St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

23 November 2026

Christ the King – the last Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is our God, the servant king.
He calls us now to follow Him.
To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship
To the servant king.



Thank you to our children in year groups 4, 5 and 6 for the respectful way you listened to the important message delivered by Greater Manchester firefighters last Friday. The firefighters spoke to our older children about staying safe near water, as well as demonstrating actions to take, should our children discover someone in difficulty in open water.

Family Group Weekly Winners –



St Francis of Assisi - green group
14 dojo diamonds – well done, everyone!

Attendance Matters!

A much-improved week at St. Peter's for attendance this week.
Nationally, our school is at the 87th centile for attendance right now. This is great news, but we would always like to be as close to 100 as we can. This week we are asking children in our eldest classes – Year 5 and Year 6 – to remember our whole school drive for high attendance.





Attendance Champions in school this week:

Nursery
Keep up the great work!



Whole school attendance:
(this academic year to date):
96.8%

This week so far: 97.1%
Every day in school matters, and with everyone working together, we can reach and exceed our 98% target

Target: 98%

Attendance – 16th – 20th November

1st place	Nursery	99.3%
2nd place	Reception	98.7%
Joint 3rd place	Year 3	98.6%
	Year 1	98.6%
4th place	Year 4	98.3%
5th place	Year 2	96.9%
6th place	Year 5	94.5%
7th place	Year 6	93.6%

Class Assemblies

Please click the link above to view our full rota

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

Please note that Year 5's class assembly has moved from 22 January to 7 May
15 January: Year 1
5 February: Reception
12 February: Year 4
5 March: Year 3



Masses

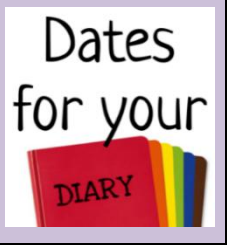
Please click the link above to view our full rota

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

25 November: Year 5
2 December: Year 4
16 December: Mass to celebrate Advent (whole school)
6 January – Mass to celebrate Epiphany
13 January – Year 4
20 January – Year 3 – Mass of Enrolment
Everyone is most welcome.



- 24th November – Year 1 Vision Screening by TGH Orthoptic Team
- 25th November – Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a tombola prize for the Christmas Fair)!
- 27th November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 30th November – Reception Vision Screening by TGH Orthoptic Team
- 4th December – 9:15am & 2:00pm – Junior Nativity and Carols
- 10th December – 9:15am & 1:45pm – Infant Nativity
- 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to enjoy our Christmas Dinner, please email schoolmeals@stpetersstalybridge.co.uk to book their meal. Further details, including the menu and cost, will be shared with parents closer to the date.
- 18th December – School Closes at 2:30pm for the Christmas holidays.



In the love of God and neighbour

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Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen our our school's governing body for a parent governor.

Please see attached an application form, role description and personal specification. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Nursery to Year 6

The Department of Health have announced that all children in Nursery – Year 6 are going to be offered a flu immunisation every year.

The immunisation will take place in our school on Friday 27th November. Please watch out for an email and text message from the NHS around the first week of November for you to give consent for the nasal spray to be administered.

Any concerns please contact Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397 option 1, option 6 then 1 for Tameside.



Mass at St Peter's – Christmas Eve

We are very grateful to the children in our older classes who have volunteered to read at Mass on Christmas Eve. Thank you to Betsy, Austin, Valentine, Olivia, Emily, Eadie and Lola. You will represent St. Peter's school and parish beautifully, and we are proud of you for volunteering to do this. Other children from Year 5 and 6 are welcome to join, but please let school know this week. Mr Murphy from our parish will be in school with me so that you may practise your readings before the Mass on Christmas Eve.

Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a Cleaner in the parish halls of Ss Peter & Raphael.

Hours: 4 per week, spread over two sites (with a potential for more hours in the future). **Rate of pay:** £13.45 per hour.

