



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 22

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a wonderful week back in school after the half term holiday, and at last spring seems to have arrived. It has been lovely to see everybody back in school, enjoying some sunshine and milder weather. Once again, it has been a week filled with positivity and enthusiasm. We are now in the season of Lent, a very important part of the Church's year as we approach Easter. This will form the basis of your child's learning in RE and other activities in school.

On Tuesday, we had a visitor in school who was undertaking a review of teaching and learning and our inclusive practice. She spent time visiting classes, looking at work and speaking to pupils and staff. It was an incredibly positive day, and it was a privilege to show her around our fabulous school – a testament to the hard work and commitment of all our staff. The feedback we received at the end of the day highlighted the many strengths of our school that she had observed during the day.

On Wednesday morning, Miss Topliss and I had the pleasure of working with our School Councillors to help them choose the school's representative at the final of this year's Danum Read Aloud Competition. The finalists were brilliant, with fabulous performances from everyone, so they had a difficult job on their hands. Miss Topliss and I were so impressed with the way the school councillors deliberated – with maturity, care and excellent reasoning and rationale. Ultimately, Mia B in Year 5 was chosen as the school representative at the final in March. Many congratulations to her.

On Thursday, Year 4 delivered a beautiful Act of Worship based on their RE learning from last half term. The pupils took us on a journey through Jesus' life, beginning with his mission in Galilee and culminating in his entry to Jerusalem. They shared this with our school community with reverence and reflection. As we enter the season of Lent, this Act of Worship served as a timely and meaningful reminder of our calling as Christians. It was a beautiful way to begin this holy season together as a school family. Thank you, Year 4, Mr Ward and the Year 4 team.

On Friday morning, we welcomed Mrs Matthews from CAFOD into our school. She came to speak with our pupils about 'The Big Lent Walk' – a fundraising event that takes place every year. St. Peter's will be participating in this meaningful activity on 18th March. It is an excellent opportunity for our pupils to engage with the values of charity, compassion, and social responsibility that are at the core of our Catholic faith. As we move through the Lenten season, this event offers our pupils a wonderful opportunity to understand that their actions, no matter how small, can have a significant impact on others. Further details about the event will follow next week.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the Book Fair over the last two days. The sales from these books will earn school credits to purchase new books for the library.

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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WORLD BOOK DAY 5TH MARCH 2026

A reminder that on Thursday next week we are celebrating World Book Day in school. For more details, please refer to the letter which was sent out just before the half term holiday. The day is a non-uniform day, and children have the option of coming to school dressed as a book character, but this is not compulsory. They are invited to bring their favourite book to school to share with others during the day.

SPRING DISCO 24TH MARCH 2026

The Friends of St Peter's are pleased to announce that they are running a Spring Disco for pupils on Tuesday 24th March 3.15 – 5pm. Ticket cost £5 and include a hotdog, drink and snack. Tickets can be purchased via the QR code or by sending in the correct amount in cash in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front. Please advise of any dietary requirements at the time of booking. There are limited places available due to health and safety restrictions on the use of the hall.



CHILDREN CAN BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES

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SPRING DISCO

MAR | 24 | 3-15 - 5PM

ST PETERS SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS ONLY £5
INCLUDES, HOT DOG, DRINK & SNACK
MUST BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE

LIMITED PLACES

RETURN CASH TO SCHOOL IN AN ENVELOPE WITH CHILDS NAME AND ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OR USE THE QR CODE



FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S - PARENTS LOTTERY

Join the Friends of St Peter's Lottery (Part of The Parent's Lottery managed by Parentkind Enterprises Ltd.)

Pay £5 a month to be entered into weekly draws to win up to £25,000

<https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/friends-of-st-peters1770058988>.

The Parents Lottery is a weekly lottery and all tickets bought are entered into weekly draws. You will receive a letter in the post, within seven days of purchase, detailing your payment dates (if bought through Direct Debit) and the random generated lottery ticket number assigned to you. These numbers will not change for as long as you play the Parents Lottery. Should you hold a winning ticket, you will be contacted in writing to advise you of this fact. Direct Debit payers will have their winnings paid directly into their bank account and card payers will receive a cheque enclosed in the notification letter. In addition, you can check the winning lottery numbers each week at <https://www.theparentslottery.org/winners>. The friend's of St Peter's will receive 60% of all ticket sales. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL MEALS

A quick reminder that when you are selecting your child's school meals on Arbor you must check them out of the basket, otherwise they do not appear on the kitchen list.

CHAPLAINCY TEAM

The Chaplaincy team and Miss Topliss will be running a KS2 Stations of the Cross group from 12.45 – 1pm each Friday during Lent in the Year 6 classroom for pupils that would like to attend.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SPRING 2 TERM

The following clubs are now up and running. The clubs run for 5 weeks until the end of term. Collection is at 4.15pm from the hall.

Club	Day	Time	Year Group/s	Staff
Performing Arts	Thursday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Y1 & Y2	Miss Bleything & Miss Cunningham
Hockey	Thursday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Y3 - 6	Coach Andrei - Active Fusion

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

A reminder that our after-school wrap around care is now available and can be booked via the Arbor app. The club runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm and a snack is provided. Please contact the office with any queries. 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.

PARKING CONCERNS

I understand that morning and afternoon drop-offs can be stressful however we have a responsibility to ensure a safe and respectful environment for all pupils, staff, and parents. I would like to kindly remind you about our expectation that **parking must be considerate and legal, particularly around our school gates and that we all maintain a calm and supportive atmosphere for everyone's benefit**. There is plenty of parking available at the Bowling/Vue car park a short walk from school past the play park.

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 not permitted.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Kornelia, Olivia W, Joshua, Julia M and Mrs Fitzsimons We hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

This week we are recognising children who work well in PE. Congratulations and well done everyone.

★ Rec Ben & Grayson
★ Y2 George & Kamsi
★ Y4 Patrick & Heidi
★ Y6 Mhariah & Travis

★ Y1 Theo & Larelle
★ Y3 Alex & Ava-Mae
★ Y5 Pascha & Jakub

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 4 who are this week's winners of the attendance award with a fantastic 98.42%.

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

91 house 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	24
GREEN - Roche	19	YELLOW - Kirkstall	22

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 3rd March: Y6 visit to Doncaster Museum
- 3rd March: Dodgeball Competition at Hall Cross Lower School (Y5 girls x 8)
- 5th March: World Book Day
- 6th March: Y4/5 Primary Enterprise Challenge in school
- 6th March: Panathlon Multi Skills Festival: Doncaster Deaf Trust (8 pupils)
- 12th March: Y4 Festival of Sport at the English Institute of Sport 17th March: Rail Safety Assembly
- 18th March: 'Big Lent Walk' – CAFOD Fundraiser
- 19th March: Open Afternoon (Celebration of Learning) 2pm onwards
- 20th March Red Nose Day (non-uniform)
- 20th March: Y1 & 2 History Workshops (in school)
- 24th – 27th March: Holy Week Liturgies 9am
 - 24th March: Y3 Palm Sunday
 - 25th March: Y4 The Last Supper
 - 26th March: Y5 Garden of Gethsemane
 - 27th March: Y6 Stations of the Cross
- 24th March: Y3/4 Hockey Tournament
- 24th March: Spring Disco for pupils (after school)
- 25th March: Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
- 25th March: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- 27th March: Break up for Easter Holidays
- 2nd April: 'Light it Up Blue' for Autism Awareness Day
- 13th 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

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.
God Bless,

Mrs Young

