



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 13

5th December 2025

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Dear Parents and carers,

This week, we marked the beginning of Advent with a beautiful service in which our Advent wreaths were blessed by Fr. Darren. RE lessons in school are now focussed on the topic of Advent, and I am so impressed by the knowledge of our children around this important season and the symbolism of the Advent wreaths. Advent is such an important season for Christians, as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Our Christmas tree looks absolutely beautiful in our school with some stunning homemade decorations made by our children.

On Tuesday afternoon pupils from Year 3 and 4 took part in the Rose Learning Trust football tournament at Hatchell Wood Primary Academy. This was their first competition representing school and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They worked well as a team and got as far as the semi-finals where they unfortunately lost to the eventual winners. Thank you to Mr Ward for organising our participation in this event.

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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CHRISTMAS DINNER 17th DECEMBER

Christmas dinner takes place on Wednesday 17th December. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please select the Roast Chicken option and 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). It is also Christmas jumper day so we hope to see all the children looking very festive!

NATIVITY TICKETS

A reminder that the EYFS/KS1 Nativity will be held on Wednesday 10th (9.45am) and Thursday 11th December (1.45pm). **The last day we can accept requests for tickets is Monday.** This is to allow time to print and allocate tickets. If anyone would like to request additional tickets, please email the office. **Please note that for safeguarding reasons, no recordings or photographs are allowed to be taken during the performance.**

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On the afternoon of Thursday 18th December, your child's class teacher will organise a few party games and Christmas activities in class. There will also be a visit from someone special dressed in red! Please note, this is a **normal school uniform day and children do not need to bring clothes in to get changed into.** However, a **small** donation of food – crisps, shop bought biscuits/cakes, squash etc is always gratefully received. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

On Tuesday 16th December, our KS2 pupils will be walking to St. Peter's Church to participate in a Christmas Carol Service. This will involve all the schools in the St. Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust. A letter has been emailed to all KS2 parents. Please ensure you consent for your child to attend in the Trips section of Arbor. **Your child will require a packed lunch on this day.**

RAINBOW RAFFLE

Don't forget to buy your tickets to be in with a chance of winning one of the 7 rainbow raffle hampers! The Friends of St Peter's are selling tickets most afternoons after school in the picnic area outside Year 4. £1 a strip or 6 strips for £5. You can also scan and pay using the QR code on the poster. The draw will be made at the celebration assembly on Friday 12th December.

FOSP
Rainbow raffle
Tickets now available
EVERYDAY AFTER SCHOOL (WEATHER PERMITTING)

TO BE DRAWN IN ASSEMBLY ON 12TH DECEMBER

Scan to Pay

ONLY £1 A STRIP OR 6 STRIPS FOR £5 CASH PREFERRED.

TICKET

The poster features a central grid of seven images showing different hamper contents: 1. A hamper with 'La Unión' branding, wine, and snacks. 2. A hamper with 'CUBANOS' cigars and 'Sweet Treats'. 3. A hamper with 'Doritos', 'ChocoNuts', and 'ChocoNuts'. 4. A hamper with 'Lindt' chocolates and 'Caramels'. 5. A hamper with 'REO' and 'Peppers'. 6. A hamper with 'Concomares' and 'Caramels'. 7. A hamper with 'Lindt' chocolates and 'Caramels'. There is also an image of a pink raffle ticket and a QR code for 'Scan to Pay'.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that school closes at **1.30pm** on Friday 19th December for the Christmas holiday. There will be an Advent Liturgy consisting of readings and carols at 9am that morning to which you are all invited. School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 6th January 2025.

MISSION CHRISTMAS

The charity 'Cash for Kids' coordinate the donation of Christmas Presents for children aged 0-16. Mrs Hamilton is organising this in school. If you can 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.

MCAULEY SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE

You are warmly invited to join the staff and pupils of McAuley School for their annual Advent Service which will take place on Monday 15th December at 7pm at St Peter In Chains. The evening provides an opportunity for quiet reflection on the true meaning of Christmas.

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!

FREE DONCASTER KNIGHTS TICKETS

Please contact the office if you would like to avail of 50 free tickets to the Doncaster Knights game detailed below.

Doncaster Knights vs Ampthill Rugby



Saturday 13th December



Doors and Bars Open at 12:00pm



Kick-off: 2:30pm



Castle Park, DN2 5QB



Christmas Fixture

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, chains or embellishments. Make-up and nail varnish are also not permitted.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Reni, Jack B, Ava M, Ryder and Kacey. 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 showing one of our core school values of Respect.



Dhatri & Nicole



Eliza-Maria & Stephanie



Rocco & Timurs



Louis & Alizah



Nylah & Larelle



Taras & Michelle



Kornelia & Noah

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 99.33%.

Our attendance has taken a bit of a dip in the last couple of weeks. We recognise that there are more coughs and colds at this time of year, but please adhere to the NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> we appreciate your ongoing support with this.

