



St. Peter's  
Catholic  
Primary School

# Newsletter 15

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

[www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk](http://www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk)

Dear Parents and carers,

The final week before Christmas is always a busy one but filled with so much joy.

On Monday, Trust leaders visited the school and met with me and Mrs Fitzsimons to review the progress made against school priorities, with a focus on the Catholic life of the school. It was a really positive meeting, and we both felt extremely proud to be able to share all the wonderful things that have happened at St. Peter's this term.

On Tuesday, KS2 walked to St. Peter's Church for a Carol Service with all the schools in the St. Francis Trust. This was a truly joyous and uplifting event, which provided time to pause, reflect and celebrate the joy of the Christmas message. To have our local church packed with children singing like they did was truly magical, and we all felt a great sense of community with our family of Trust Schools. What a fabulous way to end the term together. Thank you to parents and carers who took the time to attend – I know the church was packed, but we hope you were able to enjoy this wonderful event with us. Special thanks to Mr Edge who comes into school to teach singing with Years 4 and 5, and to all staff and volunteers who practised the songs with the children beforehand and supported them on the day.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Christmas dinner day. This is always a fabulous day at St. Peter's, with everyone looking festive in their Christmas jumpers, festive clothes and creative party hats. Many thanks to Mrs Urazmetova and the kitchen staff who worked so hard to create a memorable day for our children. In the afternoon, our children enjoyed a Christmas movie in class

On Thursday morning we gathered as a school for our final celebration assembly of the year. This was an opportunity to recognise those children who have stood out for their teacher in some special way over the year. We also acknowledged those children who have had 100% attendance this term – not easy at this time of year, so well done to you all. On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed a small party in class – and there was a special visit from Santa! Thanks to the staff for organising this and to you parents for your food donations. Thank you also to the Friends of St Peter's for buying and wrapping 204 Christmas gifts!

Finally, this morning, we gathered as a school for our Advent Liturgy. This was a lovely way to mark the end of term, and remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas as we begin the Christmas holiday.

Despite all the Christmas preparations, I have seen some amazing learning taking place across school this week. It is always a privilege to go into classes and see the rich learning experiences that our children are provided with.

## **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.

[www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk](http://www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk) @stpetersdon @RecStPeterDon @Y1StPeterDon @Y2StPeterDon @Y3StPeterDon @Y4StPeterDon @Y5StPeterDon @Y6StPeterDon

## SALLY JAMESON MP – CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We have received a thank you from our local MP, Sally Jameson to all our children who entered her recent Christmas card competition. Congratulations to Charlie, Georgia and Shaza who were awarded runners up prizes.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The free teacher led after school clubs running next term are follows:

CLUB	PUPILS	TEACHER	DATES
Inclusive Sports (Boccia, Curling & Archery)	KS2 x 20 places	Coach Andrei (Active Fusion)	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan for 6 weeks
Craft Club	KS1 x 16 places	Mrs Fitzsimons	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan for 5 weeks
SATs Boosters Maths, Grammer & Reading	Selected Y6 Pupils	Miss Topliss, Mr Ward & Mr Drury	w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> January (see individual letters)

To apply for a place on the Inclusive Sports or Craft clubs please email the office on [admin3@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk](mailto:admin3@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk)

## PINS AUTISM PARENT WORKSHOP

A reminder from Mrs Fitzsimons that this has been rearranged to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am, straight after school drop off. It is focused on children with autism, specifically around strategies and support for anxiety. So please do come along if your child needs support. As always, there will be tea, coffee and biscuits. The workshop should last between an hour and an hour and a half.

## BREAKFAST CLUB / AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE

A reminder that our breakfast and after-school wrap around care are available and can be booked via the Arbor app. The clubs run from 7.30am to 5.45pm and a snack is provided. Please contact the office with any queries.

## RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATIONS 2025

Applications are also open for any parents with children who will be eligible to start the new Reception class in September 2025. The closing date for this is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

## 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.

## PARKING

We have had lots of report of parking turmoil on Sandy Lane this week. 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 and over the holidays to Taras, Mia Bas, Rose, Elijah, Suzy, Annabella, Evie, Victoria, Israel, Royem Mrs Peters and Mrs Sunderland. We hope you all have a lovely time with your family and friends.

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

The Head teacher's award this week is for children who have had an amazing term and have stood out in some way for their teachers.

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| ★ Alena & Tiawo | ★ Lily & Nicholas |
| ★ Drew & Connie | ★ Sasha & Sam     |
| ★ Maja & Taylor | ★ Nathan & Oliver |
| ★ Isaac & Daisy |                   |

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who are the winners of this term's attendance award with 97.61%. Also well done to the 43 children who achieved 100% and were entered into the raffle to win a prize.

Please adhere to the NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> if you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

## HOUSE POINTS

An amazing 1508 points have been issued this term! To see your child's house point total please see their Arbor account. Well done to **Red House (Whitby)**

BLUE - Fountains	383	RED - Whitby	451
GREEN - Roche	307	YELLOW - Kirkstall	367

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026: School closed for INSET day
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026: School open to pupils 8.40am
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany 1.45pm all welcome.

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk)

This time of year is always so special. Despite the gloomy weather and dark nights there is so much joy and light to be found, which fills us with hope and joy. It also provides an opportunity for us to reflect and look forward. I continue to feel a deep sense of gratitude to be serving the school as Head teacher, and I want to thank you all for your prayers, good wishes and ongoing support. My thanks go to our wonderful staff team, who constantly go above and beyond, working tirelessly to meet the needs of all our children.

We would like to thank you for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. Your generosity and kindness is always greatly appreciated. We hope your homes are filled with peace and happiness this Christmas, and we look forward to seeing all our families in 2026.

God Bless,  
Mrs Young



## PHARMACY FIRST POSTER

### Information for Parents in Doncaster



**Did you know** that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?



- ✓ • **Earache** (children aged 1-17)
- ✓ • **Sore throat** (over 5s)
- ✓ • **Infected insect bites** (over 1s)
- ✓ • **Impetigo** (over 1s)

### Think 'Pharmacy First'

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.



For more information, speak with your local community pharmacy.

To find your nearest pharmacy, see:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>  
Or scan the QR code:



### DONCASTER MUMBLER

If you enjoy eating out over the holidays the link below highlights all the places children can eat for free or £1 in and around Doncaster

<https://doncaster.mumbler.co.uk/kids-eat-for-free-or-1-in-doncaster-during-the-school-holidays/>