

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2024

Dear families,

We have come to the end of another very busy week in school. Please visit our website to see what each class has been up to.

[St Peter's Website](#)

French Theatre Event



Our Year 4 children participated in a Paris themed performance of Les Olympiques des Animaux with live music, puppetry and video, all in French at Cardinal Hume on Thursday. They were amazing!



Interfaith Visits

We all know that it is vitally important that we prepare our children for life in modern Britain and that we learn all about other world religions as well as our own religion. That is why the Interfaith work we do in school is so important. We are very lucky to have families in school from other religions who have on numerous occasions come into school to talk about their own faiths. This week as part of our work on other world religions, our Reception Class children visited St Peter's Catholic church and our Year 4 children have visited the Hindu Temple. Our pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral, the Jewish Synagogue the Buddhist Temple and the Gurdwara, as per the timetable previously published. Many thanks to those of you who have paid for these forthcoming interfaith visits by the specified deadline. If you haven't done so already, please could you kindly pay for your child(ren)'s visit(s) via the Arbor App (Trips section) by Monday 24th June.



Showcase mornings in school

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received on the showcase mornings that we have held in school so far this term. They have been very well attended and parents have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our final showcase will take place on Monday 24th June, and we are looking forward to welcoming the parents and grandparents of Year 4 children into school.

Choir – Outreach Concert

Firstly, a huge “thank you” to the pupils who signed up to sing at the Outreach Group fundraising concert on Sunday 23rd June at 4.00 pm at St Peter’s RC Church.

The children have been practising hard and will be wonderful.

Sun Safety

At last, we are experiencing some summer weather. With that in mind can I remind you that children must bring to school a sun hat/cap and a water bottle so that they stay hydrated. Sunscreen must be applied before they come into school.

Parking outside school

The safeguarding of all children at St Peter’s is of paramount importance. Please ensure that you are not parking on the yellow zig-zags outside of school as it is putting the children in danger. The soft opening from 8.45am means that children have until 9am to arrive at school thus easing congestion outside. If you are running late, please do not ‘stop and drop’ as this is jeopardising the safety of our children and obviously causing concern for parents and staff in school.

Coming up next week

Business week in school

Following a very successful Money Matters workshop in school, our Year 6 have spent time in class focusing on enterprise, project management and working together as a team and have chosen their own business idea working collaboratively in small groups. The children will be given the opportunity to sell their produce to the rest of the school on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th June. If you would your child to take part in this and buy from the Year 6 then please can you ensure that they bring in **no more than £3 to spend**. All monies raised will then go towards the Year 6 end of year trip.

Feast of SS Peter and Paul

On Thursday 27th June, we will be celebrating the feast of SS Peter and Paul in school. Our Year 4 children will lead the Celebration of the Word and then they will split into pastoral groups to work on activities reflecting on our mission statement. In the afternoon the children will all enjoy an ice cream from the ice cream van which is funded by the Friends of St Peter’s. A special thank you to all at the FOSP for organising this treat for us.

Wraparound Care at St Peter's

Following consultation with 3 third party providers and considering the specific needs of our families at St Peter's, we have made the decision to manage the provision in-house from September. As part of this, we are recruiting for a Wraparound Care Manager and a Wraparound Care Assistant. These vacancies can be viewed on our website. Breakfast club will run as normal in September. Further information to follow at the end of term.

Attendance

Our year-to-date whole school attendance is currently **96.9%**.

From September to date, we have lost 210.5 teaching days to unauthorised holidays collectively.

From September 2024, all holidays will be referred to the Local Authority as per policy. Please note there are important changes to school attendance penalty notices (DfE) which will come into effect from 19 August 2024. This will affect the rules around penalty notices issued to parents for their child's poor school attendance, including holidays taken during term time.

Increase in penalty notice amount

Previous fine	If paid within 21 days	New fine	If paid within 21 days
£120	£60	£160	£80

Escalation in cases of repeat offences

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.

Limited number of penalty notices per parent

A national limit of 2 penalty notices can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. At the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another tool, such as prosecution, will be considered.

Please do support us by sending your child into school every day.

Each week the class with the highest attendance will receive our Attendance Trophy. Congratulations to Year 6 who achieved 100% attendance and won the trophy this week. Well done!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	83.33%	92.41%	95.17%	96.00%	96.88%	97.58%	100%



Stars of the Week



Well done to the following children who have shone this week in school.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nellie For excellent recollection of religious language.	Jacob G For being an absolute super star this week. Jacob has been the first to be ready to listen and ready to learn all week.	AJ For showing care and consideration to those around him every single day.	Santino and Francesca For their mature attitude to their learning this week.	Lucy K For showing kindness to everyone around her. This was very evident during the French theatre visit.	Ozzy For brilliant explanations and effort in all lessons this week.	David For his knowledge contributions regarding Lourdes in our RE lessons this week.

Things to remember week beginning Monday 24th June

Monday 24th June	Year 4 showcase morning. Parents invited into school. Business week in school. All children involved.
Tuesday 25th June	Business week in school. All children involved.
Wednesday 26th June	Year 5 - Primary Futures Event at CHCS.
Thursday 27th June	Feast of SS Peter and Paul – Whole school Celebration. 9.10am Year 4 lead Celebration of the Word – Parents welcome. There is no swimming for Year 4 today.
Friday 28th June	Year 1 - Visit to St Mary's Cathedral Year 5 - Visit to the Gurdwara Year 6 – Year 6 visit to Primary Festival at Emmaus Village There will be no Stay and Pray this week.

Many thanks for your continued support, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs McArthur
Headteacher