



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has certainly been another busy week at St. Peter's and we have all been enjoying the Spring sunshine.

On Monday, Year 2 enjoyed a walk into the city centre, where they visited Danum museum as part of their topic on the history of transport. They enjoyed exploring Doncaster's fascinating rail history, and became historians for the day, handling real artefacts. A particular highlight was seeing the two locomotives which were built at the railway plant in Doncaster. Thank you to Mr Drury for organising this enriching experience for the children – and to all the staff and parents who accompanied them on the visit.

Also on Monday, our Reception class enjoyed a visit from the Air Ambulance team as part of their topic 'people who help us' and wore green to support this charity.

Please keep an eye on X (Twitter) for further updates about your child's learning in class.

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ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT

This week marked the start of the season of Lent, a very important part of the Church's year as we approach Easter. On Wednesday morning, Deacon Pete came into school to deliver a beautiful liturgy and to bless and distribute the ashes. Once again, he commented on the impeccable behaviour of our children, the fantastic reading from Y6 pupils and the wonderful singing.

WORLD BOOK DAY 6TH MARCH 2025

Once again, we enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day here at St. Peter's yesterday. It was a joy to see all the children who had either dressed up as their favourite book character or brought in their favourite book to share with others. Thank you for your support with this. I absolutely loved going into classes and seeing all the amazing activities that had been planned for our children. They were really engaged with a virtual World Book Day draw along with Phil Sheppard from the National Literacy Trust in Doncaster and it was wonderful to see the children sharing books with children from another class.

In Assembly, we talked about 'our reading superpowers' and we heard from some children and adults about their favourite books. We place great emphasis on reading here at St. Peter's. It really is at the heart of our curriculum and our aim is that our children will develop a lifelong love of reading. World Book Day is all about celebrating and sharing the joy of reading, and this was clear to see in St. Peter's yesterday. If you would like any further advice around supporting your child with reading, please speak to your child's class teacher. Keep your eye on the school and class Twitter pages. I'm sure there will be lots of photographs of World Book Day!

BOOK FAIR REWARDS

Thank you to all the families that supported our book fair last week, the rewards generated from your purchases amount to an **amazing £469.45** that can be spent on new books for the school library.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is on Friday 14th March. Children can come to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation. We are encouraging all parents to donate using the online Just Giving page we have set up for the event rather than bring £1 cash into school.

[St Peter's Red Nose 2025 JustGiving Page](#)

OPEN AFTERNOON

School will be open to all parents and carers from 2pm on Tuesday 18th March. This will give you the opportunity to visit classes so that children can share their learning with you.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

We are currently recruiting for two staff to deliver our after school provision. Details of this can be found on the vacancies section of the school website and the closing date is Monday 10th March. Please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested and come and speak with me or Mrs Liddle if you would like more information.

Y6 SATS

Miss Topliss has added some documentation from the government website regarding SATs to the Year 6 page. Please access the information via the link below.

[SATS Information for Parents](#)

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Applications have recently opened for the 11th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of budding bakers aged 9-15 years old.

Filming takes place from July 2025, but applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

CAR PARK

A gentle reminder that parents should not park in the staff car park. Thank you

COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please could we ask parents and carers to wait on the playground at the end of the day, and not on the upper paths at the top of the steps. Teaching staff need to wait with classes in this area during collection to ensure that children are safely dismissed. The increasing number of adults and pushchairs is causing a huge amount of congestion and is preventing children from being collected safely. Thank you.

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS TICKETS

Doncaster Knights would like to invite families to our next game against Ealing Trailfinders on Saturday 22nd March. The offer is like before, free terrace tickets to the game (adults must be accompanied by at least one child). Please let the office know how many tickets you require.

UNIFORM

We have a wide selection of spare uniform items available in school. If you would like any items free of charge, please contact the school office. Any remaining items will be sent to be recycled at the end of the school year.

Whilst most pupils are looking smart with the school uniform, we are getting a number of variations with PE kits. Please note PE kits should be plain navy with a plain white top. Teacher will be issuing reminders next half term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The first session of the KS2 dodgeball took place this week and it was lovely for the pupils to enjoy the session outside in the sunshine. The Year 6 SATs booster sessions are underway, please remember these will run weekly until the Easter holidays.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that any pupil that arrives after 9.15am due to running late will automatically receive a U (unauthorised mark) which is 1 session absence.

When booking routine GP and Dentist appointments for your child, please try to do so outside of school hours. If this is not possible, late morning and late afternoon slots are preferable. An authorised absence must be recorded for children missing registration at 8.45am and 1 pm.

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 weeks attendance award with 100% ★

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Theo, Matas and Jewel. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HOUSE POINTS

89 house points have been issued this week. Well done **Red House - Whitby**. You can see the house points your child has been awarded on their Arbor account.

BLUE - Fountains	21	RED - Whitby	25
GREEN - Roche	20	YELLOW - Kirkstall	23

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, these children have been recognised for demonstrating a love of reading. Well done everyone.

★ Martha & Rose
★ Connie & Ethan
★ Heidi & Alex
★ Darcy & Ellouise

★ Eryk & Erin
★ Pascha & Filip O
★ Abbie & Olly

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Thursday 13th March: Y4 Come and See Assembly: 9am
- Thursday 13th March: selected KS2 pupils to attend girls sporting event at St. Bede's, Rotherham
- Friday 14th March: Red Nose Day – non uniform for £1 donation (see Just Giving information)
- Monday 17th March: Doncaster Council Community Safety Team/South Yorkshire Police – Social Media and Online Safety Awareness sessions for Year 5 & 6
- Tuesday 18th March: Open Afternoon: 'Celebration of Learning' 2pm onwards.
- Wednesday 19th March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- Monday 24th March: Y2 Active Fusion Festival of Sport, English Institute of Sport Sheffield.
- Tuesday 25th March: Y3/4 Hockey Tournament
- Wednesday 26th March: Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
- Friday 28th March: School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 14th April: School re-opens
- Monday 14th – Thursday 17th April: KS2 Holy Week Liturgies in school. Times tbc.

- Friday 18th April: School closed: Good Friday
- Monday 21st April: School closed: Easter Monday
- Friday 25th April – NSPCC KS2 Parent Session – Online Safety 9am
- Monday 5th May: School closed: May Day
- Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May: KS2 SATS week
- Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd May: Y6 Residential to Holy Island
- Thursday 22nd May: School closes for May half term
- Friday 23rd May: Training Day – School Closed to pupils
- Monday 2nd June: School re-opens

SAFEGUARDING

The designated safeguarding leads at St. Peter's are me 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>

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week.

God Bless,

Mrs Young