



St. Peter's
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Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has certainly been another busy week at St. Peter's, and we have all been enjoying the Spring sunshine.

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Doncaster Museum on Tuesday to participate in the 'Cooking in the Trenches' workshop. They were highly engaged with a talk about what life was like in the trenches for the soldiers. They also used Tommy Trench Cookers to make cups of tea - lots of the children enjoyed the tea! Later, they were able to handle artefacts and dress up in soldier's uniform from World War 1. The sun shone down on them and it was a fantastic morning. As always, the children's behaviour was outstanding throughout the visit. We received lovely comments about the children being a credit to the school. Well done, Year 6.

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of Year 5 girls represented our school in a dodgeball competition organised by Active Fusion as part of 'Girls Week', an initiative designed to encourage more girls to get involved in sport. The team had a fantastic time and showed great determination throughout the event. With each match, their confidence and skills continued to grow. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, supported one another brilliantly, and were delighted to receive certificates recognising their achievements. Well done to all the girls for their enthusiasm and positive attitude!

On Friday we organised for Years 4 and 5 to take part in the Primary Enterprise Challenge led by Paul Robson. This exciting opportunity allowed all children to take on a team role, such as 'Team Leader', 'Creative Designer', 'Finance Manager' or 'Presentation Leader' for a real project to design a calm and inviting 'Zen Den' for a school space. As this is a real project, we are excited to share that the winning teams from Years 4 and 5 will be invited to attend the 'Final's Day' where they will get to present their innovative design idea again with a chance of having their Zen Den built in our school. What a fantastic opportunity for us all. We want to thank Mrs Fitzsimons for organising this opportunity for our school, the Year 4 and 5 staff for helping to facilitate the day and of course a big thank you to all the children for their confidence in sharing their imaginative ideas.

Today a group of pupils took part in a Panathlon Multi Skills Festival which took place at Doncaster School for the Deaf. Panathlon is a UK based charity providing safe, structured multi sports programmes for children in receipt of SEN support. All the pupils had a fantastic time and represented the school wonderfully.

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

Once again, we enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day here at St. Peter's yesterday. It was a joy to see all the children who had either dressed up as their favourite book character, or brought in their favourite book to share with others. Thank you for your support with this. I absolutely loved going into classes and

seeing all the amazing activities that had been planned for our children. They were really engaged with a virtual World Book Day draw along with Phil Sheppard from the National Literacy Trust in Doncaster and it was wonderful to see the children sharing books with children from other classes.

In Assembly, we talked about reading for pleasure and we heard from some children and adults about their favourite books. We place great emphasis on reading here at St. Peter's. It really is at the heart of our curriculum, and our aim is that our children will develop a lifelong love of reading. World Book Day is all about celebrating and sharing the joy of reading, and this was clear to see in St. Peter's yesterday. If you would like any further advice around supporting your child with reading, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Keep your eye on the school and class Twitter pages. I'm sure there will be lots of photographs of World Book Day!

Thank you for all your support for last week's book fair. We sold £703.07 worth of books at the fair which has resulted in school receiving £281.23 worth of books for our library and classrooms.

BIG LENT WALK: 18th MARCH

We are excited to announce that our school will be participating in the Big Lent Walk! This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together, get active, and raise money for those in need during this season of reflection and giving.

Students are required to wear their full school uniform for this event. However, as we will be walking a significant distance, it is essential that they wear sensible footwear (such as sturdy trainers or shoes) to ensure they are comfortable and safe throughout the morning. **IMPORTANT – you must provide consent on Arbor for each child to participate.**

We are encouraging all students to seek sponsorships from friends and family to support our chosen charity. To make the process as simple and secure as possible, all fundraising will be handled digitally via JustGiving. Please also share our official **JustGiving** page with your networks.

[St Peter's Big Lent Walk JustGiving Page](#)

OPEN AFTERNOON

School will be open to all parents and carers from 1.45pm on **Thursday 19th March**. This will give you the opportunity to visit classes so that children can share the learning that has taken place so far this year with you.

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.

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



MCAULEY PRODUCTION – COME FROM AWAY

McAuley is delighted to announce they will be staging a production of 'Come from Away' on Wednesday 25th March to Friday 27th March commencing each night at 7pm in the Theatre on Acacia Road. This heartwarming musical is based on the true story of 7,000 airline passengers stranded in Gander, Newfoundland, during 9/11. The small-town rallies to house, feed and comfort the "come from aways" fostering enduring friendships and love stories amidst the tragedy. A timely reminder of the importance of community and supporting each other in times of challenge.

Tickets are now on sale at £10 for adults and £5 for concessions please call 01302 537396 or email mtripathy@mcauley.org.uk for tickets.

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.

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 Kamsi, Hooriyah, Theo and Jewel We hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

As we celebrated World Book Day yesterday, this week we are recognising children who demonstrate a love of reading. Congratulations and well done everyone.



Dhatri & Sriansh
Maya & Ethan
Evie & Beau
Faith & Phoebe



Klaudia & Mollie
Gracie & Sam
Scarlett & Filip K

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 5 who are this week's winners of the attendance award with a fantastic 99.26%.

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

86 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	24	RED - Whitby	22
GREEN - Roche	22	YELLOW - Kirkstall	18

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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)
- 23rd March: Odd Socks Day – Down Syndrome Awareness
- 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
- 17th April: Y2 visit to Cleethorpes
- 21st April: Y3 Visit to Weston Park Museum
- 28th April: Y4 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
- Monday 4th May: School closed: May Day
- 7th May: Y1 visit to St. Peter's Church
- Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May: KS2 SATS week
- Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd May: Y6 Residential to Holy Island
- Thursday 22nd May: School closes for May half term
- Monday 1st June: Training Day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 2nd June: 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