Interested parties should send a CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Further details can be obtained via the Diocese Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers/parish-hall-cleaner-stalybridge

Closing date: 27 November 2026.

Percy's Park



We politely ask that children do not go into Percy's Park at collection time at the end of the school day. Percy's Park is the outdoor classroom for our Reception children.

Sadly, a science experiment which had been set up by staff was broken last week when children accessed the area.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

Open Hours

The school admissions portal is now OPEN for families to apply for places in our Reception class from September, 2027.

Families wishing to apply for a place in our Nursery unit should telephone the school office on 0161 338-3303 or fill out an electronic application form: Nursery Application Form

School is hosting open hours, where families can look around our school and Nursery unit during the school day, and ask any questions they may have.

The dates of these are:

26 November at 1.30pm

27 November at 10.00am

3 December at 2.00pm

8th December at 10.00am

Please simply telephone the school office to book a place, or Email: office@stpetersstalybridge.co.uk

Do feel free to share the dates of our open hours with families and friends in the community. An electronic poster is here to view.

Please click here for our school prospectus

We are always delighted to show prospective families around our school.

Reception Royal Café - Donations Needed



As part of Reception's *Kings, Queens and Castles* topic, Miss Cooper's class is creating a **Royal Café** in their role-play area.

We would greatly appreciate any donations or loans of:

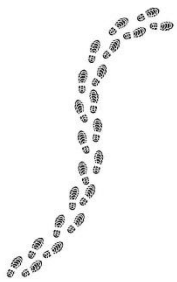
- Hats, fascinators, crowns or tiaras
- Suit jackets or waistcoats
- Costume jewellery
- Handbags, scarves or bow ties
- Teapots, cups and saucers (plastic or unwanted items preferred)

If you have any items you could spare, please send them into school.

Thank you for your support!

Stalybridge Santa Trail

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are drawing pictures of Santa, and Stalybridge Town Team will be placing these drawings along the trail.



Families might like to complete the trail, looking out for their child's drawing as well as for the Santas!



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<u>Uniform Consultation</u>



Thank you to the families who responded to our school uniform consultation survey.

From January 2027, children will come to school wearing PE uniform of the days of their PE lessons. These days are as follows:
Year 1: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2: Monday and Wednesday
Year 3: Wednesday and Friday
Year 4: Thursday and Friday
Year 5: Thursday and Friday
Year 6: Monday and Thursday

We were very grateful for the positive comments made in support of our proposal for this change. In responses to the survey, families spoke about this meaning less lost learning time, as there will be no need to spend time getting changed before and after PE lessons. With older children, there will be no need to supervise boys and girls getting changed separately. Parents also spoke of their understanding of this change meaning that PE uniform could be washed more frequently at home and thought that it would lead to fewer items of PE uniform being lost!

Please understand that sweatshirts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers must be <u>plain</u>. Please note that **leggings are not part of our PE uniform and should not be worn for school PE sessions.** One of our school aims of uniform is to ensure equality. Logos and brands can create a sense of inequality. Please refrain from purchasing expensive, branded items of clothing and footwear. We suggest that supermarket brands of sweatshirts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers may be a cost-efficient source of PE uniform and are readily available as plain items.

A link to our school website, where our PE uniform is listed, is here - Uniform


Kids' Navy Cuffed Joggers
£6.40
ASDA George


Kids' Navy Fleece Lined Joggers
£4.00
ASDA George


Tesco - £16 sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms set


Tesco - £4.50 2 pack of plain navy sweaters







The plain black trainers shown are from Tesco, Shoe Zone and Amazon. Each pair shown costs less than £20. In showing these items, please understand that we are not advertising particular merchandisers! We are simply giving ideas of places from which uniform may be bought in a cost-efficient way.
Please also remember that children may wear their plain black trainers throughout the week, if that is parental preference.

Have a great week, and God bless,

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Mrs Ryan

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