



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 28

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another busy week, with some fantastic learning taking place. As always, our week started together in prayer. During Celebration of the Word on Monday morning, the children heard the story of Jesus appearing to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This piece of scripture contains an important message about treating others as we would wish to be treated, seeing Jesus in everyone and making the right choices in our lives.

On Tuesday, our Y3 pupils visited Weston Park Museum in Sheffield as part of their Egyptians topic and had a wonderful day. In the morning, they enjoyed looking at fascinating exhibits on fossils, rocks, and animals from around the world. After enjoying a sunny picnic and games in the grounds, they then spent the afternoon learning about Ancient Egypt. The children discovered the life of Djedma'atuesankh, a young girl who lived around 650 BC. Using a variety of sources, they asked thoughtful questions, made connections, and discussed different artefacts. They especially enjoyed creating their own replica artefacts using modelling clay. The children's behaviour throughout the day was impeccable. The Y3 staff were particularly proud of their excellent listening skills and the respect they showed while visiting the quieter gallery spaces. Thank you again to our parent volunteers, who supported this visit.

On Wednesday, our Early Years unit was the focus of a school evaluation visit yesterday from our Trust. This visit was highly positive and outlined all the strengths in Early Years under Miss Bleything's leadership. Many thanks to our Early Years team for their contribution towards this success.

Yesterday morning Reception class enjoyed a session on balance bikes on the Key Stage 1 playground led by Coach Andrei from Active Fusion. The sun was shining and all the children had a great time zooming around the course learning new skills.

This morning pupils enjoyed a 'Mad Science' Assembly where they got the opportunity to take part in a range of fun experiments in the hall. We are very lucky to be hosting a 'Mad Science' after school club next term which will run from Wednesday 3rd June for 6 weeks. The deadline for registrations is Friday 1st May. You can register your children online at <https://northengland.madscience.org> on a first-come, first-served basis. Search for St Peter's in the after-school club section.

Thank you for supporting the 'Wear Blue for Autism' fundraising event today. We raised a fantastic £126.82. All donations will go towards the Little Rainbows Autism Pride Day on 13th June.

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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COFFEE MORNING/INFORMATION SESSION FOR Y6 PARENTS

A coffee morning will be held for parents of Y6 pupils on Tuesday 28th April at 9am. This will be led by our friends at With me in Mind, who will be sharing information on how parents can support their Y6 children during the upcoming SATS assessments. All Y6 parents and carers are warmly welcome.

SCHOOL VACANCY

We have a vacancy in school for a Finance Administration Assistant. Please see the job information provided in the link below.

<https://stfcmat.com/vacancies/finance-admin-assistant-2/>

If you are interested in this post, informal visits to the school are very warmly welcomed; just contact the office to arrange an appointment to meet with me. Completed application forms should be returned to admin3@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk by the closing date of Friday 15th May 2026 at 9am.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will take place on Friday 8th May. Please ensure your child attends school in full uniform and that they are not wearing trainers. If your KS1 child normally has PE on a Friday, please check with the class teacher regarding arrangements on this date.

Y6 SATS WEEK 11th – 14th MAY

Y6 will be completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATS) each morning from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May. It is vital that all Y6 pupils attend school and arrive promptly on time that week. We will not be able to let children from other years who arrive late through the hall on these dates so please make every effort to attend on time.

Year 6 pupils can access Breakfast Club for free during SATs weeks. Please email the office if you would like a place.

FOODBANK SURVEY

Doncaster Council want to make it easier for people to get healthy food that does not cost too much. This brief survey is part of a project to learn what people in your community need. We're looking at diverse ways to help, like food vans, community food shops, and places where food can be picked up easily. Your thoughts matter!

Please complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/8K08rpVv1U> '

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

A reminder that our before and after school wrap around care is available and can be booked via the Arbor app. The breakfast club runs from 7.30am and the after-school club to 5.45pm and a snack is provided at both. Please ensure that all bookings for both clubs are made via Arbor. There is a strict limit on numbers due to staffing ratios, which cannot be exceeded.

