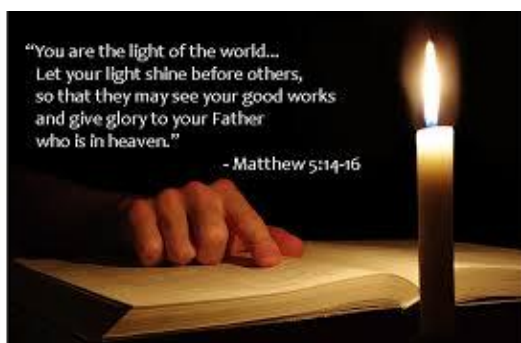




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17 October, 2025



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Make your thoughts only kind ones. Others will see your goodness in the things that you do. Hold your head high and keep walking towards the light, and you will never lose your way.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have welcomed many of you to join our classes as they have been praying the rosary in this month of October. Next week family members from Nursery, Reception and year groups 1, 2, 4 and 5 are invited to join children at this time of special prayer. Please respond to the note sent home by your child's class teacher if you would like to gather with us for the rosary.

Attendance - week beginning 6 October, 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance (%)	97.5	87.6	96.2	97.7	96.7	97.7	94.8	94.8
Number of late marks	0	1	2	3	9	5	1	5

Well done, Year 4 – this is the second time so far this academic year that you have had the highest attendance in a week!

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.

17 October (today) – Year 4

24 October – Year 5

14 November – Year 2

21 November – Year 3

Mass

Each class will celebrate Mass in the chapel of St. Peter's Church as a class this academic year. Families and friends are warmly invited to these special occasions. Dates are as follows:

12 November: Year 6

26 November: Year 5

14 January: Year 4

25 February: Year 3 (Mass of enrolment)

18 March: Year 2

29 April: Year 1

1 July: Reception

8 July: Nursery

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Sacramental Preparation Programme

This week I had the great pleasure of meeting our parish priest, Father Paul Shaw. We were able to confirm dates for the sacramental programme for St. Peter's for this year. If you would like your child to prepare for the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion, then important dates are as follows:

Monday, 9 February at 3.30pm in school – Meeting for families

Wednesday, 25 February, 9.15am in St. Peter's Church – Mass of enrolment

Tuesday, 3 March, 2.00pm in school – Prayer sponsors' party (all families welcome)

Thursday, 12 March, 6.00pm in St. Peter's Church – Sacrament of First Forgiveness

Monday, 4 May at 3.30pm in school – meeting for families

Saturday, 16 May at 10.30am in St. Peter's Church – Mass of First Holy Communion

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

Christmas Card Campaign – Templates Going Home Today

We're excited to launch this year's Christmas Card Campaign! Children will be bringing home their card design templates **today**. Please ensure completed designs are returned to school by Tuesday, 21 October so they can be sent off in time for printing. Please see the attached guidance for instructions on how to complete the card templates.

St Peter's Joins the Parkrun Primary Initiative - We're thrilled to share that St Peter's is now part of the Parkrun Primary School Initiative! This national campaign encourages children to get active by taking part in their local 2k junior parkrun events. It's a fantastic way to promote physical health, build confidence, and enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. To learn more about the initiative and how your child can get involved, please follow this link: [parkrun primary initiative](#) | [parkrun UK Blog](#)

Bonfire Menu – Wednesday, 5 November

To celebrate Bonfire Night, Zoe will be serving a special themed menu on Wednesday, 5 November! The delicious options include:

- Potato Hash
- Cheese Whirl Catherine Wheels
- Jacket Potatoes with a choice of usual fillings
- Sandwiches
- Ginger Cake for dessert



Please email all meal choices to schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk by Tuesday, 4 November.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch but would like to take part in this special menu, please inform the office via the same email address and include their meal choice.

Children in Reception to Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, so no payment is required. For Years 3 to 6 packed lunch pupils, the cost is £3.20, payable via Arbor.

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.



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Nasal Flu Vaccination – Reception to Year 6

The Department of Health has confirmed that all children from Year R to Year 6 will be offered a nasal flu vaccination annually. This year, the immunisations will take place at school on Monday, 17 November. To give consent, please check your email for the e-consent form, which was sent on Wednesday, 15 October. If you haven't received it, please contact the school office.

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

School Fund – 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.

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!

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Wednesday Word - [This week's Wednesday Word](#) *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 [Wednesday Word Website](#)



Tameside Libraries Newsletter – Please see attached newsletter and posters for lots of fantastic events planned over half term

Sensory Story Time Saturday 18 October 11-11:30am at Hattersley Library. Enjoy a sensory story. This is an inclusive session for all children, and all are warmly invited, especially those children with any type of additional or special educational need or disability. Free bookable event at [Tameside Libraries](#)

Holiday Activity and Food Programme – Free holiday activities for children on benefit related free school meals - Visit the webpage or poster attached for further information: [Tameside HAF \(Holiday Activities and Food\) Programme - Tameside MBC](#)

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service - Bonfire and Halloween campaign – please see attached poster regarding their charity event

Tameside Cultural Services -things to do over the October school holidays in Tameside – There is so much going on across Tameside, so you can make the most of the school holidays, all the events and activities can be found on the What's on pages on www.intameside.co.uk as well as the attached flyer.

Children's Half Term Activity Pack now available for FREE download from the Trans Pennine Trail - We're delighted to share a free resource from the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) National Office designed to help children get active and connect with nature. The Children's Activity Pack is full of fun, nature-based activities suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2, perfect for exploring the Trail or your local green spaces. Download the free pack by clicking the link - [Welcome to our Children's Page | Trans Pennine Trail](#)

God Bless,

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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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