



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



12 September 2025



The Feast of the Holy Cross: A reminder of the cross as a symbol of love and hope.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son ... that whoever believes in Him should have eternal life." [John 3:16]

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began the week by celebrating the birthday of Our Lady – Mary, the mother of Jesus. We also really enjoyed sharing the photographs sent in by many of our families and staff in response to Mrs Murray's 'Pilgrims of Hope' challenge. Thank you to everyone who sent a photograph of our St. Peter's children in churches around the world during this year of the Jubilee. Thank you also to Frank and Lucas, our super geographers, who showed us on a world map where each of these churches was!



At the end of this newsletter are lots of dates. Please do read to the end, and take note of any dates in your diary! Thank you.

Celebration of the Word at St. Peter's

Families are welcome to view the 'Ten:Ten' September newsletter: [September 2025](#)

Here you will be able to view the themes and liturgical dates that we will be celebrating in our class and whole-school Celebrations of the Word. There are lots of lovely ideas for prayers at home, too.

Attendance - week of 3, 4 and 5 September, 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance (%)	100%	96.7%	96%	96.1%	100%	94.1%	98.4%	100%
Number of late marks	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1

Whole school attendance last week was 97.3%, which is very pleasing.

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Transfer from Primary to Secondary School – September 2026 - As our Year 6 children are due to transfer to high school in September, an application should be made using the online application form via the Citizens Portal, which is available on the 'School Admissions' pages on Tameside's website <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions> under the section 'Secondary School Admission' you are advised to read the 'Moving On' booklet before you complete your online form. The closing date for application forms is Friday 31st October 2025

Swimming Lessons – Weekly swimming lessons for our Year 4 class will begin on Monday, 9 September. Mrs Barber is the teacher in charge of taking the children swimming. The children will need swimwear (one-piece, rather than a bikini) and a towel in a plastic bag or swimming bag. If children have been prescribed an inhaler, they must have their inhaler with them. Parent volunteers are also required. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Barber or the school office. I must stress that we would be extremely grateful for any volunteers!

Individual Photographs - these will take place for all children in school and Nursery on Friday 19th September. All children will have an individual photograph taken, and siblings in school will also have their photos taken together.

Families who have babies or pre-school children are welcome to bring these younger children into the school library from 8:00am on this morning, where they can be photographed as a family with their older siblings.



Contacting School – Please remember that you may call into the school office at any time between 8.00am and 4.30pm, should you have any queries. You are also welcome to telephone us on 0161 338-3303, or to Email us on admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk. If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher, this can be easily arranged. Please simply contact the school office to arrange this, or call into school before 8.40am to ask to speak with the teacher. After 8.40am teachers are welcoming children into classrooms and they must devote their attention to the children at that time. You are also welcome to speak with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, once all the children have been safely dismissed to their families from the teacher's care. After 3.30pm, if you would like to speak with a teacher, please enter school via the school office, sign in and request a visitor's badge. Staff in the school office will then check whether the teacher is available. You are also welcome to send in a note with your child – the class teacher will be happy to telephone you and to arrange an appointment if this is required.

Parent drop-in - this will take place on Wednesday, 17 September from 3:30pm until 5:00pm. Parents and carers are invited to 'drop-in' to school and to speak with their child's class teacher if they have a specific concern or issue that they would like to discuss. At this early stage of the school year, it will not be possible for teachers to discuss progress, and the children's work will not be on show. It is not expected that the vast majority of parents will need to attend the drop-in, but the opportunity is there for those parents who feel that this would be of benefit to them.

PE Kit - please ensure that you child has their full PE kit in school. Details of the PE uniform can be found on the 'Uniform' page under the 'Parent Information' tab on our school website. Please ensure junior children have their full outdoor kit – navy or black sweater and navy or black tracksuit/ jogging bottoms. This is because of the weather becoming cooler as we go into the season of Autumn. Thank you.

