

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



10 October, 2025



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus healed many people who were sick. This Sunday's gospel highlights the thanks given by the unwell person to Jesus.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the many contributions to the local food bank which we have gathered together to mark CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. The children listened and responded very respectfully as we showed them an example of the work of CAFOD helping villagers in Ethiopia to source clean water.





Attendance - week beginning 29 September, 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance (%)	98.8	95.6	98.6	97.7	97.4	97.4	91.4	90.7
Number of late marks	0	2	1	1	5	0	2	6

Class Assemblies

Family members are most welcome to join us for class assemblies where the children celebrate their learning with us. All are held in the hall on Fridays at 2.45pm.

10 October - Year 6

17 October - Year 4

24 October - Year 5

14 November - Year 2

21 November – Year 3

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<u>Welcome to Father Paul</u> - This weekend we welcome Father Paul Shaw to our school and parish community. We look forward to meeting Father Paul, and hope that many of our families will greet him and make him feel welcome at mass this weekend. I am aware that some of our families in Year 3 would like to be made aware of dates for the sacramental programme. As soon as Father Paul has settled into St. Peter's, we will be in touch to confirm these dates.

<u>Disco</u> - After consideration in school, we have decided that we will hold our usual disco at a later date in the school year. We are not quite set up with our PTFA arrangements just yet! We do, however, appreciate how much some of our children enjoy the disco, and will endeavour to hold one as soon as we are in a position to do so.

<u>Year 4</u> - From Monday, we ask that parents and carers of our Year 4 children collect them from the Infant playground at the end of the school day. Mrs Barber will dismiss the children one at a time from the door. Adults are welcome to enter the playground via Hough Hill Road, or to walk across the junior playground after entering via Castle Hall Close.

<u>Transfer from Primary to Secondary School – September 2026</u> - 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

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 next instalment was due 10th October 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.

<u>Nasal Flu Vaccination Year Reception to Year 6</u> – 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.

<u>School Fund</u> – We kindly invite families to contribute to our School Fund for the 2025-2026 academic year. The suggested donation is £38.00, and payments can be made conveniently online via the School Shop on the Arbor App. As this is a voluntary contribution, we are sincerely grateful for any support you are able to provide. All funds raised go directly towards wider curriculum opportunities for the children, enriching their learning experiences beyond the classroom. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Wednesday Word</u> - <u>This week's Wednesday Word</u> The Wednesday Word is an excellent resource that can be used in the class and at home to reflect on the issues and messages present in the liturgies. Wednesday Word is an outreach which shares Sunday's Gospel with **families**, in a unique way. Please visit the <u>Wednesday Word Website</u>

<u>Upcoming events at Tameside Libraries</u> - Children's Fancy Dress Swap and Storytime at Dukinfield Library – Donate your pre-loved Halloween costumes to any Tameside Library during staffed hours before October 6th. Donors will receive an extra clothes swap token. Then come and pick a costume 10-12 on Saturday 11 October with a story and craft session at 11-11:30am

Sensory Story Time Saturday 18 October 11-11:30am at Hattersley Library. Enjoy a sensory story for SEND children and their families. Free bookable event at <u>Tameside Libraries</u>

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<u>Holiday Activity and Food Programme – Free holiday activities for children on benefit related free school meals</u> - Visit our webpage or poster attached for further information: Tameside HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme - Tameside MBC

<u>Tameside Music Service</u> - We are excited to announce that we are a registered provider for 'Learn To Play', the largest FREE music making initiative in the UK, organised by Music For All. Over one weekend in October, 100's of organisations across the UK will offer free taster lessons with the shared goal of inspiring, encouraging, and enabling both new and lapsed music makers to enjoy the benefits of making music.

The sessions are for young people aged from KS1 to 18, are 30 minutes long and are taking place between 9:30am and 12pm on Saturday 11th October. If any of your students are interested in taking part in one of the sessions, then please register at the following link: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../music-for-all.../e-yjgmxd

God Bless,

Mrs K Ryan Headteacher

Dates for your diary



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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