



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 5

2nd October 2025

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Dear Parents and carers,

I am sending the newsletter a day early this week **as school is closed tomorrow** for a trust wide staff training day. It has been another busy few days in school, with lots going on. On Monday morning, we gathered for an Assembly based on the Season of Creation and the Feast Day of our Trust saint, St. Francis of Assisi.

On Tuesday morning, our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a play called 'The Net'. A theatre group working in partnership with the NSPCC delivered this. The play had a strong message and is aimed at teaching children the importance of online safety. It was followed by a discussion facilitated by the staff. Once again, our children were fabulous – fully engaged throughout the play and contributing well to the discussion afterwards.

Also on Tuesday, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed their pedestrian road safety training. As always, they behaved sensibly and conducted themselves well.

On Wednesday morning, leaders visited us from our Trust. They enjoyed a walk around the school and were so impressed with the welcoming and purposeful atmosphere around school.

Remember to follow the school and class pages of Twitter/X for more information about the wonderful learning that is taking place at St. Peter's.

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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. 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 (3.15pm) - this will run until 3.30pm.

HARVEST MASS

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

ROSARY MONTH

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Each Monday of October at 12.45pm Key Stage 2 pupils are invited to gather in the Year 6 classroom to pray the rosary together. If any child would like to bring their own rosary beads, they are welcome to, but please do not bring any that are expensive or irreplaceable.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and in school sibling photographs will take place on Monday 13th October. Please ensure children are in full school uniform, including black shoes. If your KS1 child normally has PE on this day their class teacher will be in touch to confirm arrangements.

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.

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS RUGBY RICKETS

Doncaster Knights are offering school free 50 tickets for pupils (U16s) for their match vs Cambridge on Saturday 11th October. Please contact the office if you would like to request some.



17 Saturday 11th October



Doors Open at 12:00pm



Kick-off: 2:30pm



Castle Park, DN2 5QB



Community Day

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.

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.

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 the recruitment process is well underway to fill the staff vacancy.

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.

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>

- Hall Cross Academy: Thursday 16th October 4pm – 6pm

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 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.

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 Ben and Amelia, we hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends. You will get your birthday stickers at next weeks assembly.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 99.58%!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Due to the staff training day tomorrow, there is no Celebration Assembly this week.

HOUSE POINTS

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

BLUE - Fountains	25	RED - Whitby	23
GREEN - Roche	26	YELLOW - Kirkstall	33

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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 National Holocaust Museum, Nottinghamshire
- 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