To help parents with flexible childcare, we have introduced a new after school session called 'The Pit Stop' which runs from 3.15 – 4.15pm at a cost of £3.50 per child. This is available to book now via Arbor.

Please note that pupils who are not booked onto either session but are not collected until after 3.30pm to 3.45pm will incur a £2.50 late charge. After 3.45pm they will be added to The Pit Stop Group and charged £3.50.

UNIFORM

We are still seeing a lot of trainers being worn daily as part of the uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing plain black shoes/boots. A reminder that jewellery is only permitted if it is a statutory part of your child's religion or you have submitted a disclaimer providing a valid reason to me.

SCHOOL MEALS - SUMMER MENU

Please remember to select your child's meals in advance of each week. The new summer menu has been published and looks fantastic. For full information please visit the school website: [School Meals Webpage](#) The Caterlink newsletter is attached to the newsletter email for you to take a look at. The menu is at the end of the newsletter.

A quick reminder for KS2 parents 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to Nathan & Brody, we hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Well done to these children, who have been chosen by their teachers for being good role models and setting a good example to others.



Alisa & Ava
Juliette & Stephanie
Maja & Jaiveer
Louis & Sienna



Leo & Willow
Julia & Michelle
Nathan & Kornelia

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 1 who are these terms winners of this weeks attendance award with a fantastic 99.62%.

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

46 house points have been issued this term! To see your child's house point total please see their Arbor account. Well done to **Blue House (Fountains)**

BLUE - Fountains	19	RED - Whitby	8
GREEN - Roche	13	YELLOW - Kirkstall	6

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The summer term is always incredibly busy, so I have set out below some of the key dates that have been planned so far:

- Tuesday 28th April: Coffee Morning for Y6 parents: SATS preparation (With Me in Mind)
- Tuesday 28th April: Y4 visit to Austerfield Study Centre
- Friday 1st May: Reception class hearing and vision checks with School Nursing Team
- Monday 4th May: School closed: May Day
- Thursday 7th May: Y1 visit to St. Peter's Church
- Friday 8th May: Class Photographs

- Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May: KS2 SATS week
- Thursday 14th May (pm – time tbc) – Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
- Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd May: Y6 Residential to Holy Island
- Wednesday 20th May – Y5 visiting St. Peter’s Church: Good Shepherd Mass
- Thursday 21st May – Reception/Year 1 Pentecost Liturgy
- Friday 22nd May: School closes for May half term
- Monday 1st June: Training Day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 2nd June: School re-opens
- Wednesday 3rd June: CRODA STEM Workshops in school
- Tuesday 9th June: With me in Mind Coffee Morning for Y6 parents: Transition
- Monday 15th June – Friday 19th June: Sports Week
- Tuesday 16th June: Sports Day Doncaster, Athletics Club
- Wednesday 17th June: Y3 Sing Out Event at Doncaster Dome
- Thursday 18th June: Y1 Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Friday 19th June: KS2 visit to CAST Theatre Doncaster Storytelling Festival
- Wednesday 24th June: Falconry displays in school (organised by The Friends of St. Peter’s)
- Wednesday 24th/Thursday 25th June Y6/7 transition days at McAuley
- Friday 26th June: McAuley Catholic Cup football competition
- Tuesday 30th June: Summer Fair 3.15pm
- Thursday 2nd July: Reception 26 New Starters Parents meeting 5pm
- Friday 3rd July: Y6 play for parents (pm)
- Monday 6th July – Wednesday 8th July: Y6 Secondary school transition days.
- Wednesday 8th July: Rocksteady Concert 2pm
- Thursday 9th July: Transition morning in school
- Friday 10th July: Sponsored Walk
- Friday 10th July: End of Year Reports issued to parents
- Tuesday 14th July: Y6 End of Year disco
- Wednesday 15th July 9am: End of Year Mass
- Thursday 16th July 9am: Y6 Leavers Assembly
- Thursday 16th July (pm): Y6 Bowling trip
- Friday 17th July 9am: End of Year Celebration Assembly
- Friday 17th July: Break up for Summer Holidays 1.30pm

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 wish you all a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,
Mrs Young

