St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 6

9th October 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a good week, enjoying some of this lovely Autumn sunshine. It has been another busy week in school, with lots going on as always.

This morning, our Harvest Mass was celebrated in school by Fr Darren. It was a wonderful celebration and a reminder of the importance of giving thanks and sharing our love with others. Thank you for all your generous donations of food, which will be collected by a local food bank next week.

On Wednesday, we welcomed the Rise theatre group to our school, who delivered a specially crafted play called 'Treasures Within' which explored the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. This was a highly engaging and worthwhile experience for our pupils. The visit brought these important principles to life in a thoughtful and memorable way, helping our children to understand and reflect on the values that underpin Catholic social teaching. In particular, we considered human dignity - a reminder that we are all special and unique and to look for the treasures hidden within ourselves and others. This was a beautiful, enriching experience for the children which further strengthened the Catholic life of the school.

Year Three had a wonderful day exploring the beautiful RHS Harlow Carr gardens yesterday. They explored the amazing allotment and admired its award-winning fruit and vegetables, in the workshop they discovered the fascinating journey of a pea from seed to all the way to your plate, and even had the opportunity to plant their own vegetables!! A very special thank you to our wonderful volunteers for helping to make their day extra special. We feel incredibly lucky that the children had the opportunity to explore such a beautiful garden and enjoy this memorable experience together.



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

PARENTS EVENING

Our first parents evening of the year will be held on Thursday 15th October between 2pm and 7pm**.** This will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled in so far. Parents can sign up via Arbor. ***We kindly request that children are not brought to the meetings***. Provision will be provided to oversee those children whose parents have appointments at collection time. This will run until 3.30pm.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S

The Friends of St Peters are holding an Autumn disco. See the poster below for more information. They are also providing refreshments at the Parents Evening on 15th October so bring some cash if you would like a hot or cold drink whilst you wait for your appointment.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday to take individual and in school sibling photographs. Please ensure your children are in full uniform on this date looking their smartest!

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANICES

We recently circulated information about two Parent Governor vacancies. If you would like to stand, please complete the nomination form and candidate declaration and return it to the school office by Friday 23rd October. This is a great opportunity to get involved to support the strategic development of the school. Training will be provided.

Y6 OPEN EVENINGS

The closing date for applications is 31st 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.
The final open event for our local schools is as follows:

- Hallcross Academy: Thursday 15th October

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2027

The application process for a place in Reception class runs until 15th January 2027.
Please make any families that you might know locally about our wonderful school.
Our last open session to visit school is running on:

- Monday 19th October 10am – 10.30am

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.

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.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 who are this week's attendance winners with a brilliant 99.68%!

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.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to these wonderful children who have been chosen for showing gratitude and appreciation

- Margo & Mateo
- Arthur & Martha
- Michelle & Gracie
- Pascha & Noah
- Nicole & Bogdan
- Mia W & Israel
- William & Hannah

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday this week to Matei, Ava, Emilian and Nasri. We hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HOUSE POINTS
98 house points have been issued this week. Well done to **Blue House - Fountains**

BLUE - Fountains	25	RED - Whitby	22
GREEN - Roche	23	YELLOW - Kirkstall	28

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 12th October: Pupil photographs (individual & in school sibling)
- Thursday 15th October: Parents afternoon/evening 2pm – 7pm
- Tuesday 20th October: Autumn Disco – book now from the school shop on Arbor
- Wednesday 21st October: Year 1 Geography Walk - please consent on Arbor
- 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