



St. Peter's  
Catholic  
Primary School

# Newsletter 16

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and a good start to 2026. Thank you once again for all your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. Your generosity and kindness is always greatly appreciated.

It has been lovely to welcome all our children back to school after the Christmas holiday. However, it has certainly been a chilly start to 2026 with ice and very cold weather to deal with during the week!

We began the week with an Assembly and Mass to mark the Feast of the Epiphany, We thought about how the Three Wise Men were guided by a star to find baby Jesus, and how we should always try to be guided by God to follow the right path in our journey through life.

Y5 began their swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoon, which is part of the PE National Curriculum. Please note, swimming lessons are compulsory and all Y5 pupils are expected to participate.

I am delighted to see that our children are already showing so much enthusiasm for their new learning. The curriculum plans for each class will shortly be available on the class page of the school website and remember to follow the class Twitter pages for more details of the learning taking place.

## **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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## **PARENT WORKSHOP – SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL AND HOME**

**The final parent workshop will take place on Friday 16th January at 8.45am in the school hall.** This is the session that had to be postponed in November and the focus is: *Coping with Anxiety – Strategies to Support Your Child*. The session will be led by Giovanna Pezone, Parent Carer Representative and Outreach Officer from Doncaster Parent Voice. The workshop will last around 1 hour; however, parents can then stay longer if they wish to talk to Gio, Mrs Fitzsimons (SENCo) or other parents. We warmly encourage you to come along, share experiences, and take away practical ideas to support your child's wellbeing and development.

## **FRIENDS OF ST PETERS**

The Friends of St Peter's will be holding an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) at 3pm on 30th January in the school hall. At the meeting we will vote on the adoption of the constitution and acceptance of the committee in its current form (Chair: Adeline, Secretary: Emily, Treasurers: Nadia and Michelle, Members: Alison, Ana, Ewa, Marta). If you wish to read the constitution beforehand there is a copy available in the school office.

By having this vote, we will then be in a position to apply for charity status for the Friends group.

## 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>

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The free teacher led after school clubs running this term are now all full. Many thanks for your support.

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)

## 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 ensure that all bookings for both Breakfast Club and After School Club are made via Arbor. There is a strict limit on numbers due to staffing ratios, which cannot be exceeded. It puts us in a very difficult position if children turn up when they are not booked on.

## UNIFORM

Please see the attached uniform letter attached which sets out the school policy. 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

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 Azaan, Lily L and Mollie. 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 made a positive start to the new term:

★ Atlas & Kehinde  
★ Juliette & Mia Bal  
★ Buddy & Georgie  
★ Esmi & Lea

★ Arthur & Willow  
★ Leonardo & Thea  
★ Tiiso & Leon

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 6 and Year 1 who are this week's winners of the attendance award with a fantastic 99%.

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

55 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	19
GREEN - Roche	8	YELLOW - Kirkstall	16

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14<sup>th</sup> January: Y6 Touch Rugby Tournament, Castle Park
- 16<sup>th</sup> January 8.45am: SEN Workshop – Coping with Anxiety: strategies to support your child
- 30<sup>th</sup> January: Y6 visit to Crucial Crew
- 5<sup>th</sup> February: Parents evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> February: Break up for half term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February: School re-opens 8.40am
- 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> February: Scholastic Book Fair in School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Y6 visit to Doncaster Museum
- 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 Festival of Sport
- 19<sup>th</sup> March: Open Afternoon (Celebration of Learning) 2pm onwards
- 20<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day (non-uniform)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March: Y1 & 2 History Workshops (in school)
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March: Holy Week Liturgies 9am
  - 24<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 Palm Sunday
  - 25<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 The Last Supper
  - 26<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 Garden of Gethsemane
  - 27<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 Stations of the Cross
- 24<sup>th</sup> March: Y3/4 Hockey Tournament
- 25<sup>th</sup> March: Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
- 24<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Disco for pupils (after school)
- 25<sup>th</sup> March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> March: Break up for Easter Holidays
- 13<sup>th</sup> April: School re-opens

### 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)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,  
Mrs Young

