St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2

11th September 2026

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have completed the first full week of term, and we continue to be delighted with how settled the children are in their new classes and the exemplary behaviour that is being shown. There is some fabulous learning taking place!

We began the week with an Assembly, in which we thought about how God is with us when we are gathered together. We also spoke about the theme of teamwork– a key learning behaviour here at St. Peter's.

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

STAFF VACANCIES
Please note that Mrs Lloyd has left St Peter's due to personal circumstances. The process for a new Finance and Administration is now taking place. Please see the link for further information.
https://mynewterm.com/jobs/149348/EDV-2026-SPCPS-92339

We are also currently advertising for a Teaching Assistant. Please see the link for further information.
https://mynewterm.com/jobs/149348/EDV-2026-SPCPS-95439

SATS MEETING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS
On Tuesday 22nd September, there will be an information session on for all Year 6 parents and carers regarding the statutory assessments that take place in May. All parents and carers of Year 6 are encouraged to come along. Please note, pupils are not required to attend.

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 in the school hall. The meeting will only run until 3.15pm to formally approve and adopt the constitution so please do make every effort to come along and give them your support.

Their first fundraising event will be an Autumn Disco on Tuesday 20th October. Details will follow in due course. The Friends have arranged a fantastic assembly with Alfie Watts on 17th September. Alfie Watts was 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'!
To join the group please follow the link https://chat.whatsapp.com/HbNQDvyCAym8eRCZ9A102Y

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 attached on a separate letter. This also provides a link to an information video for parents. The password for this is BigTalkRSE. Please contact me if you have any queries about these sessions.

Y6 OPEN EVENINGS

Parents of Y6 pupils are now able to apply for secondary school. The closing date for applications is 31 st October 2026 and it is important to apply on time.

Further details and a link to the online application form can be found via the following link: https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-year-of-entry. This site contains full information about the application process and a schedule of all the open evening dates.

Some dates for our local schools are as follows:

- The McAuley Catholic High School: Thursday 24 th September
- Hallcross Academy: Thursday 15 th October
- Outwood Academy Danum: Tuesday 22nd September
- XP/XP East: Thursday 24 th September
- The Hayfield School: Monday 28 th September

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2027

The application process for a place in Reception class will open shortly and runs until January 2027. Please make any families that you might know locally about our wonderful school.

We are holding visits to the school on the following dates:

- Tuesday 6th October 5 – 5.30pm
- Thursday 15th October 1.15-2.15pm
- Monday 19th October 10am – 11am

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL SURVEY

St Peter's has been selected to take part in a government evaluation of active school travel. The evaluation findings will help Active Travel England (ATE) make walking, wheeling and cycling to school easier and safer for children. We are inviting parents and carers of pupils in reception, year 1, year 5 and year 6 to complete a short online survey about their child's travel behaviour and attitudes. The survey is to be completed by 14th October 2026. This is a great opportunity to contribute to important research that will shape future policy and practice of active school travel interventions. Pupils do not have to regularly walk, wheel or cycle to school for their parents and carers to take part in the survey. Parents and carers with more than one child can complete the survey once for each eligible child.

The online survey should take around 10 minutes and can be completed as soon as possible. To take part, please send parents and carers the following link:
survey.natcen.ac.uk/mrIWeb/mrIWeb.dll?I.Project=P2042601_MAI_V1&i.user1=161482

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER - BIG FUTURE SURVEY

As children and young people return to school for the new academic year, I am writing to ask for your support in making sure pupils at your school have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, The Big Future. It is crucial that children at your school have the chance to add their voices too, so that their experiences, views and aspirations are represented when I present the findings of the survey to Government. Every child's voice matters, and I want to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that I will share with Government.

The survey can be completed here: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be sending out a timetable of teacher led after school clubs in the next few weeks. These will run from next term. This term a hockey club for KS2 pupils is being run each Thursday by Active Fusion. The parents of all the pupils that have been allocated a place have received a message detailing the arrangements.

UNIFORM

Our children have looked very smart this week. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. A polite reminder please, especially to our new parents that 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 they have signed a disclaimer available from the school office. Trainers are not permitted as part of the uniform.

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. 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 by the park.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 2 who are this year's attendance winners with a brilliant 99.04%.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Olivia M, Ife, Cara, Yusuf, Mia Bal, Michelle and Kinga. We hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to these children, who have been recognised by their teachers for making a positive start to the new school year. Celebration Assembly takes place every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm and all parents are welcome to attend.

- Rec next week
- Nicholas A & Rose
- Ava-Mae & Theodore
- Joshua & Eugene
- Haadiya & Ben
- Juliette & Brody
- Buddy & Nini

HOUSE POINTS

82 points have been issued this week - well done to **Red House Whitby!**

BLUE - Fountains	956	RED - Whitby	1105
GREEN - Roche	769	YELLOW - Kirkstall	753

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 14th Sept: Friends of St. Peter's Annual General Meeting 3pm in the 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
- 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 3rd November: 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

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

God Bless

Mrs Young