



3 October, 2025



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Have faith - Help us to believe in your goodness, Lord, and to always trust in your love for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Like our Mini Vinnies group, we use the CAFOD character of DJ the Dolphin to remind us about sharing what we have, so that everyone has enough. Thank you to the many families who have donated food to our collection for our local food bank this CAFOD Harvest

Fast Day. If you would like to donate, please feel free to do so next week. We will be transporting the food later next week.



Attendance - week beginning 22 September, 2025

	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance (%)	95.6	96	94.8	94	99.3	98.1	96.1	95.5
Number of late marks	0	2	1	1	6	1	1	5

Goodbye to Father Philip

Yesterday in school we gathered to say goodbye and thank you to Father Philip, our much-loved parish priest, who is moving to a new parish in Hazel Grove next week. We look forward to welcoming a new priest, Father Paul Shaw, to our parish of St. Peter's. Father Philip will celebrate his last mass at St. Peter's this weekend. Of course, everyone is welcome to attend this.

CCTV – Monitoring - We operate CCTV at the entrance to our wraparound care club for the purposes of safeguarding, security, and the prevention and detection of crime. The system is operated by St. Peter's and footage may be viewed by authorised personnel only.

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

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All Saints Catholic College are kindly offering a small group tour and coffee morning exclusively for families from St Peter's. This will take place at 9.15am on Wednesday, 8 October. If you are interested in joining this special opportunity, please contact our school office so that we may communicate the number of interested adults with All Saints. This tour is open to Year 5 and Year 6 families.

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.

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

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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 next instalment is 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.



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!

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](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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)

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Upcoming events at Tameside Libraries - 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 [Tameside Libraries](#)

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

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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