



St. Peter's
Catholic
Primary School

Newsletter 30

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Dear Parents and carers,

Although a shorter week, there has been so much going on in school, and as always, there is some wonderful learning taking place. Everyone looked very smart for the class photographs this morning!

On Thursday, our Year 1 children enjoyed their first visit to St Peter's-in-Chains Church as part of their RE curriculum enrichment. Father Darren warmly welcomed the children and explained the meaning behind many of the special objects and symbols found within the church. The children were highly engaged throughout, asking thoughtful questions about what they had seen and learned. The visit also included a tour of the church, where the children followed the Stations of the Cross. Staff were incredibly impressed by how much the children could recall from their RE lessons, as well as by their exemplary behaviour throughout the visit. Thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Mrs Maskey for organising such a valuable and memorable experience for the children.

Today, our children have been enjoying a range of learning activities linked to the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough including a special online interactive session with schools across the country.

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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Y6 SATS WEEK: 11th – 14th MAY

Y6 will be completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATS) each morning from Monday to Thursday next week. If your child is in Year 6, please ensure they are in bed early and arrive at school on time each morning! Please note – we are opening up our breakfast club, free of charge for Y6 pupils next week. Please note this is only for Y6 pupils. Siblings of Y6 pupils will need to be booked into Breakfast Club on Arbor as usual. It is vital that all Y6 pupils attend school next week. Many thanks for your continued support. We wish all our Y6 children the very best as they embark on these statutory assessments. They are a fantastic group of children, and have all worked so hard, with enthusiasm and engagement throughout their time at school. Whatever their results, it will be a testament to this. Many thanks to Miss Topliss and the Y6 team who have worked so hard to support the class this year, providing them with a rich and diverse curriculum, alongside preparing them for these assessments. Please keep the children in your thoughts and prayers next week.

YEAR 5 FAIRTRADE SURVEY

Year 5 are looking at attitudes to Fairtrade in their Geography lessons. They have created a google form to gather some responses. Please support their learning by filling in the form using this link <https://forms.gle/i3s5MstcoX22n1Aa6>

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; 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.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer highlighting the criteria and benefits if your child qualifies for Free School Meals. To access the application form simply type in your search bar 'Free School Meals' followed by your locality i.e. Rotherham, Doncaster, Nottingham or Derbyshire. This will take you to your Local Authorities webpage which holds the link to the application form. Alternatively, please contact the school office who will happily support you make your application.

NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS – WIN £1000 FOR SCHOOL!

Please use the link below to nominate our school to #rebuildthelibrary with one of five huge prizes. Plus, you could win a £100/£120 National Book Token for yourself.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize#form>

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.

CRICKET CLUB

Please note that the cricket after school club is cancelled next week due to the Feast of the Ascension Mass taking place in the afternoon.

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 Chizi, Mhariah, Juliette and Kene we hope you have a great time with your family and friends.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 who are these terms winners of this weeks attendance award with a fantastic 100%.

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

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

BLUE - Fountains	10	RED - Whitby	8
GREEN - Roche	7	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 11th – Thursday 14th May: KS2 SATS week
- Thursday 14th May: Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord 1.30pm
- 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