HOUSE POINTS

79 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)** and **Red House (Whitby)**

BLUE - Fountains	23	RED - Whitby	23
GREEN - Roche	16	YELLOW - Kirkstall	17

DATES FOR THE DIARY

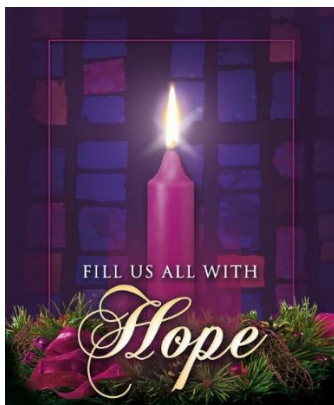
- Tuesday 9th December: Reception visit to CAST Theatre
- Wednesday 10th December: Reception/KS1 Nativity 9.45am
- Wednesday 10th December: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- Thursday 11th December: Reception/KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
- Tuesday 16th December: St Francis CMAT Carol Service at St. Peter's Church 1.30pm for KS2 pupils
- Wednesday 17th December: Christmas lunch, jumper day and 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

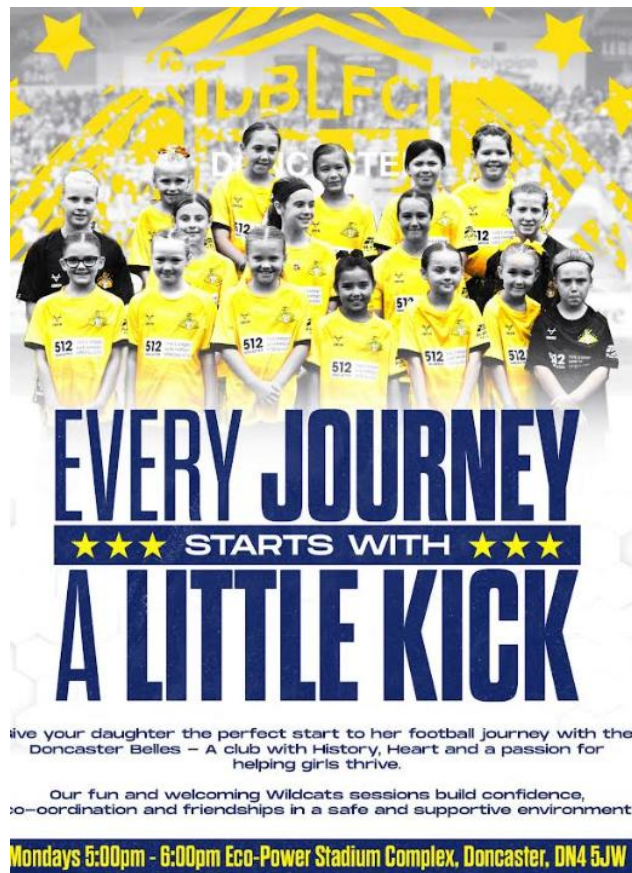
I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing your smiles at the gate on Monday morning.

God Bless,
Mrs Young



DONCASTER BELLES WILDCATS

We have been asked to share this poster by Doncaster Belles about girls' football opportunities available locally. If any parent would like more information the contact is gem@clubdoncaster.co.uk



NHS WINTER SELF CARE INFORMATION POSTER

The NHS have asked us to share the following poster with parents and carers.

Find the best service for your illness or injury

NHS
South Yorkshire
Integrated Care Board

Self care

Treat minor ailments such as diarrhoea and vomiting at home:
Keep stocked up: be prepared with essential medicines and supplies.

Useful items:
Aspirin; Paracetamol; Antidiarrheal medicine; Cough medicine; Plasters; Thermometer; Antiseptic cream

Pharmacy

Your local pharmacy can help treat minor ailments including:
Acute ear infection; Impetigo; Infected insect bite; Shingles; Sinusitis; Sore throat; and Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)

NHS 111

Non-emergency help:
- Feeling unwell?
- Unsure?
- Anxious?
- Need help?

Use 111 if you're unsure which service you need or require advice and guidance

Call 111 or visit www.111.nhs.uk

GP advice

Skilled team of medical professionals

- Lasting symptoms
- Chronic pain
- Long-term conditions
- Prescriptions

Doncaster Same Day Health Centre:

If you are unable to get an urgent appointment with your practice.

Urgent care

Urgent treatment
- Simple fractures
- Sprains and breaks
- Cuts and burns

Mexborough Minor Injuries Unit:

Montagu Hospital, Adwick Road, Mexborough, S64 0AZ

Mental health

Donny Dot:
Connecting people of Doncaster to mental health and wellbeing information, advice, and support

In a mental health crisis, please phone the local service on **0800 804 8999** or call 111

Self-referral: 0800 112 0070 or call 111

Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)

- Red eye or eyelids
- Dry, gritty or uncomfortable eyes
- Eye irritation and inflammation
- A lot of recent discharge from the eye or watery eye
- Recently occurring flashes or floaters
- Painful eye
- Ingrowing lashes
- Recent and sudden loss of vision
- Foreign body in the eye

Emergency

Emergency Department or 999 for emergencies only:
Choking, Chest pain, Blacking out, Serious blood loss, Significant injury or trauma