St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 3

18th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have completed our third week of the new school year, and we are gradually all getting more settled into the routines of the new term. I love going into classes to see the learning that is taking place, and talking to the children so that they can share their growing knowledge with me. I am always struck by how well the children work with each other; there is so much collaboration, support and team work going on! In the Gospel Assembly on Monday morning, we focussed on the theme of forgiveness. For this reason, in the Celebration Assembly this afternoon, we recognised those children who show one of our core values of kindness.

Yesterday morning, our KS2 children enjoyed a visit from Alfie Watts, winner of BBC's 'Race Across the World'! Alfie spoke to the children about his travels - including driving a Tuk Tuk around the world. He also spoke about resilience and positive mental wellbeing. There was lots of interest and some super questions for Alfie! What a wonderful opportunity for our children. Thank you to Mrs Coulson and the Friends of St Peter's for organising this.

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

VACANCIES
Finance and Administration Assistant
https://mynewterm.com/jobs/149348/EDV-2026-SPCPS-92339

Teaching Assistant
https://mynewterm.com/jobs/149348/EDV-2026-SPCPS-95439

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 have been sent out to parents by email.

SATS MEETING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

On Tuesday 22nd September 3.30pm, there will be an information session on for all Year 6 parents and carers regarding the statutory assessments that take place in May. Please note, pupils are not required to attend. SATs take place this year from Monday 10th to Thursday 13th May 2027. All children must be in school on these dates and no absences can be authorised.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS 2027

The Department for Education have updated their parent information leaflets for the current academic year 2026 to 2027. Information for parents is available to read online or download as a PDF leaflet, and explains:

- what parents need to know
- what each assessment involves
- when tests will take place
- how results will be shared and used

This information can be accessed via the following link and covers:

- Reception Baseline Assessment
- Y1 Phonics screening check
- Y4 multiplication tables check (MTC)
- KS2 national curriculum tests, results and teacher assessment (Y6)

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents

PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR RECEPTION AND KS1 PARENTS

On Thursday 24th September at 5pm, Miss Bleything and Mrs Fitzsimons will be a hosting a workshop for parents of Reception and KS1 children. The session will provide an overview of our approach to the teaching of Early Reading and Phonics, alongside strategies to support you children at home. We do hope you can come along to this informative and useful session. Please note pupils are not required to attend.

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

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 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.

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday this week to Molly, Ashton, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Thickett. 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 demonstrating one of our core school values – kindness.
Celebration Assembly takes place every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm and all parents are welcome to attend.

- Felicity & Leighton
- Vinny & Mikolaj
- Jack & Chloe
- Zara & Scarlett
- George & Amalia
- George & Olivia
- Patrick & Ava

HOUSE POINTS
62 points have been issued this week - well done to **Blue House Fountains** and **Red House Whitby**!

BLUE - Fountains	18	RED - Whitby	18
GREEN - Roche	10	YELLOW - Kirkstall	16

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Tuesday 22nd September: Big Talk sessions in school
- Tuesday 22nd September: SATS meeting for Y6 parents 3.30pm
- Thursday 24th September: Phonics workshop for Reception & KS1 parents 5pm
- Wednesday 30th September: Y6 Education visit to the National Holocaust Museum
- Friday 2nd October: School closed St Francis Trust INSET day for all Trust schools
- Wednesday 7th October: Y4 Doncaster Council Road Safety Sessions
- Thursday 8th October: Y3 Education Visit to RHS Harrogate
- Friday 9th October: Harvest Mass 9.15am – all welcome
- Monday 12th October: Pupil photographs (individual & in school sibling)
- 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