - Monday, 9 June is a staff INSET day. Happy holidays to all of our families!
<u>St. Peter's Wraparound Care Club</u> 	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 last week, which can also be viewed on our website at St Peter's Breakfast and After School Club . If your child currently attends Grow Happy wraparound provision on our schoolsite, and you would like a place for them in St. Peter's wraparound care from September, then please Email admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk before the end of today so that we may add your child's name to our registers. After the half term holiday we will progress to asking all of our families whether they would like places.
<u>Masses</u>	These take place at 9.15am in St. Peter's Church. All parishioners and families are welcome. 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
<u>Big Arts Week</u>	This will take place during the week commencing 16 June. It is a long-standing tradition at St. Peter's! Children will spend the week involved in the arts: drama, poetry, art and design and dance. Our theme is going to be 'Made in Manchester.' Please send an old T shirt or shirt to school with your child that week, so that their uniform is as protected as possible from the art materials that the children will be using! We have found that adult-sized shirt work well for this.

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Sports Competition 	Well done to our Key Stage One sports team, who won bronze medals in their competition on Tuesday!
Mini Vinnies 	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.
Ascension Thursday 	<p>As the feast of the ascension falls during our school holidays, we gathered on the school field yesterday to mark this solemnity, when Jesus went back to His father, leaving his disciples with His Holy Spirit.</p> <p>As a school, we shared words from Matthew's gospel: (Matt 28:16-20)</p> <p>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."</p>
Year 4 Mini Playwrights	<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. 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 today 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>
Music opportunities	Next half term our Year 6 children will visit Dukinfield Town Hall to experience a session with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, and our Year 5 children will visit the Bridgewater Hall to play their instruments with the Halle Orchestra.
Lenten Fundraising 	<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. This year, the money raised has been donated to CAFOD.</p>

School Website Links and Information:

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. 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!
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 can make.
Diocesan Building Fund	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
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. New Nursery 2025 – If you have not already done so, please ensure your eligibility code has been sent to – admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk by 10 th June 2025. Thank you
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 this half term is £16.10. The total amount for next half term will be £21.70

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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 Please ensure all payments are up to date as the following half term's dinner money total will be - £99.20 – 31 meals
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)

16 May – Mother Theresa's group (yellow)

23 May – Saint Paul's group (purple)

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

Attendance

(Week commencing 12 May)

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance (percentage)	94.5	96.8	96.7	96.9	93.5	96.3	97.2	99.2
Number of late marks	0	1	2	7	7	11	2	0

Thank you to everyone for striving for excellence with attendance – once again we have some high figures in certain classes. It would be great to continue this commitment to attendance and learning by working together to ensure that children are on time for school each day, too. There were quite a lot of 'late' marks in some classes last week, and we know that lots of our children can feel uncomfortable entering their classrooms late, once everyone else has become settled and has begun their first lesson. If you would like any support or information about attendance or punctuality, please feel free to Email Mrs Russell, our pastoral leader: pastoral@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk

Community Events

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

Trans Pennine Trail - We're delighted to let you know that our latest Children's activity pack is now available to download free from the Trans Pennine Trail website in time for Half Term. Packed with engaging activities, kids can explore nature with a Rainbow Scavenger Hunt, create a journey stick, collecting treasures along their walks to create a unique keepsake, and make a delicious mug cake or an egg box bird feeder. The pack also includes a butterfly colouring page, a Wordsearch, and the latest instalment of Mandy Mole's adventure along the Trans Pennine Trail. It's a fantastic way to keep little ones busy over the Half Term and to enjoy the beauty of the season

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

Universally Manchester Festival at The University of Manchester - We're excited to invite you, your young people, and their families to our annual Universally Manchester Festival – a community day for all. The event will be held at The University of Manchester, on our Oxford Road campus. Our free, family-friendly festival is running Saturday 14 June 2025, 11am – 4:30pm and promises to be a great day jam-packed with interactive science experiments, creative sessions, poetry, music performances, extraordinary stories, and much more! Together we'll explore what makes for a greener, healthier, and fairer world. Visit over 80 hands-on stalls, take part in our Bee Curious programme of inspiring talks and performances, unleash your inner artist on our very own street art trail, and plant your own seeded pot to take away in our university-community allotment. Our festival is free and open to everyone. We hope you can join for some exploring, learning, and play!

Discover our full programme of activities at: <https://universallymanchester.com/>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for your diary

- 11 June – Year 6 to Dukinfield Town Hall – BBC Philharmonic Workshop
- 16 – 20 June – Big Arts Week
- 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
- 17 June – Year 6 to Manchester Art Gallery for Big Arts Week
- 20 June – Class Photographs
- 23 June – Year 6 class trip to Llandudno
- 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
- 3 July – Tameside Secondaries Transition Day
- 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 – 'School O'Vision' - 9.30am and 2.00pm
- 10 July – Sports Day
- 14 July – End of year reports to families
- 18 July – Y6 leavers' assembly – 9:15am
- 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,

Mrs K Ryan
Headteacher

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