



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another fantastic week in school, and we have now reached the end of our first half term. It has been a long one – eight weeks, and I think everyone is ready for a short break. Our children have settled in brilliantly to their new classes and are making wonderful progress.

Our new Reception class have settled into the routines of school so well, and it is lovely to see them spending time with their Year 6 buddies, who are such fabulous role models for the younger children. It was lovely to invite parents into school on Tuesday for the first of our 'shared learning' afternoons – we hope you enjoyed the experience and gained an important insight into all that your child has been learning this half term.

On Monday morning, we started the week in prayer, gathered together as a school community for 'Celebration of the Word'. We listened to the parable of 'the persistent widow' and considered its message of determination and perseverance.

On Thursday morning, we were treated to a beautiful Assembly from our Year 5 class. This brought together the learning from their 'Creation and Covenant' RE topic this half term. It was a thoughtful and reflective reminder of the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments, and how Christian values are applied to our daily lives. The Assembly finished with the hymn 'A New Commandment' the words of which form a key part of our Mission Statement. Thank you to Mr. Drury and Mrs. Fisher for putting this together and supporting and guiding the children through it.

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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EARLY READING AND PHONICS SESSION

Thank you to parents and carers who attended the Early Reading and Phonics session for parents on Monday evening. We hope you found it informative and useful. A copy of the presentation used has been sent out electronically. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about your child's reading.

NEW CATERING PROVIDER FROM 3rd NOVEMBER

Your attention is drawn to the communications that have been issued recently regarding the new catering arrangements from 3rd November. The new provider Caterlink has been appointed by our Trust and will serve all 14 schools across the Diocese. Please note all meal choices must now be made by parents on Arbor one week in advance.

RESIDENTIAL MEETING FOR Y6 PARENTS

A meeting will take place in school on 11th November at 6pm for parents of Year 6 pupils who will be attending the Residential to Holy Island, Northumbria in May 2026.

PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

The closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 28th October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

PARENT WORKSHOPS – SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL AND HOME

We're delighted to welcome **Giovanne Pezone**, Parent Carer Representative and Outreach Officer from **Doncaster Parent Voice**, who will be leading a series of **three parent workshops** starting straight after school drop off at 8:45am. The workshops will last around 1 hour, however parents can then stay longer if they wish to talk to Gio, Mrs Fitzsimons, SENCo or other parents.

These sessions are designed to offer **practical strategies and support for all parents and carers**, whatever your child's needs may be. While the workshops include ideas particularly useful for children with autism and ADHD, they are also relevant for any parent who would like to better understand and support their child's behaviour, emotions, or anxieties at home or school.

Workshop dates and topics:

- **7th November:** *An Introduction to Autism*
- **14th November:** *Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviour*
- **21st November:** *Coping with Anxiety – Strategies to Support Your Child*

We warmly encourage all parents and carers to come along, share experiences, and take away practical ideas to support your child's wellbeing and development.



The poster features a purple header with the text "Autism workshops for parent carers" in white and colorful font. Below the header is a photograph of a diverse group of people sitting at tables in a classroom, engaged in a workshop. To the right of the photo is a list of three workshops with their dates and times. Logos for Doncaster Parent Voice and Doncaster Autism Service are also present.

Autism workshops for parent carers

1. An Introduction to Autism
Friday 07 November 08:45

2. Challenging Behaviour: Strategies to Support your Autistic Child
Friday 14 November 08:45

3. Coping with Anxiety: Strategies to Support your Autistic Child
Friday 21 November 08:45

Sessions will take place in the school.
Please confirm your attendance with
Mrs Fitzsimons

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INTO FILM FESTIVAL

Miss Topliss has organised a free cinema trip for KS2 pupils as part of the Into Film Festival 2025. Pupils will be walking to The Vue cinema on 13th November to watch the film 'The Wild Robot' U certificate. If you have not done so already, please consent via your child's Arbor account.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

All the after-school clubs running next term are now full. Collection is from the hall at 4.15pm. All the clubs run for 6 weeks from w/c 3rd November.

Monday - KS1 Book Club Miss Cunningham

Tuesday - Y2&3 Art Club Mrs Bailey

Thursday – KS2 Dodgeball Coach Andrei (Active Fusion)

Thursday - KS1 Board Games Mrs Maskey

BOGGLEDY BOOK FAIR/READING FOR PLEASURE

As a school, one of our priorities is promoting a love of reading, and we are proud of the work we do in this area. We have a well-stocked library, full of lots of beautiful books and our teachers use high quality texts to support reading and writing. Over the rest of the school year, we hope to plan more activities in school to promote reading.

On the afternoon of Friday 7th November, once again, we will be holding a book fair in school, run by 'Boggledybook', an independent children's bookshop based in Cantley. They sell a wide range of children's books for all ages, at affordable prices (all books are priced between £1 - £3). Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the afternoon, and the book fair will also be open after school. If you prefer to order online more details can be found via the website and the leaflet below.

<https://www.boggledybook.co.uk/>



**The Book Fair is visiting school on
Friday 7th November**

All books are new and just £1, £2 or £3 each

A fantastic range of picture books, chapter books, activity books and non-fiction

Each class will visit to buy a book - if possible please send the correct amount of spending money to minimise children handling change

A free book will be donated to school for every 10 collectively sold!

Prefer to order online? Place an order by midday on Thurs 6th Nov and we'll bring it to school. Just choose Click & Collect and add a note on the checkout page with your school name, child's name and class. Online purchases will be included when calculating free books for school. Find books from baby to teen at www.boggledybook.co.uk/onlineshop



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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We have received an allocation from the Royal British Legion of Poppy Appeal merchandise including wrist bands, key rings, stickers, snap bands and well as the traditional poppy badges. Year 6 pupils will be selling these at breaktimes after half term for a minimum donation of £1.

UNIFORM

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week and over half term to Chloe, Evani, Georgia, Ellouise, Ava-Mae, Mrs Oleksy, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Liddle. We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 96.3%.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to these wonderful children, who have been recognised this week for their beautiful and thoughtful RE work. Remember, all parents and carers are welcome to attend our end of week celebration.

★ Alex & Ilinca	★ Rose & Peter
★ Israel & Eliza	★ Noah & Eryk
★ Evie & Omar	★ Izzy & Filip K
★ Timo & Reuben	

HOUSE POINTS

104 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	22	RED - Whitby	32
GREEN - Roche	21	YELLOW - Kirkstall	29

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 7th November 8.45am: Parent workshop (An introduction to Autism)
- Friday 7th November: Boggledy Book Fair in school. Parents can attend after school.
- Tuesday 11th November 10.45am: Remembrance Liturgy
- Thursday 13th November: KS2 trip to Vue Cinema – Into Film Festival
- Friday 14th November: Children in Need. Non uniform day for £1 donation
- Friday 14th November: Parent workshop (Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviour)
- Wednesday 19th November: Year 6 trip to The National Holocaust Museum, Nottinghamshire
- Friday 21st November: Parent Workshop (Coping with Anxiety – strategies to support your child)
- Tuesday 9th December: Reception visit to CAST Theatre

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

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break with your families and can find some time to rest and recharge. I look forward to seeing you all again on 3rd November.

God Bless Mrs Young