



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 24

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has certainly been another busy week at St. Peter's with lots going on as always. This week, our children in Y1-6 have been completing their spring term assessments, and I have been so impressed with how calm and focused they have been.

Yesterday, Year 4 had a fantastic day at the Festival of Sport, organised by Active Fusion held at the English Institute of Sport. The children had the opportunity to try a wide range of exciting sporting activities, including basketball, NFL, Kin-Ball, curling, athletics and archery. It was a wonderful experience for them to take part in so many different sports in such an impressive venue. Everyone showed great enthusiasm throughout the day and really enjoyed taking part in the activities.

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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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 share our **JustGiving** page with your networks. [St Peter's Big Lent Walk JustGiving Page](#)



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This week the whole school enjoyed taking part in British Science Week. Each class watched a fascinating video about Artemis I, NASA's first journey around the Moon in almost 50 years. Inspired by this incredible achievement, the children became scientists and engineers themselves by thinking of their own curiosity questions about space and life on the Moon. They then designed inventions that could help people live and work on the Moon in the future. The children impressed us all with their thoughtful questions, imaginative ideas and creative designs. Reception even built their own rockets! It was wonderful to see such excitement, curiosity and enthusiasm for science across the whole school. Thank you to Mrs Maskey for organising British Science Week in school and to all staff for supporting it with some fantastic activities!

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. Please enter via the hall doors where staff can direct you.

ACTIV8 HALF TERM CAMPS

Activ8 Camps are excited to be offering an Easter holiday camp at Bessacarr Primary open to children in the local community in Reception – Year 6. This camp is OFSTED registered, which means you can use Tax-Free Childcare or childcare vouchers to pay.

This is a paid camp, with two timing options available

- 8:00 - 15:00 - £23
- 8:00 - 17:00 - £30

Early bird offer - book before 15th March and save 10% on your booking. Use code EASTER10 at checkout.

How to book - visit www.activ8camps.co.uk select the Bessacarr location and choose the dates and times that suit your family.



Activ8 Camps
@Bessacarr Primary
Fuelling smiles, active fun, and Imagination
For Reception - Y6
30/3 - 10/4
Activities Include:
• Arts & Crafts Workshops
• Science & Discovery Projects
• Team Sports & Games
• Nerf wars challenges!
• Activities suitable for all ages!

The poster features a yellow background with several small photos of children participating in various activities like sports and crafts. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB OFFER

New After-School "Tracks"!

We're shifting gears! To help parents with flexible childcare, we are introducing new session options starting after the Easter break (**Monday, 13th April**). Whether you need a full afternoon of fun or just a quick stop before heading home, we've got a space for you.



THE FULL CIRCUIT – full existing offer

- **Time:** 3:15 PM – 5:45 PM
- **Cost:** £12.00
- **Includes:** Healthy snacks and activities.



THE PIT STOP CREW - Parents needing a little extra time for a flexible pick-up

- **Time:** 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
- **Cost:** £3.50
- **Details:** Activities only (no snacks).

Please see the separate letter that is going out to all parents on Monday for full details.

Doncaster Knights vs Hartpury

Doncaster Knights are offering 50 free tickets for students as Under 16's go free to the Knights' upcoming home fixture. Please place your requests with the office.



Friday 27th March



Doors and Bars Open at 5:00pm



Kick-off: 7:30pm



Castle Park, DN2 5QB

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.

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.



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.

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 Mr Ward - we hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Congratulations to this week's certificate winners who have been recognised for their creativity.

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| ★ Nicole & Luke | ★ Mikolaj & Rose |
| ★ Atarah E & Atarah OS | ★ Jakub & Sofia |
| ★ Calin & George | ★ Gabriel & Zara |
| ★ Forrest & Esmail | |

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 5 and Reception who are this week's winners of the attendance award with a fantastic 99.33%. 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 **Red House (Whitby)**

BLUE - Fountains	19	RED - Whitby	24
GREEN - Roche	22	YELLOW - Kirkstall	21

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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. I wish all the mothers and grandmothers in our community a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

God Bless,

Mrs Young

