



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



3 September 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: *This Sunday's gospel tells us that if we are really determined to do something – even if it may be difficult – then we can succeed.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to have welcomed all the children back to school today. We especially welcome those children and families who are joining our school community for the first time. Thank you for your many messages of best wishes for the new academic year – myself and all the staff appreciate them very much. We were also incredibly grateful for all the generous gifts you sent to school at the end of the last academic year. We look forward to another busy year, where we get back to learning and where we strive to be the best that we can be!

Mrs Hughes – Rest in Peace

We wished to thank the great number of family members and parishioners who came into school during the summer holidays to write messages of condolence in the book for Mrs Hughes's family.

For those of our new families who may not be aware of the situation, Mrs Hughes was a teaching assistant at our school until very recently, when she very sadly passed away.

There will be a mass to celebrate the life of Mrs Hughes at St. Peter's Church on Friday, 5 September. Our junior children (Y3-Y6) will form a guard of honour with school staff as Mrs Hughes's family arrive at this mass.

As a school, we will gather in prayer to mark the beginning of the new school year at 3.00pm today. We will also pray for Mrs Hughes and her family at this very sad time, and we will explain to our junior children about the extremely important role they will be playing on Friday.



Rest in peace Mrs Hughes, and rise in glory.

We will now move on to other news.

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Attendance, 2024-25

We're thrilled to announce that Year 3 achieved the best attendance across the school for the 2024–2025 academic year, with an impressive 97.2%!

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, 19 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 8:30am 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.

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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.

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 - snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement. Nursery snack fund for this half term will be £26.60 Snack fund amounts will vary due to staggered intake. We will inform you how to make payment week commencing 8th September

School Meals - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £121.60 (38 meals). **Please refer to our school [website](#) for more information.** Please note - we will inform you how to make payment week commencing 8th September

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

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.

I wish all of our children and families the very best in this new school year. I hope that it brings many blessings to you all.

God bless,

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan
Headtea

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