



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



18 September, 2025



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We pray that our goodness may shine out like a light in the darkness to give hope to all.

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly this week we reminded the children that if ever they are sad, worried or scared, they may speak to any adult at our school. We showed the children pictures of our safeguarding team (myself, Mrs Barber and Mrs Russell), but emphasised that ALL adults in school are able to help if ever children need this.

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 beginning 8 September, 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance (%)	98.7	98.2	100	100	99	96.8	99.7	93.8
Number of late marks	0	1	2	1	4	3	2	5

Well done to everyone in Year 1 and Year 2 – everyone in these classes came to school every day last week! Thank you to all our families for helping to ensure that as many of our children as possible are in school and on time each day, ready for learning.

Father Philip Atkinson, parish priest of St. Peter's and St. Raphael's

As many of you will be aware, Father Philip will be moving from St. Peter's to a new parish at the beginning of October. The parishioners would like to present Father Philip with a gift as a token of appreciation for all he has done for St. Peter's and St. Raphael's over the past eleven years. Of course there is no expectation, pressure or obligation, but if anyone would like to contribute to this gift, please put your contribution in an envelope marked 'PRIVATE – For the Attention of Mrs Kelly' and hand it in to our school office or post it through the letterbox at the presbytery. (Mrs Kelly is Father Philip's secretary. She also works in our school office on Thursdays and Fridays each week).

Volunteer Readers

We would be most grateful to any family members who could volunteer a little time regularly each week in school. These volunteers really do help our children by listening to them read each week. Please get in touch with our school office if you would be happy to volunteer any of your time.



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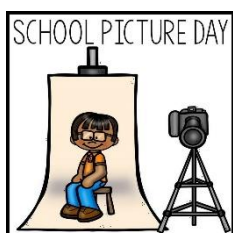
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Drop off and pick up times at St. Peter's - We appreciate that access and egress around our school can be difficult. However, we must ask that, even if running late, families do not stop their cars in the middle of the road to allow children to exit their cars in the mornings. As well as causing delay to other motorists, getting out of cars and going straight into the road is a danger to our children.

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

All Saints Catholic College will be holding their Open Evening on Monday 22nd September from 4:30pm to 7:30pm, with a Headteacher's talk at 5:30pm in the main hall. In addition to the main event, All Saints are kindly offering a separate, smaller group tour/coffee morning exclusively for families from St Peter's. If you are interested in joining this special opportunity, please contact our school office. Your name will be passed on to All Saints, and a suitable date will be arranged. This tour is open to Year 5 and Year 6 families



Individual Photographs - these will take place for all children in school and Nursery tomorrow (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.

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.

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NHS Guidance on keeping children well this winter - Tameside Public Health have produced the attached leaflet with advice to help keep children well this winter. This includes information about ways to reduce the chance of catching and passing on infections, some of the more common winter illnesses and how to manage them, as well as information on vaccinations. For more information, please visit the NHS guidance link [‘Is my child too ill for school?’](#) for more help.

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.

Please ensure cocktail sticks are not included in your child's packed lunch, as they can pose a safety risk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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

Birthdays – we are aware that lots of families like to send in treats for the whole class on the day of their child's birthday, we would like to ask that any parents wishing to send in treats continue to send in a book for the school library, rather than sweets or chocolate. Please understand that there is NO obligation or expectation on school's behalf that you send anything in at all! We have the Healthy Schools accreditation and with that it is very difficult to stick to our Healthy Schools guidelines when we have so many generous community members who like to contribute treats for the children.

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 was due 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.

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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!

I hope all of our families have a lovely weekend when it arrives!

I look forward to a busy week in school next week. We will be marking the International day of Peace on Monday, a day of languages on Tuesday, and the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on Friday.

Community Events

Tameside Umbrella Parent Carer Family Event Day



Saturday 27th September

The Grafton Centre, Grafton Street, Hyde, SK14 2AX



10:00am – 3:00pm

- Meet members of your local Parent Carer Forum Connect *
- Connect with local community groups *
- Discover what's happening for SEND families in Tameside A FREE event for families-full of activities, information & fun for everyone!

Football Fun Factory – please see attached posters



Monday 27th October - Wednesday 29th October 2025



West Hill School, SK15 1LX



Drop off from 8.45am and collection at 3:30pm

£25 per day or £60 for the full 3-day camp! We also offer a 50% sibling discount!



Boys & Girls aged 5-12!

<https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/3628>

Community Cycle Sundays - Groundwork are hosting family friendly Cycle Sundays on Rayner Lane. Come along to learn cycle skills, fix your bike or take part in other activities!

What to expect on the day:

- Bikeability instructors to teach you cycle skills
- Bring your bike along to be fixed by Mcr Bike Kitchen
- Other activities: plant a pot to take home, nature crafts, bulb planting and more!
- 9:30am–10:30am: 28 September and 26 October

Location: Meet where Heron Drive meets Rayner Lane. If possible, please arrive via public transport or by foot or bike to avoid traffic build-up (there is limited parking at Ashton Moss Park and Ride)

God bless,
Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan
Headteacher

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Dates for your diary

- 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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