



St Peter's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Service Tolerance Peace Endurance Truth Enjoyment Respect



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Friday 30th January 2026



Spring Term

Principal's Welcome

I am sure you have all had time to read the Ofsted report that was sent out with last week's newsletter. If you have any comments or questions that you would like to make/ask, please [click here](#) and I will get back to you shortly.

This week, after school, the staff headed over to the Forest School area to begin preparing the space for Spring. We have created a new fire pit area, and we would like to say a huge thank you to Elsie's family for their wonderful donations which helped make this possible. [Thank you!](#)

If you have anything you could donate — or if you are handy and think you could help us by creating a mud kitchen — please do get in touch. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

I would also like to say a very big -well done- to the whole school who were so sensible in our Lockdown practice.
(this was postponed from December as our special visitors arrived!)
Wishing you all a restful weekend.
God bless,
Mrs Mellor



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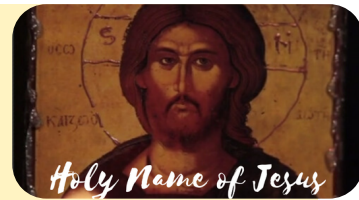
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Catholic Life

January is dedicated to...

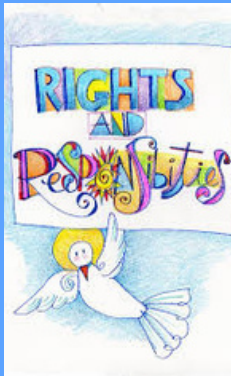
The Holy Name of Jesus



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which means "Savior." The Angel Gabriel told Mary to name her Son Jesus, reminding us of His mission of love and salvation. This month, let's teach our children to speak His name with respect and remember His great love for us.

Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities

Catholic Social Teaching says everyone has rights—like life and education—and responsibilities to protect others' rights. Teaching children fairness and care helps create a just, loving community.



Jesuit Virtues:

Curious

Curious learners ask questions, explore ideas, and seek truth to grow in knowledge and faith.

Active

Active learners use their talents to help others, act with purpose, and live out their faith.



Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, showing us what truly matters in God's eyes. He blesses those who are gentle, hopeful, and willing to do what is right even when it's difficult. These words remind us that God is close to anyone who is struggling or trying their best. As families, we can help our children live the Beatitudes by choosing kindness, offering comfort, and making peace in small everyday moments.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention

January: Prayer with the Word of God

This month, Pope Francis invites us to pray with Scripture. Reading the Bible, even a few verses each day, helps us hear God's voice and grow closer to Him. Let's encourage our children to listen to God's Word and make prayer part of family life.



Parish

Please click [here](#) to be taken to the parish website where you will find a range of helpful information, including the parish newsletter Frontpage

Mass Times



St Rose of Lima
Sunday 11.30am



St Peter's
Saturday 10am Sunday 8.45am



Saturday Meetings for
parents and children
preparing for the
sacraments

Our next meeting is on

7th February
10 am at St Peters



ALPHA
You're
invited!



Where
am I
going
Is this
it

Alpha

ALPHA starts this week, 7 am at St Peters School. See you there!

No pressure, just a place to explore the greatest gift ever

Each week there will be free pudding before the sessions

DON'T FORGET!

Preparing for Baptism



Places for baptism preparation can only be booked by attending mass and picking up a registration form

The next Baptism
preparation takes
place, 7pm at St Rose
on 4th and 11th
February.



Children's Liturgy VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help start a children's liturgy session during Sunday mass, initially perhaps once a month at St Rose. Volunteers will help run the group and look after the children. If you're interested, please contact Daniela Valdés danielaive@yahoo.com

Weekly Celebrations

Each week we shine a spotlight on the amazing achievements of our children...

Good Work	
YR	Ri'cairo
Y1	Alfie
Y2	Esosa
Y3	Javani
Y4	Hayden
Y5	Amelia
Y6	Madison

Special Mention	
YR	Lucas
Y1	Nellie
Y2	Oliver
Y3	Emmanuel
Y4	Jayden
Y5	Ryan
Y6	Faith

Attendance

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3 	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.3%	93%	99.3%	99%	98.5%	95.3%	97%

Well done to ... Year 3!

Whole School Attendance to date: 96.3 %



House Points

This weeks winners are...

St George's 	St Patrick's 	St David's 	St Andrew's 
1st 	4th	2nd	3rd

Community Page

Whats on in the local area...

