



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus said, “My sheep know my voice and they follow me as I lead them to everlasting life. I know each one of them by name, and they can always trust me to take care of them and to protect them from harm.”

8 May, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in a very exciting period at the moment as we await the announcement of our new pope. We are aware that lots of our families have also been marking the anniversary of VE Day. On top of this, we have the mass for First Holy Communion next weekend for our children, as well as our celebration of the feast of the ascension before we break up from school for the holidays. We will be marking this great feast by releasing balloons on our school field.

<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>Local Authority SEND Inspection</u>	<p>We have been asked to notify parents that Tameside Local Authority is currently being visited by Ofsted. Parents of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan may wish to read the attached letter which contains a link to a survey. Please understand that this is not an inspection of our school – however, you are most welcome to give your views.</p>
<u>Class Novels</u>	<p>This half term, our children are sharing the following books in class:</p> <p>Nursery – ‘Peace at Last’ by Jill Murphy Reception – ‘Marvellous Mexico’ by Luanna Jales Year 1- ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ by Roald Dahl Year 2 – ‘The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark’ by Jill Tomlinson Year 3 – ‘The Danger Gang’ by Tom Fletcher Year 4 – ‘James and the Giant Peach’ by Roald Dahl Year 5 – ‘Harriet’s Hare’ by Dick King-Smith Year 6 – ‘Can You See Me?’ by Libby Scott</p>
<u>Class Assemblies</u>	<p>These take place at 2.45pm in the school hall. Families are most welcome.</p> <p>9 May – Y1 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>Welly Walks</u>	<p>Our Nursery class will be going on some welly walks in the local community this term. We would welcome support from any parents throughout school who would be happy to offer this. Please see our Nursery teacher, Miss Jones, if you would like to find out when the dates of the walks are, or would like to offer your support.</p>

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Year 3 sacramental programme	There will be a meeting for parents at 3.30pm on Monday, 12 May in the school hall. Please do come along to this. The mass to celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children will take place at 10.30am on Saturday, 17 May. 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. There will be a list of party snacks on the Y3 classroom door next week if anyone would be kind enough to purchase any of these for the party.
Year 4 Mini Playwrights	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 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.
Summer uniform	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.
SEND caseworker	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.

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.
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.
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)

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

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Mrs K. Ryan, Headteacher.



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 - Stalye 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.

Dates for your diary

- 12 May – Sacramental programme – 3:30pm second meeting between school and families
- 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 SS Peter and Paul – 9:15
- 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
- 11 July – Summer fair (evening)
- 14 July – End of year reports to families
- 18 July – Y6 leavers' assembly
- 22 July – Mass for our leavers - 9.15am.
Early finish, 2.30pm

God bless,

Mrs K Ryan
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