



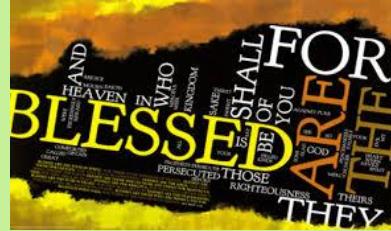
St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

30th January 2026



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Beatitudes – Jesus' guidelines for happiness!

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!
 [The Gospel of Matthew 5: 1-12]



Family Group Weekly Winners

Children in school all belong to a family group, and each group is named after a saint. Through the week, children can win coloured tokens for their family group by living out our Catholic Life and Mission. Last week's winning group was St. Vincent de Paul – Gold group

We will complete the table below each week to show the number of times each group has won:

St Mary	St Catherine 1 winner★	St Teresa of Kolkata	St Bernadette 1 winner★	St Joseph
St Paul	St Francis	St Elizabeth 1 winner★	St John the Baptist	St Vincent de Paul 1 winner★

Attendance: Spring term 1, week

Week beginning 12 January, 2026

		Attendance (%age)	Number of late marks
1 st place	Year 4	99.4	8
2 nd place	Nursery	98	0
3 rd place	Reception	96.7	7
4 th place	Year 3	95.9	9
5 th place	Year 1	95.7	4
6 th place	Year 5	94.5	7
7 th place	Year 6	93.1	6
8 th place	Year 2	90.7	2

Whole school attendance:

95.6%
(this academic year to date)

Thank you for all of your support with ensuring that our children are in school and on time each day, ready to learn. If any families would like to speak about particular difficulties they are experiencing with attendance or punctuality, please contact Mrs Russell, our pastoral lead, on: pastoral@stpetersstalybridge.co.uk



Attendance
Champions last
school week:
Year 4



Attendance
leaders so far
this year:
Nursery



Raffle!

We are currently fundraising for I-Pads and for playground equipment. All funds raised will be paid into our PTFA account.

If there are any members of the PTFA who would give 15 minutes of their time to sell raffle tickets each afternoon in the junior gazebo after school, please contact: office@stpetersstalybridge.co.uk

Both new and existing members of the PTFA would be most welcome to do this – school would be very thankful for your time. All parents and carers are warmly invited to support the PTFA in this way.

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St Peter's Partnership with Hyde Junior Parkrun

We are excited to share that St Peter's is now a partnership school with Hyde Junior Parkrun! Hyde Junior Parkrun is a free, weekly 2km event for children of all abilities, taking place every Sunday at 9:00am in Hyde Park. Taking part is simple - families just need to register once online and bring a barcode along to the event.

As a partnership school, we'll be helping promote the events and celebrating our pupils who take part. We look forward to seeing lots of St Peter's children enjoying their Sunday morning parkruns! Find out more here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/hyde-juniors/>



Garden Tools

If you have any garden tools at home that you no longer need, old, new, big or small — we would be incredibly grateful to give them a second life here at school.

Items such as hand trowels, forks, spades, gloves, watering cans, or any other gardening equipment would make a huge difference to our gardening club.

If you are able to donate, please drop items off at the school office.

Thank you so much for your support in helping our garden bloom!



Sarah Crossley from 'Your Wellbeing Company' would like to warmly invite all family members of St. Peter's children to attend a family sound bath in the school hall on Wednesday, 12 February, 6.15pm-7.15pm. Sarah would like to offer this opportunity to our families just before every school holiday.



Children walking home from school



We know that a number of our older children walk home from school each day, and that this is an important element of developing our children's independence, once their family have made the decision that this is the right thing for them to do.

We also know that many of these children carry a mobile phone in case they need to contact an adult urgently whilst walking home.

We ask, please, that families in this position just have a quick chat with their children this weekend to ensure that the children are acting as safely as possible. We would be so sad to hear about children having an accident near the roads if the phones they carry are being used for filming and for Face-Timing as they walk, preventing the children from being able to see and hear traffic as well as they ought to, and potentially making the children more vulnerable to people trying to steal their devices.

Tameside Holiday Activity and Food Programme

The below message is from Active Tameside:

Excitement awaits children and young people across Tameside this February half term as the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme launches its latest schedule. Families can enjoy a wide range of free sessions, with activities running at venues across the borough. Each booking includes a healthy, nutritious meal, so children can enjoy both fun and food.

Delivered by Tameside Council, the programme offers something for everyone – from sports and games to creative workshops. Dedicated SEND sessions will also run, featuring accessible activities tailored to the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Visit our webpage for further information: [Tameside HAF \(Holiday Activities and Food\) Programme - Tameside MBC](https://tameside.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/holiday-activities-and-food-programme)

For more information and bookings for these holiday provisions and activities please see our website: <https://eequ.org/haftameside>

*St Peter's has been offered ten free places for the Holiday Activity Club on Wednesday 18 February. If your child is NOT in receipt of Free School Meals, but you would like your child to attend, then please contact the school office, who will issue you with a code, enabling you to book a place for your child.

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If your child is in Year 3 or is older, and 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 – First meeting between school and families
- Tuesday, 24 February at 2:00pm in school – Prayer sponsors' party (Family members welcome to attend)
- Wednesday, 25 February, 9.15am in St. Peter's Church – Mass of enrolment
- Thursday, 12 March, 6.00pm in St. Peter's Church – Sacrament of First Forgiveness
- Monday, 27 April at 3.30pm in school – Second meeting between school and families
- Saturday, 16 May at 10.30am in St. Peter's Church – Mass of First Holy Communion
- Wednesday, 20th May at 9:15am – Mass of thanksgiving for our children's sacramental journey in St. Peter's Church (Followed by tea and coffee in the school hall)

Sacrament Preparation



Class Assemblies

All assemblies take place on a Friday at 2:45pm - more dates can be found on our website

30 January (today) – Year 3

13 February – Year 4

13 March – Reception



Masses

All at 9.15am in St. Peter's main church, or in the side chapel

25 February – Year 3 (Mass of enrolment)

18 March – Year 2

1 April – Whole school Mass for Holy Week and Easter



Payments via Arbor

Please visit the Arbor School Shop to make payments for:

Nursery Fund (Autumn 1, Autumn 2 - £24.50 and Spring 1 now available – £20.30)

School Meals

School Fund (£38 suggested donation)

Robinwood – Please ensure all payments are up to date

Thank you for your support



Packed Lunch Waste

Please note that any leftover food or packaging from your child's packed lunch will be returned home in their lunch box. This is to help you see what your child has eaten during the day.



Finally a polite request – please do not Email teachers directly. Teachers' Email addresses are not routinely shared with families, as teachers tend to be in class for the school day, and are therefore very likely to miss Email messages. Do feel free to contact school by either:

- Telephoning the school office on 0161 338-3303
- Emailing: office@stpetersstalybridge.co.uk
- Sending a note in with your child
- Speaking to the teacher at the end of the school day, once all of the children have been safely handed over to families

We are more than happy to arrange dates and times to speak with you as families!

Have a lovely weekend,



Mrs Ryan

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