



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



11 September, 2026



## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jesus teaches us how to forgive. When we forgive someone, or when they forgive us, we lose our feelings of anger and hurt.

It has been a pleasure to have welcomed all the children back to school. We especially welcome those children and families who have joined our school community for the first time.

Thank you for your many messages of good wishes for the new academic year – myself and 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!



## Family Group Weekly Winners

We are having a 'shake-up' of our family group system.

Tomorrow, in assembly, we will be explaining to the children that they will be in one of four family groups.

St Peter (red), Our Lady, Mary (blue), St. Francis (green) or St. Teresa of Kolkata (yellow).

All children can win dojo points in their classes. This might be for excellent work, or it might be for living out the Catholic Life and Mission of our school. Once a child reaches a total of 10 dojo points, they will win a laminated diamond in the colour of their family group.

Each Friday, we will add these coloured diamonds to the family group display in the hall.

The winning group will have an extra playtime with their adult group leaders each Friday afternoon.

At the end of each half term, the group who has won the most times will have a more substantial reward, decided upon by the group leaders.

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| St Peter   | Our Lady, Mary       |
| St Francis | St Teresa of Kolkata |

## Attendance Matters!

Every school day at St. Peter's is an adventure filled with learning and new opportunities! When children come to school every day and arrive on time, they don't just learn reading, writing, and maths, they build friendships, develop confidence, too. Missing even a few days can mean missing out on exciting lessons, special activities and valuable learning experiences. By making attendance a priority, we can work together to help every child achieve their best and make the most of all the wonderful opportunities school has to offer. Let's aim for excellent attendance this year and make every day count! We have had a positive start to the year already.

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|  <p>Attendance Champions in school so far this week – Year 4 – well done!</p> | <b>Whole school attendance:</b><br>(this academic year to date): <b>97.4%</b>                                                                                        |  | <b>Attendance – 3 September – 10 September, 2026</b> |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |  <p>This week so far: <b>98.3%</b> - FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE!</p> <p>Target: 98%</p> |  | 1 <sup>st</sup> place                                | Year 4 100%     |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                      |  | = 2 <sup>nd</sup> place                              | Year 2 99.5%    |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                      |  | = 2 <sup>nd</sup> place                              | Year 6 99.5%    |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 4 <sup>th</sup> place                                | Year 1 98.5%    |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 5 <sup>th</sup> place                                | Nursery 98.1%   |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 6 <sup>th</sup> place                                | Reception 97.9% |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 7 <sup>th</sup> place                                | Year 3 97.1%    |
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## Class Assemblies

All assemblies take place on Fridays at 9.00am in the school hall

9 October: Year 6  
16 October: Year 4  
23 October: Year 5  
13 November: Year 2  
20 November: Year 3



## Masses

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

23 September: Mass for the new school year (whole school to attend)  
30 September: Year 3  
7 October: Year 2  
11 November: Year 1  
18 November: Year 6  
25 November: Year 5  
2 December: Year 4  
16 December: Mass to celebrate Advent (whole school)



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## Choir

It has been great to have had so many children expressing an interest in joining our after-school choir club. We have been able to offer places to everyone who has asked, and the choir club will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> September with Mrs Walker 3:20pm – 4:00pm. Our Choir Club is now full. If your child would still like to join, we would be delighted to add their name to our waiting list. Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 who cannot make the day of our choir club are still welcome to join us in our church choir when we attend Mass as a whole school.

## Tennis

We are pleased to be exploring the possibility of offering **Priory Tennis Club** once again for our Year 3 to Year 6 children.

In previous years, tennis has been available to pupils free of charge through school. Unfortunately, this is no longer possible and there will now be a cost to families for their child to participate. Before we can confirm whether the club will run, we need to establish the level of interest, dedication and commitment from pupils and families. The final cost of the club will depend on the number of children wishing to take part.

If sufficient interest is received, the club will go ahead and further details regarding costs and dates will be shared with families. If you would like your child to be considered for Priory Tennis Club, please email [office@stpetersstalybridge.co.uk](mailto:office@stpetersstalybridge.co.uk) to register your interest.



## Gardening Club

### Gardening Club

Mrs Taylor is offering her wonderful gardening club each Wednesday after school. It is open to children in Year 5 and 6. Children who have attended before are welcome to attend, as well as any new children. Please register your interest in a place on Arbor via School Clubs. Places are limited, so please sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Individual Photographs - 16<sup>th</sup>

#### September (during the school day)

Families who have pre-school children and babies are welcome to enter via the school office door from 8.30am on that day if they would like any little ones to be photographed with their older siblings.

### School Picture Day



11 September, 3.30pm: PTFA meeting (about 15 minutes long). All are welcome. Please come along to the Reception classroom. If you let the school office know that you will be attending, that will help us a lot.

14 September, 11.00am: Open morning. Please let any family members or friends know that they are welcome to come for a look around our school if they are considering their child joining us in Nursery, Reception or any other year group. Again, please notify the school office that you would like to attend.

18 and 25 September: Year 6 Bikeability

18 September: Bishop Mark will be attending St. Peter's School! The bishop will hold an assembly with our whole school, and will be present at Mass in the parish the following weekend. All of our families are always welcome to attend Mass, and we look forward to the visit on 18 September immensely!

23 September, 3.30-4.30pm: Parent drop-in. Families are welcome to drop in to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss any questions they may have, especially regarding their child settling into a new class. Please understand that this is not a formal parents' evening, and children's work will not be on show at this early stage in the year. We would not expect the majority of families to feel that they needed to attend, and we hope that families are aware that they may discuss any questions or worries at any time of year – there is no need to wait for the parent drop-in session.



## NO TOYS PERMITTED



### Toys

We would like a fresh start at the beginning of this new academic year, and we are asking, please, that toys are not brought into school under any circumstances. At the end of last academic year, we had such a large quantity of 'squishies' and fidget toys. You may have seen in the media that a number of squishies were recalled over the summer period as they were found to contain toxic materials which could also be a choking hazard.

We appreciate that some of our children benefit from fidget toys when learning, but please leave it to school to provide such things, rather than allowing children to bring them in from home.

Mrs Russell has also been teaching our children that, "We can fidget, but we can still be smart" – modelling how to fidget discreetly without using a toy or a prop.

### School Uniform

Thank you for helping us to uphold our high standards of uniform at St. Peter's.

The children look especially smart upon their return to school.

We respectfully remind families that earrings are not allowed in school for reasons of safety.



Have a great week, and God bless,

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Mrs Ryan

**In the love of God and neighbour**

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