



St. Peter's  
Catholic  
Primary School

# Newsletter 29

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been nice to enjoy some sunshine and warmer weather towards the end of this week, and it feels like summer has arrived ahead of the bank holiday weekend.

We started the week as always with a 'Celebration of the Word' and listened to a reading from the Gospel of St. John in which Jesus said, "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness." We thought about what it means to 'live life to the full' - being the best person we can be, living our lives well and having the chance to use our gifts and talents for the good of all.

Year 4 had a wonderful time learning about rivers related to their geography topic, at Austerfield Study Centre on Tuesday. They created their own rivers in the morning, labelling the different parts along the way. Then in the afternoon, they looked at dams and aqueducts, creating their own dams in teams, to see who could block the water most effectively!

On Thursday, our Active Fusion Coach, Andrei, delivered focus sessions for our SEN children. This involved working in small groups to develop confidence and teamwork in physical education. All of the children came back energetic and full of excitement. Coach Andrei was very complimentary of the children and mentioned how much progress they had made.

## **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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## **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](mailto:admin3@stpeterdoncaster.co.uk) by the closing date of Friday 15th May 2026 at 9am.

## **CLASS PHOTOS**

Class photos will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure your child attends school in full uniform and make certain 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**

Thank you to the parents and carers of Y6 pupils who attended the SATs coffee morning and information session on Tuesday morning. We hope you found this informative and helpful. If you require further advice or guidance in the run up to SATs, please speak with Miss Topliss.

Y6 will be completing the 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.

### **CHILDREN'S BOOKER PRIZE JUDGE**

An exciting opportunity has been shared with KS2 children this week to become a judge for the Children's Booker Prize. This is an exciting and unique opportunity. If your child wishes to enter, please see the website below for further details.

<https://thebookerprizes.com/childrens-booker-prize-2027-child-judge-competition>

Please speak to Miss Topliss if your child wishes to apply and you need any support with the forms.

### **SEND REFORM INFORMATION**

Doncaster council have arranged some online sessions for parents/carers over the coming days to share their thoughts and provide feedback on the proposed changes around SEND reform. Please see the link for more information.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/News/meetings-to-discuss-the-proposed-government-changes-around-send-reform>

### **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.

### **PARKING**

A polite reminder that the school car park is for staff use only. In order to avoid congestion, we ask parents try to walk to school whenever possible and avoid parking on Sandy Lane. 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 Drew, Leo, Shay, Leon and Mr P (our lovely Facilities Supervisor) we hope you have a great time with your family and friends.

### **HEADTEACHER AWARD**

Well done to these children, who have been chosen by their teachers for 'living life to the full'



Naomi & Jaap  
Connie & Aria  
Taylor & Ashton  
Reuben & Alizah

Arthur & Victoria  
Noah & Molly  
Mia B & Adi

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done to Year 6 who are these terms winners of this weeks attendance award with a fantastic 97.93%.

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**

42 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)**

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| BLUE - Fountains | 13 | RED - Whitby       | 12 |
| GREEN - Roche    | 5  | YELLOW - Kirkstall | 12 |

### **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:

- Monday 4th May: School closed: May Day
- Thursday 7th May: Y1 visit to St. Peter's Church – please consent on Arbor
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk)

I wish you all a wonderful (long!) weekend. Please remember that it is the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday, so school is closed to all staff and pupils.

God Bless,

Mrs Young