St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 9

6th November 2026

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back at school after the half term break, and already there has been so much going on, with some incredible learning taking place. Although the days are getting darker, there is always lots of joy and celebration here at St. Peter's!

Sunday was the feast of All Saints Day, when we remember all the people who have lived their lives really well and who have died and gone to heaven. We started the week thinking about this in our 'Celebration of the Word'. We listened to Jesus' famous speech 'The Beatitudes' and thought about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants us to.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday 11th November, our Year 6 pupils will be delivering a liturgy for Remembrance Day. All parents are invited to join us for this at 9am.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are seeking to appoint two parent governors to our Local Academy Committee. Please refer to the letter that was recently issued, which sets out the details of the voting process. Ballot papers are available at the school office until Friday 13th November.

I would also like to thank our three candidates for the interest they have shown in serving our school community. I am grateful for their willingness to contribute their time and experience to the life of St. Peter's. I hope that as many parents and carers as possible will take the opportunity to vote.

CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

St. Peter's is taking part in the B&M Mission Christmas campaign. We are asking for donations of presents (unwrapped) for children aged 0-16. The gifts need to arrive in school before Friday 11th December and will be taken to the B&M collection point. Thank you for your generosity - and to Mrs Hamilton for organising this on behalf of the school.

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

I know it is a few weeks away yet, but our Christmas tree will be going up at the end of this month. Over the last few years, it has become traditional for us to decorate the school Christmas tree with homemade decorations made by the children. It makes the tree so unique and special, and representative of the individuality of the children in our school.

Please could I ask you to spare a bit of time to help your child make a Christmas tree decoration at home and bring it into school before Friday 27th November. Please ensure that decorations are not too big as there are potentially 200 to fit on!

CATERLINK SURVEY

As part of their commitment to continually improving our catering service, we would be grateful for your support in completing a Parent & Pupil Survey about school meals.

The survey will remain open until 20 December, and we encourage as many families and pupils as possible to take part. Once all responses have been reviewed in the New Year, Caterlink will share a summary of the feedback and key findings with the schools that have participated.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L

UNIFORM

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. Please be advised that footwear should be plain black with no bright markings.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Reception who are this week's attendance winners with a brilliant 98.61%. 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. Medical appointments should be made after 1pm where possible.

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

Congratulations to these wonderful children, who set a good example to others. They show that they are followers of Jesus by living out the words of the Beatitudes, which we listened to in Assembly this week. Remember, all parents and carers are welcome to attend our end of week Celebration Assembly

- Andra & Dilraj
- Lily & Richie
- Sasha & Charlie
- Izzy & Annabella
- Alisa & Sriansh
- Atarah OS & Lillie-Rose
- Olivia & Ashton

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Larelle and Dilraj. We hope you have a lovely time with your family and friends.

HOUSE POINTS

95 house points have been issued this week. Well done to **Yellow House - Kirkstall**

BLUE - Fountains	23	RED - Whitby	24
GREEN - Roche	22	YELLOW - Kirkstall	26

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 11th November: Y6 Remembrance Liturgy 10.45am - families welcome
- Friday 13th November: Children in Need Day – Non Uniform Day for £1 donation
- w/c 16th November: Anti-Bullying Week - lots of activities taking place in school
- Friday 20th November: Non Uniform Day – for Christmas Rainbow Raffle Donations
- Wednesday 25th November: Athletics competition – selected Y5/6 Pupils
- Monday 30th November: Advent Wreath Blessing 9am - families welcome
- Tuesday 1st December: Football competition – selected Y3/4 pupils
- Wednesday 2nd December: Football competition – Selected Y5/6 pupils
- Tuesday 8th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal for school
- Wednesday 9th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance 1: 9.45am
- Thursday 10th December: EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance 2: 1.45pm
- Friday 11th December: Christmas Rainbow Raffle Draw in Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 15th December: Trust Carol Service, Rotherham. Details tbc
- Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner day
- Thursday 17th December: End of Term Celebration Assembly: 9am
- Thursday 17th December: Class Christmas parties (with a special visitor!)
- Friday 18th December: Advent Liturgy/Christmas Carol Service 9am - families welcome
- Friday 18th December: School closes for Christmas Holidays **1.30pm**
- Monday 4th January: INSET Day – School closed to pupils
- Monday 5th January: School re-opens
- Wednesday 6th January: Mass for the Feast of Epiphany: 9am - families welcome
- Friday 12th February: Break up for February half term

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 hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing your smiles at the gate on Monday morning. I will see some of you at the Remembrance service at the war memorial near Elmfield Park on Sunday morning. Thank you to those pupils who have volunteered to be part of this.

God Bless

Mrs Young