



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents and carers,

Winter seems to have arrived this week, and it has been very chilly, with even a flurry of snow yesterday! It is certainly starting to feel festive here at St. Peter's, and I am enjoying listening to Reception and KS1 practise for their Nativity while I work in my office! I have also enjoyed visiting classes and have seen some amazing work including some beautiful writing.

On Tuesday morning, KS2 had an Assembly with Lindsay from With me in Mind. This was to launch the wellbeing ambassadors programme for pupils in school. We are proud of our partnership with With me in Mind and this will further enhance our promotion of positive mental health and wellbeing.

On Wednesday Year 6 visited the National Holocaust Memorial Museum, and it proved to be a deeply poignant and reflective day for our pupils. The visit offered powerful learning moments, helping the children understand the importance of remembrance, empathy, and standing against injustice. They behaved beautifully and were able to articulate a wealth of information which they had learned through workshops led by experts, as well as from their visit to the interactive exhibition 'The Journey'.

A big thank you to everyone for all the wonderful Rainbow Raffle donations we received for non-uniform day today. Tickets will be on sale next week!

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 24th 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 pupils 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

Tickets will be on sale next week to win one of our wonder rainbow raffle hampers! The winners will be drawn after the KS1 Nativity on 11th December.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Our Christmas tree will be going up at the end of next week! 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!

Y6 RESIDENTIAL

Please remember that a deposit of £30 is required by 5th December to secure your child's place on the Year 6 residential to Northumberland. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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. The rearrange date for the final workshop is next Friday.

- **28th November 8.50am:** *Coping with Anxiety – Strategies to Support Your Child*

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!

MISSION CHRISTMAS

Some of you may be aware of the charity 'Cash for Kids' and the 'Mission Christmas' they do every year. It involves Christmas presents being donated for children aged 0-16. Mrs Hamilton is organising this for school. If you are able to donate a present please wrap it and label it with the age and gender it is appropriate for. Mrs Hamilton will deliver them to a local B&M for them to be given to under privileged children in the South Yorkshire region.

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS TICKETS

School have been offered a number of free tickets for Under 16's to the Knights' upcoming home fixture. Contact the office if you would like to receive some.

Doncaster Knights vs Coventry Rugby



Saturday 29th November



Doors and Bars Open at 12:00pm



Kick-off: 2:30pm



Castle Park, DN2 5QB

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 William, Willow, Stephanie, Iana and Izzy. 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 their fabulous writing.



Bogdan & Naomi



Aria & Zuzanna



Calin & George



Sienna & Daisy



Martha & Vinny



Sam & Chloe



Caleb & Gabriel

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Reception who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 99.63%.

HOUSE POINTS

71 points have been issued this week. To see your child's house point total please see their Arbor account.

Well done to Blue House (Fountains)

BLUE - Fountains	26	RED - Whitby	21
GREEN - Roche	13	YELLOW - Kirkstall	11

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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
- Friday 28th November: Rearranged Parent Workshop with Gio
- 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