



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 18

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all well, and have had a good week. As always, it has been another busy week here at St. Peter's, with lots going on.

On Monday morning in Assembly, we launched the Jubilee Year. This is a special year in the Catholic Church, and school communities are invited by the Pope to be 'pilgrims of hope', pledging to work together for the common good. As a school, over the year, we will be exploring different opportunities to fulfil this and help to create a better world for all.

This week, I have been visiting classes to see writing lessons. As always, I have been so impressed with the fabulous learning behaviours being demonstrated by our children and the wonderful progress they are making in writing. We are almost half-way through the school year, and some beautiful work is evident.

Remember to follow the class Twitter pages for more details of the learning taking place in school.

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PARENTS EVENING 06.02.25

Our next parents evening takes place on Thursday 6th February between 2pm and 7pm. You can sign up for an appointment via Arbor. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress at the midpoint of the year. Please note this is a meeting for parents only and children and pupils are not permitted to attend. If you cannot arrange childcare, please contact the office and we will arrange a different appointment time for you.

Please note that the badminton and boxercise clubs will not be running on this date as a result.

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 messages are now the first line of communication from school to home. If you have not logged in to your child's Arbor account you will not receive in-app messages, the communication will default to email. Please *enable push notifications on your device* to receive timely alerts.

KS2 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

The Trees and Woodland Engagement Team at Doncaster Council have invited KS2 pupils to take part in a community tree planting day on **Wednesday 5th February**. The team will be planting 250 tree whips on the field behind Rufford Road. All equipment (children's/adult's spades, gloves) will be provided to ensure the children can get stuck in planting trees, placing canes and protective tubing and mulching. They have advised pupils to wear shoes they don't mind getting muddy and to wrap up warm.

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.

ATTENDANCE

If you have to book 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 has to be recorded for children missing registration at 8.45am and 1 pm.

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 Y1 winners of this week's attendance award with 98.52%** ★

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Indi, Nicholas, Ilinca, Charlie, James and Mrs Porritt. We hope you have a lovely time with your friends and families.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

I have been visiting Writing lessons this week and am so impressed with the work being produced. For this reason the focus of our Celebration Assembly this week is Writing. Well done to these children who work well in writing lessons, are making good progress and demonstrate enthusiasm for writing. Congratulations and well done everyone.

★ Leo & Theo
★ Mia & George
★ William & Vilte
★ Timo & Alisa

★ Amelia & Jackson
★ Oliver & Mia B
★ Tristan & Maisie

HOUSE POINTS

72 house points have been issued this week. Well done – **Red House Whitby**

BLUE - Fountains	14	RED - Whitby	21
GREEN - Roche	20	YELLOW - Kirkstall	17

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 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. Non uniform day for £1 donation
- 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
- Friday 14th March: Red Nose Day – non uniform for £1 donation
- Tuesday 18th March: Open Afternoon: 'Celebration of Learning' 2pm onwards. More to follow.
- Wednesday 19th March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- Friday 28th March: School closes for Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: 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 weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Young