



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 4

26th September 2025

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Dear Parents and carers,

Autumn is definitely here, with lovely, crisp misty mornings developing into some beautiful sunny days, and we are all settled into the routines of the new term. As always, it has been another busy week in school, with lots going on.

On Monday morning, we were visited by our local MP, Sally Jameson a former pupil of the school. Sally took time to meet with our new school councillors and met with all KS2 pupils in a special assembly in the school hall. She answered a range of fabulous questions that had been submitted in advance. Finally, she enjoyed a tour of the school, visiting each class and talking to staff and pupils. We are very grateful to Sally for taking the time to visit us. Her visit aligns well with the work we have done on British values, especially democracy and the workings of the UK government, as well as supporting one of our key school values: aspiration.

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to attend the Y6 SATS meeting on Monday afternoon. We hope you found the information useful and interesting; many thanks to Miss Topliss for putting this together. A copy of the presentation she delivered has been sent out to all families. If you have any further queries about SATS, and how to further support your child, please speak to Miss Topliss.

In the Catholic Church, the Season of Creation runs from 1st September to 4th October (the feast day of our Trust patron Saint Francis). During this season, we are invited to reflect on the gifts of creation, and the mission given to us by God, to care for creation and to respond to its needs and crises today. For this reason, the focus of the Head teacher Award this week is for children who have made a good start with their Geography topic and who show an interest in the wider world and taking care of the environment.

PARENTS EVENING

Our first parents evening of the year will be held on Wednesday 8th October between 2pm and 7pm. This will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled in so far. You can sign up for an appointment via Arbor from 1st October. We kindly request that children are not brought to the meetings, although provision will be provided to oversee those children whose parents have appointments at collection time of 3.15pm - this will run until 3.30pm.

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

INSET DAY

A reminder that school is closed to all pupils on **Friday 3rd October** due to the St Francis Trust INSET day for all Trust schools.

HARVEST MASS

Our Harvest Mass will be celebrated in school on Monday 6th October at 9am, to which you are all invited. We are about to start practising some lovely Harvest hymns for this celebration. As usual, we will be collecting donations of tinned and dried food (pasta, rice, noodles etc.), which will be donated to a local foodbank after Mass. Please bring donations into school from Monday 29th September and as always, we appreciate your support and generosity.

CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES

A reminder of the all the class emails. Please use these emails for learning related enquiries. All other queries should still be sent to the office admin3@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

Reception – reception@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

Year 1 – year1@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

Year 2 – year2@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

Year 3 – year3@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

Year 4 – year4@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

Year 5 – year5@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

Year 6 – year6@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk

BOARD GAMES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Mrs Maskey is running a board games after school club from Thursday 6th November to Thursday 11th December (6 weeks). The club is open to pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. To sign your child up please email the school office. There are 20 places available. If anyone has got any board games they no longer use that they would like to donate to the club, please drop them at the office.

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. I am pleased however to let you know that an advert for the Breakfast Club staff vacancy is now available on the school website

<https://www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=19>

The closing date for this is Monday 29th September.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

A reminder that our after school wrap around care is now available 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.

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.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S MEETING

The next FOSP meeting takes place in school on Thursday 16th October at 2pm all parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

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

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)

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 Catholic children who attend Mass at St. Peter's and 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.

GLASS JARS APPEAL

Year 2 are looking for glass jars to help with a design technology project. If you are able to help, please drop them to the office. Thank you

ONLINE SURVEY - THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to complete the online survey. There is still time to do this. Your responses are an important part of our ongoing self-evaluation and will help us to continue to provide an outstanding Catholic education for our pupils.

<https://forms.gle/HeLufVocwdctRUKTA>

I am always available if any parents would like to discuss their views in more detail; please make an appointment via the school office if you would like to do so.

UNIFORM

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 Charles, Aria, Timo, Saphina, Theodore and Mrs Newey. We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 2 who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 98%!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to these children who have made a good start with their Geography topic and who show an interest in the wider world and taking care of the environment.

Remember, all parents and carers are welcome to attend our end of week celebration every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm.

★ Amelie & Luca	★ Mollie & Theo
★ George & Jewel	★ Erin & Ryder
★ Elijah & Heidi	★ Mia C & Jakob
★ Julia & Forrest	

HOUSE POINTS

92 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	23	RED - Whitby	31
GREEN - Roche	17	YELLOW - Kirkstall	21

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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
- Monday 13th October: Individual and in school sibling photographs
- Tuesday 21st October: Reception shared learning afternoon for parents 2.15pm
- Friday 24th October: Break up for half term
- Friday 7th November: Boggledy Book Fair in school
- Tuesday 11th November: Remembrance Liturgy 10.45am
- Thursday 13th November: KS2 trip to Vue Cinema – Into Film Festival
- Wednesday 19th November: Year 6 trip to The Holocaust Museum
- Tuesday 9th December: Reception visit to CAST Theatre

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