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Uniform – It is wonderful to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. Our youngest children look particularly fantastic, and our Year 6 children are taking their prefect duties very seriously, aware that they are role models for others. I am very grateful to all our families for helping us to uphold our high standard of uniform, as this is a sign of pride in our school community. May I please take this opportunity to remind parents that earrings are NOT allowed to be worn in school for safety reasons – even with plasters covering them.

School Uniform Suppliers

JFC Supplies – www.jfcsports.co.uk Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700
MCS Stores - www.mcsstores.co.uk 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

Accessibility of Newsletters – If you would prefer to receive our newsletter in an adapted format (such as on a coloured background, in another language or in voice note form), please do not hesitate to let the school office know. Please note that you may access the whole of our school website in a number of different languages simply by clicking your selection in the top right-hand corner of our home page.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Year Reception to Year 6 – the Department of Health have announced that all children in Year R - 6 are going to be offered a flu immunisation every year. The immunisation will take place in our school on Monday, 17 November.

Nursery Snack Fund via Arbor - We'd like to let you know that the Nursery Snack Fund is now available to purchase via the School Shop on Arbor. This is a one-time payment that covers snacks and curriculum enhancements for our Nursery children up until **24th October**. Going forward, payments will be added to Arbor **half-termly**, with the amount varying depending on the number of school days in each half term. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide enriching experiences and healthy snacks for our Nursery children.



School Meal Payments Now on Arbor - We'd like to inform parents of pupils who pay for school meals that **all payments are now made via Arbor**. This change will help streamline the payment process and make it easier for families to manage school-related costs in one place. Please log in to your Arbor account to view and make payments for school meals. If you have any questions or need support accessing Arbor, feel free to contact the school office.

If your circumstances change you may be eligible to apply for free school meals. More information is available on the school website under school meals where there is a link to a website www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

Also, if you think you may be eligible and you have a child in the infants - including Nursery, although Infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meal scheme, you should still apply for this, as school receives extra funding to support your child in school. Please contact Mrs Murray in the school office for more information.

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Coconut, Prawns, Avocado and Nut allergies - please could I ask parents not to include any of these items in their child's packed lunch as we have children in school with significant allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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

Robinwood Residential Instalment Reminder - A letter was sent out on 11th July regarding the Robinwood Residential trip taking place on 29th April 2026. If you have opted to pay in instalments, please continue to follow the guidance outlined in the letter. The interim instalment of £40.00 is due today, 12th September, and should be paid via Arbor through the Trips section on your child's account. Please note that all payments must be settled in full by 27th February 2026. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide this exciting opportunity for our pupils.



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!

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.

Finally, it has been lovely to welcome our third intake of Reception children to St. Peter's this week. I wish these children and their families many happy and successful years as part of our school community.
God bless,

Kind regards,

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Dates for your diary

17 September, 3.30pm-5.00pm: Drop-in for Parents and Carers

19 September: Individual photographs for our children

3 October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (more information to follow)

October: Month of the Holy Rosary – each class will invite some parents and carers to join us to pray the Rosary in our classrooms. Please look out for notification of dates from individual class teachers.

October: Black History Month. We love to celebrate the individual family histories of our children at St. Peter's. Please feel free to send in any photographs or stories related to Black History Month which are pertinent to your family. We also warmly invite visitors to come and speak to our children at this time.

Week beginning 27 October: half term holiday (one week). Return to school at the usual time on Monday, 3 November.

11 November, 3.30pm-7.00pm: Parents' Evening

12 November, 3.30pm-5.00pm: Parents' Evening

17 November: Flu vaccinations

25 November: Own clothes day (in exchange for a gift for the Christmas fair tombola)!

29 November, 11.00am-3.00pm: Parish Christmas Fair in school

10 December, 9.30am and 1.45pm: Christmas show for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – tickets available nearer to the time.

16 December, 9.30am and 2.00pm: Junior Christmas show

(We simply communicate these dates well in advance as we know many parents and carers like to book time off work in order to attend).

18 December: Christmas dinner and party day (children may choose to wear party clothes).

19 December: School closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas holidays

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