



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back at school after the half term break, and already there has been so much going on, with some incredible learning taking place. Although the days are getting darker, there is always lots of joy and celebration here at St. Peter's!

Sunday was the feast of All Saints Day, when we remember all the people who have lived their lives really well and who have died and gone to heaven. We started the week thinking about this in our 'Celebration of the Word'. We listened to Jesus' famous speech 'The Beatitudes' and thought about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants us to.

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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NEW CATERING PROVIDER

Thank you to all parents for your support with the transition to the new catering provider Caterlink. It all seems to have gone smoothly in school this week. Please remember to order your child's meals using the Arbor app **1 week in advance**. This means all meals for next week should already have been selected.

BOGGLEDY BOOK FAIR/READING FOR PLEASURE

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair this afternoon. It was a great success and helped us in our priority of promoting a deeper love of reading among our children. We also managed to acquire lots of lovely free books for school because of your support. It was a great opportunity to support such a fantastic local business, and we hope to continue to work with them in the future. Their shop and website are always open for further purchases of such reasonably priced books

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

ANTI- BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying week, which we always recognise here at St. Peter's. We will be starting the week off on Tuesday with a Whole School Assembly on 'Random Acts of Kindness' led by our friends from 'With me in Mind'. On Monday, we will be having an 'Odd Socks Day', which is an initiative of the Anti Bullying Alliance, and provides an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! More information about this can be found on their website: [Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good](https://www.buddleday.co.uk/)

During the week children will be involved in different activities to help embed the key anti-bullying messages. The week will end with Children in Need Day, which as usual will be a non-uniform day, with a request for a £1 donation (no face paint or hair dye please!)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday 11th November, our Year 6 pupils will be delivering a liturgy for Remembrance Day. All parents are invited to join us for this at 9am.

RESIDENTIAL MEETING FOR Y6 PARENTS

An information session for Y6 parents about the Y6 Residential meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th November at 6pm. Payment arrangements will be shared at the meeting, but please note that a payment facility is now available on Arbor if you want to start making payments in instalments.

PARENT WORKSHOPS – SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL AND HOME

The first of our parent workshops was held this morning. Thank you to all those who attended.

Giovanna Pezone, Parent Carer Representative and Outreach Officer from Doncaster Parent Voice is leading a series of parent workshops 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:

- **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 rainbow-colored 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 are three logos: the Doncaster School crest, the Doncaster Parents' Voice logo, and the Doncaster Autism Service logo. The main content is a list of three workshops with their dates and times. At the bottom, it states that sessions will take place in the school and asks for confirmation of attendance with Mrs Fitzsimons. The footer mentions the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools.

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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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

I know it is a few weeks away yet, but our Christmas tree will be going up at the end of this month. Over the last few years, it has become traditional for us to decorate the school Christmas tree with homemade decorations made by the children. It makes the tree so unique and special, and representative of the individuality of the children in our school. Please could I ask you to spare a bit of time to help your child make a Christmas tree decoration at home and bring it in to school before Friday 28th November. Please ensure that decorations are not too big as there are potentially 200 to fit on!

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Staying on the Christmas theme, our local MP Sally Jameson is running a Christmas card competition. Details of this are attached if you would like to get involved at home.

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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

Please tell any families that you might know locally about our wonderful school!

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.

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 Larelle and Alizah, We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends. You will receive your birthday stickers in next weeks assembly.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 1 who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 97.78%.

HOUSE POINTS

87 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	21	RED - Whitby	31
GREEN - Roche	17	YELLOW - Kirkstall	18

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 10th November: Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
- Tuesday 11th November: Remembrance Liturgy **9am (please note change of time)**
- Tuesday 11th November: Y6 Residential Meeting for parents 6pm
- Thursday 13th November: KS2 visit to Vue cinema – Into Film Festival
- Friday 14th November: Children in Need – non uniform day £1 donation
- Friday 14th November 8.45am: Parent Workshop - Understanding & Managing Challenging Behaviour
- Wednesday 19th November: Y6 visit to National Holocaust Museum, Nottinghamshire
- Friday 21st November: Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle Donations (details to follow)
- Friday 21st November: Parent workshop- Coping with Anxiety – Strategies to Support Your Child
- Wednesday 26th November: Y4 Visit to Doncaster Museum
- Friday 28th November: EFL Kids Cup at Eco Power Stadium
- Monday 1st December: Advent Wreath blessing 10.45am
- Tuesday 2nd December: Y3/4 Football competition at Hatchell Wood School – details to follow
- Tuesday 9th December: Reception visit to CAST Theatre
- Wednesday 10th December: Reception/KS1 Nativity 9.30am
- Wednesday 10th December: Rocksteady Concert 2pm

- Thursday 11th December: Reception/KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
- Tuesday 16th December: St Francis CMAT Carol Service at St. Peter's Church 1.30pm
- Wednesday 17th December: Christmas lunch followed by Christmas movie afternoon
- Thursday 18th December: End of term Celebration Assembly 9am
- Thursday 18th December: Class Christmas parties and visit from Santa
- Friday 19th December: End of term Christmas Carol service and readings 9.15am
- Friday 19th December: School closes for Christmas Holiday 1.30pm
- Monday 5th January 2026: School closed for INSET day
- Tuesday 6th January 2026: School open to pupils

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 a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing your smiles at the gate on Monday morning. I will see some of you at the Remembrance service at the war memorial near Elmfield Park on Sunday morning. Thank you to those pupils who have volunteered to be part of this.

God Bless
Mrs Young