



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 16

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Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and a good start to 2025. Thank you once again for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. Your generosity and kindness is always greatly appreciated.

It has been lovely to welcome all our children back to school after the Christmas holiday. However, it has certainly been a challenging start to 2025 with snow, ice and very cold weather to deal with during the week! In addition, as some of you may be aware, we experienced a leak in the roof of the Y6 classroom after the recent snow, which caused significant water damage. Thankfully, the roof has already been repaired, and we are in the process of drying out the carpet. Our Y6 children and staff have been brilliant and quickly adapted to their temporary classroom in the school hall. Hopefully they will be back in their proper classroom next week!

I am delighted to see that all children are already showing so much enthusiasm for their new learning. The curriculum plans for each class will shortly be available on the class page of the school website and remember to follow the class Twitter pages for more details of the learning taking place.

We began the week with an Assembly to mark the Feast of the Epiphany. We thought about how the Three Wise Men were guided by a star to find baby Jesus, and how we should always try to be guided by God to follow the right path in our journey through life.

ARBOR REPORTING ABSENCES: From January 2025 all pupil absence must be reported through the Arbor app.

[Parent Guide - Reporting Absence on Arbor](#)

ARBOR IN-APP MESSAGES: In App notifications are now the first line of communication from school to home. Please note if you have not logged in to your child's Arbor account you will not receive the in-app messages, the communication will default to email. You will need to *enable push notifications on your device* to receive timely alerts about important school announcements

Y6 SATS MEETING

Miss Topliss will be delivering a SATs information session for Year 6 parents on Wednesday 15th January at 3.15pm in the school hall.

RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2024

Applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2025. The closing date for this is 15th January 2025.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

UNIFORM

Please be reminded that the school PE kit is plain navy joggers and hoodie and plain white polo shirt. Trainers are only to be worn with PE kit. As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties please contact the office staff who will be happy to assist.

SAFEGUARDING

The designated safeguarding leads at St. Peter's are myself and Mrs Fitzsimons. Please speak to one of us in confidence if you have any concerns. A confidential e-mail can be sent at any time to safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk

If you have any urgent safeguarding concerns out of school hours, these should be directed to the safeguarding team at Doncaster Council, on 01302 737777 or 01302 796000 (evenings and weekends) or online via the following link:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/safeguarding-concern-child-at-risk-report-form>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Details of the clubs running this half term are as follows:

Young Voices	Wednesdays	3.15 – 4.15pm
Badminton/Boxercise	Thursdays	3.15 – 4.15pm

ATTENDANCE

Attendance over the past few weeks has been impacted by all the coughs, colds and bugs doing the rounds. As ever, please adhere to the NHS guidance 'Is my child too ill for school' <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for advice.

★ Well done to Y2 winners of this week's attendance award with 96.33% ★

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

10th January: KS1 Parents Phonics Course 9- 11am running for 5 weeks. Book via the office.

15th January: 3.15pm – SATS workshop for Y6 parents

30th January: SEN Coffee morning: 8.45am

30th January: Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew

6th February: Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm

12th February: Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena

13th February: Y1 Come and See Assembly

Friday 14th February: School closes for half term

Monday 24th February: School re-opens

Thursday 27th/Friday 28th February: Book Fair in school

Thursday 27th February: Y3 visit to Austerfield Study Centre

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Azaan, Lily, Mollie, Timurs and Mrs Cunningham. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

The Head teacher's award this week is for children who have made a positive start to the new term

★ Zakariyya & Carter

★ Eliza Maria & Drew

★ Buddy & Georgie

★ Faith & Lea

★ Chloe & Theodore

★ Aaliyah & Victor

★ James-Thomas & Romeo

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Young



NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply)

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)