St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 1

4th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first few days we have had back in school. It was a joy to see all the smiling faces of our children as they returned on Wednesday, and I have enjoyed catching up with parents and carers. Our staff have worked hard over the summer to plan some amazing learning opportunities for our children and to prepare beautiful and welcoming learning environments. We are all very much looking forward to the year ahead. I am delighted to say that the children have settled back into the routines of school brilliantly, and I have had the privilege of going into classes and seeing all the wonderful learning that is already taking place.

We began the new school year with an Assembly, in which we thought about how we can put God first this year and live out our school values. This morning it was wonderful to start the new school year with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Darren. Remember, all parents and families are welcome into school for the celebration of Mass on special days and feast days.

WELCOME

This week, we have had our new intake of Reception children, who we were delighted to meet. They too have all made a fantastic start and we know they will have a very happy year ahead. We also welcome two new members of staff to the school:

- Mrs A Lloyd: Finance and Administration Assistant
- Mrs S Bagirlis: Supply Teaching Assistant

They are all delighted to be joining St. Peter's, and are very much looking forward to getting to know our children and families. I know you will make them feel welcome!

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S

A reminder, The Friends of St Peter's are holding their Annual General Meeting at 3pm on Monday 14th September at 3pm in the school hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Their first fundraising event will be an Autumn Disco on Tuesday 20th October. Details will follow in due course.

Finally, the Friends have arranged a fantastic assembly with Alfie Watts, the recent winner of Race Across the World who is on a national tour delivering inspirational talks to pupils across England about 'never giving up'!

VACANCIES

We are currently advertising two positions in school:

- Teaching Assistant
- Attendance and Pastoral Officer

Full details of the two positions, and a recruitment pack are on the vacancies page of the Trust and school websites https://www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=19 Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

SCHOOL WEBSITE 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.
www.stpeterdoncaster.co.uk @stpetersdon @RecStPeterDon @Y1StPeterDon @Y2StPeterDon @Y3StPeterDon @Y4StPeterDon @Y5StPeterDon @Y6StPeterDon

BIG TALK SESSIONS
On Tuesday 22nd September, each class will be participating in a session with Big Talk Education. To keep children as safe as possible, Relationship and Health Education (RHE) is statutory in all Primary Schools. For a number of years, to supplement our RHE curriculum we have successfully engaged the support of the specialist organisation, BigTalk Education, who are a Social Enterprise recognised by national lead bodies and Government. Further details about the content of the session for each class will be emailed to all parents early next week. This will a link to an information video for parents. Please contact me if you have any queries about these sessions.

RHE CURRICULUM
As many of you will be aware, we use the **Life to the Full** by **Ten Ten Resources** to deliver the RHE curriculum throughout the year. Life to the Full remains the programme of choice for our Trust as it is still approved by the Diocese of Hallam and is expertly supported by the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education.

Ten Ten Resources deeply values the foundational role you play in nurturing your children. Because of this, the programme includes resources designed to keep you fully informed about what is being taught in school, while offering gentle ways to engage your children in discussion, activities, and prayer at home.

Throughout the year, you will have access to their **Online Parent Portal** so you can view curriculum materials. ever you wish, keeping you closely connected to your child's learning.

To access the online parent portal, please use the details below:

- Website Address: https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/
- Parent username: st-peters-dn4
- Parent password: deck-the-hall

If you have any questions about the content of the RHE curriculum, please speak with your child's class teacher.

SATS MEETING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS
There will be an information session for all Year 6 parents and carers on Tuesday 22nd September at 3.30pm regarding the statutory assessments that take place in May. All parents and carers of Year 6 pupils are encouraged to attend.

CHILDCARE NEEDS SURVEY 2026
Help to plan and support childcare provision in Doncaster. Doncaster Council have asked parents to complete the survey to help them to understand the childcare needs across Doncaster moving forward and support the production of their Annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

The link for the survey is: CHILDCARE NEEDS 2026

The QR code is:



BIRTHDAYS
Birthday stickers to all pupils with birthdays taking place during the first 2 weeks of school will be given out in next week's celebration assembly. Celebration assemblies take place every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm and all parents are welcome to attend. Happy Birthday this week to Olivia M, we hope you enjoyed your day with family and friends!

UNIFORM
Our children have looked very smart this week. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. Add uniform policy – mention jewellery

ATTENDANCE
Please ensure that as much as possible, children attend school every day and arrive on time by 8.40am. Term time holidays cannot be approved.

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. All appointments taken in school time need to be evidenced. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

PARKING
A polite reminder that in order to avoid congestion, we ask parents try to walk to school whenever possible, and avoid parking on Sandy Lane. In addition, the school car park is for school staff and visitors only. Alternative parking is available at the Vue Cinema/Bowling Alley which is a short walk to and from school along the path.

SAFEGUARDING
The designated safeguarding leads at St. Peter's are myself and Mrs Fitzsimons. Please speak to one of us in confidence if you have any concerns. You can also make contact via the safeguarding e-mail: safeguarding@stpeter.doncaster.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

- Monday 14th September: Friends of St. Peter's Annual General Meeting. 3.30pm, School Hall
- Tuesday 22nd September: Big Talk sessions in school
- Tuesday 22nd September: SATS meeting for Y6 parents 3.30pm
- Friday 2nd October: School closed St Francis Trust INSET day for all Trust schools
- Friday 9th October: Harvest Mass 9.15am – all welcome. We are accepting food donations to pass on to the local food bank.
- Wednesday 14th October: Parents afternoon/evening 2pm – 6pm
- Tuesday 20th October: Autumn Disco – details to follow
- Thursday 22nd October: Year 5 Act of Worship 9am – parents/carers welcome
- Friday 23rd October: Break up for half term
- Monday 2nd November: School re-opens

Finally, I share with you the hopes of all of our staff that we will enjoy a wonderful year together working towards the very best outcomes for your children. Thank you all for allowing us to be part of their journey.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at school next week.

God Bless
Mrs Young