



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 14

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Dear Parents and carers,

The festive season is definitely in full swing now here at St. Peter's. On Tuesday afternoon, Key Stage 2 enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of the Reception/KS1 Nativity 'A King is Born'. Performances for parents, carers, family members and friends were held on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. I'm sure those of you that were there will agree that it was a truly joyous and magical occasion, which embodied the true meaning of Christmas. All the children performed with such enthusiasm! Our thanks go to all the EYFS and KS1 staff, who worked so hard to put this wonderful production together.

On Tuesday morning, Reception had a magical trip to CAST theatre to see *Hansel and Gretel*. The children were engaged from start to finish, enjoying every moment of the festive adventure. The show was filled with music, dance, laughter and Christmas sparkle! Reception returned to school buzzing with joy, eager to share their favourite moments from this memorable Christmas outing. Thank you to Miss Bleything for organising this wonderful experience for the children and to all staff and volunteers who accompanied the children.

On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed another fantastic concert from our Rocksteady bands. This has become a bit of an end of term treat for us all here at St. Peter's. Once again, it was an absolute joy to see the fantastic progress that our young musicians have made over the term, supported with such kindness by our bandleader, Verna. Well done everybody – and thank you for the Christmas treat!

Just a few other things to mention this week:

SCHOOL WEBISTE and X (Twitter)

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!

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. Parents and parishioners are welcome to attend from 1.30pm, but please note that for safeguarding reasons we are unable to dismiss children from Church. **Your child will require a packed lunch on this day.**

CHRSTMAS 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.

RAINBOW RAFFLE

Well done to the winners of the Christmas Rainbow Raffle run by the Friends of St Peter's.

Red: Connie Y2 green ticket 715

Purple: William Y4 blue ticket 957

Yellow: Kamsi Y2 green ticket 785

Pink: Miss Topliss blue ticket 14

Blue: Evie Y1 yellow ticket 669

Orange: Jaap Rec pink ticket 850

Green: Ava, Jack & George blue ticket 756

The raffle raised a total of **£635**. Thank you to everyone for supporting this initiative.

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

Mrs Hamilton is sending a big thank you to all the parents who supported her by donating gifts for underprivileged children in South Yorkshire. She dropped all the bags off this morning which were gratefully received.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please be reminded that there will be no afterschool clubs running in the last week of term. Board Games, Dodgeball, Book and Art Clubs have all now finished. Details of the clubs running after Christmas will follow in due course.

Active Fusion will be running a Inclusive Sports after school club for KS2 pupils from Thursday 8th January for 6 weeks. This will include sports such as boccia, curling and archery. Please email the office if you would like a place for your child.

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 Jaap, Alena, Zuzanna, Shiloh, Atarah, Grace and Mrs Lewis. We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

We are in the second week of Advent, which has a theme of Peace. In Celebration Assembly this afternoon, we recognised and celebrated the 'peacemakers' in our school. These children have a calm, gentle, modest or unassuming nature; are skilled at resolving conflict and are able to show forgiveness and move on when things go wrong.

- ★ Oakley & George
- ★ Shiloh & Iana
- ★ Adyn & Abiha
- ★ Arabella & Mhariah

- ★ Facundo & Julia
- ★ Ava-Mae & Molly
- ★ Victor & Annabella

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 4 who are the winners of this week's attendance award with 98.06%.

Our attendance has taken a bit of a dip in the last couple of weeks. We recognise that there are more coughs, colds and bugs 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

38 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	12	RED - Whitby	13
GREEN - Roche	7	YELLOW - Kirkstall	6

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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 you in school for the final week of term

God Bless,
Mrs Young