Edgbaston Family Hub – covering Bartley Green, Edgbaston, Harborne and Quinton
Activity Calendar – January – February half term 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Stepping Stones By referral only 10am–11am Doddington Children's Centre Stay and Play (0-5) 1pm–2pm Milebrook Hall Baby Group (0-12m) 1pm–2pm Doddington Children's Centre	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Wetles in the Woods 10am – 11.30am Holloway Hall Stay and Play (0-5) By referral only (for children with SEND or on the waiting list for Stepping stones) 1pm–2pm Milebrook Hall 	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Healthy Start Vitamins are available for mother and child Contact Doddington Children's Centre  HEALTHY START You may be eligible for 16 hours free early years provision Please call 0121 477 6440 for further details 	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Little Talkers By referral only 10.00am–11.00am Doddington Children's Centre Soilhill Approach Antenatal sessions and Postnatal sessions, please call 0121 477 6440 to book your place or for further details Startwell Birmingham children's changing room	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 KIDS By Referral only 10am–11.30am Doddington Green Children's Centre *Please call 0121 269 5000 for further information Rhythm and Rhyme (0-5) 10am–11am Quinton Library MAM: all children in attendance will be on a first come first served basis Baby Massage 1pm – 2pm Doddington Children's Centre (Booking required)

Key:
Doddington Green Children's Centre
28 Doddington Grove, Bartley Green
B32 4EL
Tel: 0121 477 6440

Holloway Hall
Holloway, Ley Hill, Birmingham B31 1TT

Milebrook Hall
143 Field Lane, Bartley Green B32 4ER

Quinton Library
Ridgeway Rd, Quinton, Birmingham B32 2TW


Edgbaston District – Community Stay and Play Groups

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oasis Stay and Play 10-11.30am Oasis Church, South Street, Harborne 0-5 years Teddies Stay and Play 10.30-12pm St Boniface Church, Quinton Road West, Quinton B32 2QD 0-5 years Toddle Inn 9.00-11am Christ Church, Quinton 787-789 Hagley Rd Quinton, Birmingham 0-4 years	Stonehouse Gang 10-11.30am 90-92 Bamel Road B29 5SN 0-5 years	Four Dwellings Primary Academy Stay and Play 2-3.15pm Quinton Road West Birmingham B32 1P3 0-5 years	St Faith and St Lawrence Stay and Play 9.30-11am Corner of Croftdown Road and Balden Road, Harborne, Birmingham B32 2E3 0-5 years Stonehouse Gang 1.00-2.30pm 90-92 Bamel Road B29 5SN 0-5 years	Moorpool Toddler Group 10.00-11.30 Moorpool Hall, The Circle, Harborne 0-4 years Stay and Play 10am–12 178 Stonehouse Lane For a more up to date list of Stay and Play groups within the Edgbaston district please access the Birmingham Forward Steps website at: www.birminghamforwardsteps.org.uk

Upcoming Events:
Baby Shower event - all things baby/antenatal and postnatal ...
EEE funding event - do you have a child coming up to the age of 2yrs or 3yrs who may be eligible for nursery funding, come along to our event.
Pop up events across our district with workshops, advice and guidance on a variety of topics ...
Please enquire at: Doddington Children's Centre on 0121 477 6440 for updates on when the above will be taking place.


FOR FURTHER UPDATES AND INFORMATION ON THE EVENTS AND LOCATIONS...
REMEMBER TO FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
[@edgbastonfamilyhub](https://www.facebook.com/edgbastonfamilyhub)



FREE CHAIR BASED EXERCISE
MILEBROOK COMMUNITY HALL
143-151 FIELD LANE, BARTLEY GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B32 4ER
EVERY THURSDAY 10:45-11:30AM
Join the free fitness fun! | Term time only



FREE low impact chair-based exercise for improved health, strength, mobility and pain relief. Including health and well-being group discussion.

Come along and give it a go or for more info, please call Milebrook Community Hall on 0121 478 2263 or text/WhatsApp 07515 468596



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAYS
10:00 AM ~ 12:00 NOON
MILEBROOK COMMUNITY HALL

Please pop in for a free drink, snack and a chat

Run by some amazing volunteers from the Bartley Green Ward

 Birmingham ageUK

Sponsored by Age UK and Joint Social Work Councils: Kerry Bennett and Bruce Lewis

Safeguarding and SEND

SEND Team

This is our SENCO Team – here to support children with special educational needs and their families. Please see us if you need any help, or contact us at senco@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk or call 0121 464 6921



Miss Luff
SENCO



Mrs Kenny
Pastoral Mentor

Safeguarding Team

This is our Safeguarding Team – here to keep every child safe and supported. If you need any help or advice, please speak to a member of the team.



