



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 10

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone in non-uniform today for Children in Need, with lots of bright colours, spots and smiles! Thank you as always for your support with this fundraising event. We have raised a total of **£153!**

Another big thank you to those children who gave up part of their Sunday morning to attend the Remembrance service at the war memorial in the city centre last weekend. As always, it was a sombre and poignant occasion, and it is always an honour to be a part of this civic event. Thanks also to Miss Topliss and Mrs Wilson, who accompanied the children with me.

On Tuesday morning, Year 6 delivered their Remembrance Liturgy in school. As always, it was so thoughtful, moving and beautifully presented. Thank you to Miss Topliss, Mrs Sunderland and of course our wonderful Year 6 children for putting this together.

It has been Anti-Bullying week this week. It was lovely to see lots of children wearing odd socks to school on Monday as part of 'Odd Socks Day', which helped to celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique! During the week children have been involved in different activities to help embed the key messages of Anti-Bullying Week. This is always a useful reminder to focus on the importance and impact of kindness – one of our core school values.

On Thursday, KS2 visited Vue to watch the film 'The Wild Robot' as part of the Into Film Festival. This film linked beautifully to the work we have been doing this week on kindness. Both children and staff found the film heart-warming and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. As always, children behaved well and were superb ambassadors for St Peter's. All children left the cinema with a complimentary ticket to return to Vue in December. Thank you to Miss Topliss for organising this memorable experience for our children.

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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ORDERING SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember to order your child's meals using the Arbor app **1 week in advance**. This means all meals for next week (w/c 17th Nov) should already have been selected. Can all pupils having a packed lunch from home please tick this option.

Christmas dinner takes place on Wednesday 17th December. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please select the Roast Chicken option. They will receive a full Christmas dinner (we are unable to change the menu name on Arbor). There will be a vegetarian Christmas dinner available also (please select vegetarian wellington).

BREAKFAST CLUB

I am pleased to let you know that the number of places available at Breakfast Club has increased back to 25 per session. Booking is essential through Arbor.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

A reminder that our after-school wrap around care is available every night after school and can be booked via Arbor. The club runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm and a small meal is provided.

RAINBOW RAFFLE

The Friends of St Peter’s are running the hugely popular Christmas Rainbow Raffle again this year. On Friday 21st November children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a raffle prize in the colour allocated to their class. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 24th November!

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
FOSP-RAINBOW DAY!

YOU CAN DRESS BRIGHTLY IN ANY COLOUR YOU WANT FOR "RAINBOW DAY!!!"

IN EXCHANGE FOR AN ITEM DONATED IN THE COLOUR ALLOCATED TO YOUR YEAR GROUP. WE'LL USE THESE DONATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS RAINBOW HAMPERS RAFFLE!

YEAR 6

YEAR 5

YEAR 4

YEAR 3

YEAR 2

YEAR 1

RECEPTION

ANY NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS WELCOME

PARENT WORKSHOPS – SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL AND HOME

Thank you to parents and carers who have been attending these workshops. We hope you have found them informative and useful.

By way of reminder, we're delighted to welcome **Giovanne Pezone**, Parent Carer Representative and Outreach Officer from **Doncaster Parent Voice**, who will be leading a series of **parent workshops** lasting 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.

The next workshop date and topic is:

- **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 image is a promotional flyer for autism workshops. On the left, there is a photograph of a diverse group of people sitting at tables in a classroom-like setting, engaged in discussion. Above the photo, the text 'Autism workshops for parent carers' is written in a large, colorful font. To the right of the photo, there are three logos: a school crest, 'DONCASTER PARENTS' VOICE', and 'DONCASTER AUTISM SERVICE'. Below the logos, a list of three workshops is provided with their dates and times. At the bottom right, there is contact information for Mrs Fitzsimons and the name of the partnership.

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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Y6 RESIDENTIAL

Thank you to parents who attended the information session held by Mr Ward this week. Please remember a deposit of £30 is required by 5th December to secure your child's place. If you have any further queries about the residential, please contact the school office.

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!

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 Alisa M, Bogdan, Mia Be and Hanna, We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Well done to our certificate winners who have been recognised this week for demonstrating kindness in different ways. This is so important and one of our core values here at St. Peter's.

 Ava & Jaap	 Nicholas & Lily
 Reni & Olivia	 Ife & Alex
 Olivia & Jaiveer	 Filip O & Zara
 Alisa & Ellouise	

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 6 who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 99.66%.

HOUSE POINTS

155 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	40	RED - Whitby	41
GREEN - Roche	38	YELLOW - Kirkstall	36

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 19th November: Y6 visit to National Holocaust Museum, Nottinghamshire
- Friday 21st November: Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle Donations
- Friday 21st November: Parent workshop- Coping with Anxiety – Strategies to Support Your Child
- Wednesday 26th November: Y4 Visit to Doncaster Museum
- Thursday 27th November: Y3 History Alive Workshop
- Friday 28th November: EFL Kids Cup at Eco Power Stadium Y6/5 Team
- 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 for KS2 pupils (details to follow)
- 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.

God Bless,
Mrs Young

