



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 2

12th September 2025

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Dear Parents

We have completed the first full week of term, and we continue to be delighted with how settled the children are in their new classes, and the exemplary behaviour that is being shown. There is some fabulous learning taking place!

We began the week with an Assembly, in which we thought about how we can show that we are part of a Christ centred community through our kind words and actions. We also spoke about the theme of resilience – a key learning behaviour here at St. Peter's.

SCHOOL WEBISTE and X (Twitter)

We will be sharing our wonderful learning taking place around school this year. Keep an eye on the school website www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk and class X pages for more information.

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@RecStPeterDon

@Y1StPeterDon

@Y2StPeterDon

@Y3StPeterDon

@Y4StPeterDon

@Y5StPeterDon

@Y6StPeterDon

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that until further notice, we have had to reduce the number of places available at breakfast club each morning from 25 to 15. Please book in advance to guarantee a space. We ask parents not to turn up without booking place as this puts pressure on Mrs Seymour who runs the club and causes a safeguarding issue around staff ratios. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause to our families. An advert for the Breakfast Club vacancy will be going out very soon.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

A reminder that our brand new after school wrap around care has started and can be booked via the Arbor app. The club runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm and a snack is provided. Please contact the office with any queries.

PHONICS MEETING KS1 PARENTS

Parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend a Phonics meeting on Thursday 18th September at 2.30pm. The meeting will cover the Little Wandle phonics and early reading programme used in school. The meeting is primarily for Reception and Year 1 parents however if any parent of Year 2 pupils would like to attend for a refresher, they are more than welcome.

SATS MEETING Y6 PARENTS

Parents of Year 6 pupils are invited to a SATs meeting in school on Monday 22nd September at 3.30pm with Miss Topliss. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be emailed out to all families. Please note this is a meeting for parents only.

FLU IMMUNISATION

The School Age Immunisation Team will be delivering Flu vaccinations in school on 25th September. Please click on the link below to complete the electronic consent form

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/106760FLU819072>. Please note you need to complete the form even if you wish to decline.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We currently have places on the Year 3 – 6 Tag Rugby after school club. Please note this is a free club running on Thursday for the next 6 weeks. The Yorkshire Wildlife Park STEM club got off to a great start on Tuesday and has 4 more sessions to go. We are currently pulling together a timetable for the remainder of the year and hope to cater for as many year groups as possible. We will send this out to all parents once confirmed.

BIG TALK SESSIONS

On Tuesday 23rd September, each class will be participating in a session with Big Talk Education. To keep children as safe as possible, Relationship Education is now statutory in all Primary Schools. For several years, we have successfully engaged the support of the specialist organisation, BigTalk Education, who are a Social Enterprise recognised by national lead bodies and Government. Big Talk have included a link below to their new updated 'Growing up Safe' Year by Year presentations which are available to view on-line prior to their visit. There is a main presentation for everyone, followed by several age specific presentations which have been put together to introduce BigTalk Education and the Growing up Safe Programme.

You can access the presentations by inserting the password: **GrowingUpSafe**

<https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/year-by-year-2/>

Y6 OPEN EVENINGS / SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Parents of Y6 pupils are now able to apply for secondary school. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2025**, and it is important to apply on time as several schools will be full next September. Further details and a link to the online application form can be found via the following link:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-year-of-entry>

This site contains full information about the application process and a schedule of all the open evening dates for every Doncaster secondary school.

Some dates for our local schools are as follows – please see the individual school websites for further information

- The McAuley Catholic High School: Thurs 25th September 5pm – 8pm (presentations at 6pm 7pm)
- Hall Cross Academy: Thursday 16th October 4pm – 6pm
- Outwood Academy Danum: Tuesday 23rd September
- XP/XP East: Thursday 18th September 4pm – 6pm (parents need to sign up in advance)
- The Hayfield School: Monday 29th September 6pm (out of catchment school slot)

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2026

The application process for a place in Reception class will open shortly and runs until January 2026.

Please make any families that you might know locally about our wonderful school.

We are holding open visits to the school on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15th October 1.15 – 2.15pm
- Tuesday 21st October 5.30 – 6.30pm
- Thursday 23rd October 10am – 11am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – ST. PETER'S IN CHAINS, DONCASTER

The course of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, and Holy Communion at St. Peter's will begin in October. It will take place on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall of St. Peter in Chain's RC Church, Doncaster. The course is open to all children who attend Mass at St Peter's Church and who are in school years 3, 4 and 5. Forms are available from the priest or Deacon after Sunday Mass. The last date for signing in will be Sunday 5th October.

FRIENDS OF ST PETERS

The Friends of St Peter's will be holding an AGM online on Thursday 18th September at 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend. The meeting link is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81469634817?pwd=ERQWHd6uRaMxDDm4ZPzaslamid3Vaa.1>

The Friends of St Peter's have created a poster which will be circulated with the newsletter email detailing lots of information about the group including how you can get involved.

DARK NIGHTS PRESENTATION

Representatives from Doncaster Council and South Yorkshire Police will be attending school on Tuesday 7th October to deliver the Dark Nights presentation to Years 5 and 6. This presentation, designed for primary school children, covers how to keep themselves and others safe during the bonfire period.

PRIME MINISTERS LETTER TO PARENTS

The Prime Minister has recently written to all parents. You can [read the Prime Minister's letter to parents](#) on the Department for Education's Education Hub.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times.

A polite reminder please, especially to our new parents that for safety reasons, no jewellery is allowed in school. Children will be asked to remove earrings, bracelets etc. unless it is a **statutory** part of their religion or you have signed a disclaimer. Please be advised that footwear should be plain black with no bright markings. Make-up and nail varnish are also not permitted. Please contact the office if you have any queries relating to uniform.

PARKING

A polite reminder that in order to avoid congestion, we ask parents try to walk to school whenever possible and avoid parking on Sandy Lane. In addition, the school car park is for school staff and visitors only. Alternative parking is available at the Vue Cinema/Bowling Alley which is a short walk to and from school along the park path.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Yusuf, Mia Bal, Michelle and Kinga. We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 1 and Year 3 winners of this week's attendance award with 98.6%!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to these children who have been recognised for making a positive start to the new school year. Remember, all parents and carers are welcome to attend our end of week celebration every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm.

★ Evie & Leo
★ Kamsi & Brody
★ Ava & Patrick
★ Krzysztof & Grayson

★ Hanna & Ife
★ Pascha & Shay

HOUSE POINTS

102 points have been issued this week. To see your child's house point total please see their Arbor account. **Well done to Red House (Whitby)**

BLUE - Fountains	27	RED - Whitby	36
GREEN - Roche	15	YELLOW - Kirkstall	24

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 18th September: Phonics meeting for parents of KS1 pupils 5pm
- Thursday 18th September: Friends of St Peter's AGM online
- Monday 22nd September: SATS meeting for Y6 parents 3.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd September: Big Talk sessions in school
- Thursday 25th September: Flu Immunisation
- Tuesday 30th September: NSPCC play for Y5/6 (in school)
- Tuesday 30th September: Y4 Pedestrian Training with Doncaster Council
- Friday 3rd October: School closed St Francis Trust INSET day for all Trust schools
- Monday 6th October: Harvest Mass 9.15am – all welcome
- Tuesday 7th October: Dark Nights presentation Year 5 & 6
- Wednesday 8th October: Parents afternoon/evening 2pm – 7pm
- Friday 10th October: Year 5 trip to Danelaw Viking Village
- Friday 24th October: Break up for half term

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

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at school next week.
God Bless

Mrs Young