Mrs Mellor
DSL



Miss Luff
DDSL



Miss McDonagh
DDSL



Mrs Kenny
DDSL

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse. Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.

Spotlight on ... Safeguarding...

Supporting Children's Mental Health & Wellbeing

At school, we know that children's mental health is shaped by many things — their experiences, environment, friendships, and even family history. While we can't prevent every difficulty, we can build strong wellbeing and resilience together 💚💛.

Children often turn to trusted adults, including teachers and friends, when things feel tough. By listening without judgement, acknowledging feelings, and modelling healthy habits—like talking about worries, building routines, or taking time to relax—we help normalise the idea that everyone has mental health 🧘.

Current worries for many young people include rising prices, the environment, school pressure, and online safety. Staying connected, informed, and open to conversations makes a huge difference ❤️. If you ever have concerns about your child's wellbeing, please reach out — we're here to help 🧡.

Pathfinder

Mrs Kenny is our Pathfinder, helping families navigate support and opportunities to ensure every child thrives. She can offer guidance on well being, attendance, and accessing resources.

If you'd like her support, please contact her by email at a.kenny@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk or 07506 954616.



FAMILY
RELATIONSHIPS



FINANCIAL
SUPPORT



MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT



HOUSING SUPPORT



Punctuality



Why Punctuality Matters at St Peter's

Our Punctuality Drive to ensure every child gets the very best start to their day is well underway. Thank you to those families who have tried really hard to improve.

Gates are closing promptly at 8.55am- be sure to be on time!

If you are struggling, or your child is finding mornings difficult, please contact Mrs Kenny to see how school can help and support you. When we work together, everything is better!



EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS



5 minutes per day

3 school days lost per year



15 minutes per day

10 school days lost per year



25 minutes per day

19 school days lost per year



Parking

Please avoid parking on zigzag lines, blocking driveways, or parking on grass verges. It's unsafe and causes disruption to our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation.



Life at St Peter's ...

Children's Hospital Visit



On Monday, three of our wonderful Caritas Ambassadors visited the Children's Hospital to present the money we raised during our Festive 500 challenge. Thanks to the incredible generosity and effort of our school community, we raised an amazing £515.20 for the hospital's charity. The staff were extremely grateful for the hard work and compassion shown by our children.

During the visit, the ambassadors were proudly presented with a "big cheque," celebrating our achievement as a school. They were also given a tour to see first hand how donations like ours support children and families in need. From their outdoor play spaces to the beautifully decorated rooms designed to bring comfort and joy, it was heart-warming to see the difference our contribution helps to make.

We are so proud of our Caritas Ambassadors and of the whole school community for living out our values in such a meaningful way.



🎨 Year 4 Visit the Ikon Gallery 📺

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham, exploring inspiring contemporary art and taking part in a creative workshop. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience an art gallery first-hand and develop their artistic skills together. ✨



🎨 Year 3 Visit Lapworth Museum 📺

Year 3 had a fantastic visit to the Lapworth Museum at the University of Birmingham!

🔍 The trip supported their science learning on rocks, with a hands-on workshop exploring different rock types. Pupils showed wonderful behaviour throughout and had a brilliant time discovering real fossils and geology treasures! 🌟🇬🇧

Events of the Year

Diary Dates 2025-2026

Below, is an overview of diary dates for the next academic year. All dates are subject to change so please be mindful of this. If there are any changes, we will give you as much notice as possible.

Our 'Gifts from God' praise assembly will be held on a Friday morning, 9am-9.30am.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	ALL
Spring Term							
Date	Overview				Information		
January							
09.01.26	Y2 and Y4 Roman Workshop				All day workshop for the children		
14.01.26	Y4 Trip to Apple Store				Please see letter		
15.01.26	Y5 Core Skills Inspire Workshop				9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited		
15.01.26	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Screening				In school		
20.01.26	Y5 Parent Lunch				Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am		
22.01.26	Y4 Class Assembly				9am – school hall: parents invited		
29.01.26	Y4 Trip to Ikon Gallery				Please see letter		
30.01.26	Y3 Trip to Lapworth Museum				Please see letter		
February							
05.02.26	Y2 Core Skills Parent Workshop				9am-10am – school hall		
10.02.26	Internet Safety Day						
12.02.26	Y4 Multiplication Inspire Workshop				9am- school hall		
13.02.26	Break up for half term				Normal 3.30pm finish		
22.02.26	Return to School Spring Two				Gates open at 8.45m		
23.02.26	Lent				Wear purple accessory with your uniform today		
24.02.26	Y4 Parent Lunch				Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am		
27.02.26	St David's Day				All children in St David's house are able to wear something yellow with school uniform today		
March							
03.03.26	Y1 Lent Parent Prayer Service				9am-9.20am – school hall		
05.03.26	World Book Day				Look out for more information!		
09.03.26	British Science Week				Look out for more information!		
10.03.26	Reception Lent Prayer Service with parents				9am-9.20am – school hall		
12.03.26	Y4 Lent Prayer Service with parents				9am-9.20am – school hall		
13.03.26	YR Mothers' Day Breakfast				9am – 10am - School Hall		
17.03.26	St Patrick's Day				All children able to wear something green with school uniform		
17.03.26	Y2 Parent Lunch				Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am		
17.03.26	Y3 Lent Parent Prayer Service				9am-9.20am – school hall		
26.03.26	Spring Term Parent's Evening				2.00-6.00pm – school hall		
27.03.26	Easter Bonnet Parade – YR/Y1/Y2 Easter Creation – KS2				9am – school hall		
27.03.26	Passion Play (Y5)				1.00pm-2.00pm – St Peter's Church		
27.03.26	Break up for half term				Children to leave at 2.00pm		

Events of the Year

Summer Term

Date	Overview	Information
April		
13.04.26	Return to School – Summer One Term	
16.04.26	Y3 Core Skills Parent Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
21.04.26	Y3 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
23.04.26	St George's Day	All able to wear something red with school uniform
26.04.26	Family Mass	Please attend mass on Sunday as a whole school community.
27.04.26-01.05.26	Vocations Week	Please let us know if you could help!
May		
05.05.26	May Procession	9.00am – school hall assembly, please send in flowers
14.05.26	Ascension Feast Day	
11.05.26-14.05.26	Year 6 SATs Week	Breakfast for Y6 only served at 8am Monday to Thursday.
19.05.26	Y6 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
21.05.26	Y6 School Trip to Bletchley Park	
21.05.26	Children break up for half term	Normal 3.30pm finish
22.05.26	INSET DAY	
June		
01.06.26	Children Return – Summer Two	
02.06.26	YR Transport Museum Visit	See Letter
01.06.26-12.06.26	Y4 Multiplication Assessments	
03.06.26	New Reception Induction Evening	
04.06.26	KS2 Sport's Day	At Tudor Grange starting at 12.30pm. Parents welcome to attend
08.06.26-12.06.26	Y1 Phonics Assessments	
09.06.26	Y1 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
11.06.24	YR Class Assembly	9-9.30am – school hall
17.06.26-19.06.26	Y5 & Y6 Alton Castle Residential	
23.06.26	Y2 Harvington Hall Visit	See Letter
25.06.26	Y1 St Peter and Paul Class Assembly	9am – school hall
25.06.26	Reception Father's Day Workshop	2.15-3.15pm - playground
28.06.26	Family Mass	Please attend mass on Sunday as a whole school community
29.06.26	St Peter and Paul Feast Day	Look out for more information!
30.06.26	New Reception Teddy Bears Picnic	2.15-3.15pm - playground
30.06.26	Reception Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
July		
01.07.26	Transition Day	Whole school to move to their new teacher for the day
03.07.26	Y1 Weston Super Mare Trip	See Letter
07.07.26	Y5 Back to Backs Trip	See Letter
09.07.26	Y6 Production	9.15-10.15am – school hall 6.00-7.00pm – school hall
10.07.26	School Reports out to parents	
14.07.26	Y6 Leavers Mass	
15.07.26	School Report Drop in	3.40pm-4.40pm - classrooms
17.07.26	Y6 Leavers Assembly	9am – school hall
17.07.26	Break up for the year	2pm break up
20.07.26	INSET DAY	

This Week in Pictures...

