



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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Newsletter 14



Autumn term 2



19th December 2025

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents and Careers,

I can hardly believe the first term has come to an end I can hardly believe we have reached the end of term already. These past weeks have been filled with learning, laughter, growth, and so many moments of joy. As we step into the Christmas season, it is a perfect time to pause and reflect on what this time of year truly means.

Christmas is so much more than the lights, the presents, and the busy preparations. At its heart is a simple, beautiful truth: God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as a gift of love, hope, and peace. In the quiet of the stable in Bethlehem, we see a reminder that God comes close to us — not in noise or grandeur, but in gentleness and light.

As we all take time to rest and enjoy the break ahead, may the message of Christmas fill your homes with peace, joy, and togetherness.

May you find moments of stillness to treasure, moments of laughter to share, and moments of gratitude for the blessings around you.

Wishing every family a Christmas filled with love and a New Year filled with hope.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas and always.

Mrs Mellor

School reopens Tuesday 6th January



Parish News

Christmas Services

Sundays in Advent

Mass Times: 8.45am St Peter's
11.30am St Rose of Lima

Christingle Service, Sunday 14th December

4pm at St Rose - bring an orange!

Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass, 5.15pm at St Rose of Lima
Midnight Mass, 8pm at St Peter's

Christmas Day

Mass times: 8.45am at St Peter's,
11.30am at St Rose of Lima

For more info visit www.strose.org.uk



8th Jan 7pm,
St Peters School

join us for the
ALPHA COURSE

Alpha



St Peter and Our Lady and St Rose of Lima Parish Website



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



Parish News



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Fun, informal and friendly sessions begin soon for all those at either parish who are interested in joining the catholic church or lifelong catholics seeking to go deeper

The first two meetings before Christmas are 7pm, on the 2nd and 11th December at St Rose

Why
am
I here

Where
am I
going

Is
this
it



**Parish
Alpha**

Just a heads up that Alpha will run in the new year starting 8th January, 7pm at St Peters.

This will include Alpha for adults and Youth Alpha (13-18)

*Half Terms
Jesuit Virtues*

Learned and Wise



Learned: learning how God wants us to live our lives Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.

Wise: knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus

*Half Terms
Catholic Social Teachings*

Dignity of the Human Person



The Church teaches that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and has an inherent dignity that must be respected and protected. We are called to treat each person with respect, value their uniqueness, and uphold their rights and responsibilities.

At St Peter's, we show respect for the dignity of every person by:

- ✓ Treating everyone with kindness and fairness
- ✓ Valuing each person's gifts and contributions
- ✓ Standing up for justice and protecting those who are vulnerable



Y1	Tiana and Azalia	Y1	Kizzy
Y2	Ezra	Y2	Raila
Y3	Julie-Remi	Y3	Avamaria
Y4	Joshua	Y4	David
Y5	Leo	Y5	Kosisonna
Y6	Ava	Y6	Skylar

Class Attendance This Week- Well done Year 6-97.78% Keep it up

Reception	94.07%	Year 4	97.5%
Year 1	96.30%	Year 5	95.19%
Year 2	94.44%	Year 6	97.783% 
Year 3	93.33%	Whole School to date	96.4% 

Thank you

Thank you to Nevaeh and Alannah's nanny for taking our sport bibs home to wash and iron- you have made them smell delightful!



Thank you children



huge thank you to our *Lighthouse Children* who have given up so much of their own time this term to serve others.

Their generosity, leadership and willingness to put others first has shone brightly.

From supporting the library and running the book sale, to helping with the Caritas Festive 500 and organising the toy sale, they have shown what it truly means to **live out the Gospel** and to embody our **St Peter's values** in action.

We are incredibly proud of the way they have led with kindness, compassion and a genuine desire to make a difference.

Dinner Menu

Week Beginning 5th January 2026 Week 1 Menu

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK ONE

DINE
Main Meal

DINE
Vegetarian Meal

DINE
Jackets or Pasta

Dessert
STOP
Sweet choices

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 AROUND THE World Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Green Salad or Peas	 Italian Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Side Salad	 Roasts Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Carrots or Broccoli	 AROUND THE World Chicken Wrap with Wholegrain Rice and Rainbow Slaw	 Fish & Chips Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Green Salad or Peas	Lentil Bolognese with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Side Salad	Veggie Potato Cakes and Carrots & Broccoli	Cheesy Baked Bean Wrap with Wholegrain Rice and Rainbow Slaw	Vegetarian Vegetable Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.
Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available				
Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Flapjack	Chocolate Chip Cookie

Fresh Bread is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly, and Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL

Free School Meals Eligibility

Additional Funding for School

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

There is an easy way to find out! Did you know ...just registering your child for Free School Meals means the school gets extra money? We'd like to make sure we're not missing out on vital funding for our school ...and need your help! The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

Through a link to a Government database, we are now able to automatically track whether pupils are entitled to Free School Meals.

You can do the check yourself by using this link [FSM Checker](#) or if you prefer you can come to the school office and the staff there will be able to help.

The Pupil Premium funding makes a huge difference to the school budget and allows us to provide additional teaching and provision in the school. We have a duty to ensure this funding directly supports eligible families so it is imperative all families check their eligibility. Please help us to ensure we receive the funding we are entitled to. Thank you for your support.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Safeguarding & Safety Over Christmas

As we approach the Christmas break, we want to gently remind all families to stay safe and look after one another during this busy and sometimes overwhelming time of year. Christmas should be a time of joy, rest and togetherness — but we know that for some families it can also bring additional pressures. If you ever need support, please remember:

♥ **You are not alone. Help is always available.**

Here are some simple safety reminders for the holiday period:

✿ Emotional Wellbeing

- Christmas can sometimes feel stressful for both adults and children.
- Take time to check in with your child — a quiet chat, a walk, or shared activity can make a big difference.
- If your child seems worried or “not themselves,” reassure them that they can always talk to you.

✿ Online Safety

- With more screen time likely over the holidays, please continue to monitor what your child is doing online.
- Remind them never to share personal information or chat with people they don't know in real life.
- Encourage regular breaks from devices and choose age-appropriate apps, games and content.

✿ Practical Safety

- If children are out playing, make sure they know where they can go, who they are with, and when they should return.
- Remind them about road safety, stranger awareness, and staying with trusted adults.

✿ If You Need Support

If you are worried about a child, or if you need help yourself, the following organisations are available throughout Christmas:

- **NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000
- **Childline:** 0800 1111 (for children)
- **Police (non-emergency):** 101
- **Emergency:** 999

No concern is ever too small.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility, and reaching out for support is always a sign of strength.

✦ **Wishing all our families a peaceful, safe and blessed Christmas.**

Spotlight on

If there are any topics you would like covered in the ‘**Spotlight on**’ series please do not hesitate to contact us on 4646921 or at enquiry@stpeterc.ham.sch.uk

Spotlight on SEND

🎄 SEND Support Over Christmas

The Christmas period can be exciting, but it can also be challenging for children and young people with SEND. Many families find that changes in routine, busy environments and social expectations can increase anxiety or make everyday life feel harder. Here are some *evidence-based* ways to support your child, as well as places you can seek help during the holiday.

🌟 Practical Support Tips for Families

SEND organisations recommend the following strategies to make Christmas calmer and more predictable:

Maintain routine where you can, as predictable days reduce anxiety.

Prepare children for changes in advance using visual timetables or social stories.

Create a quiet space at home where your child can retreat if they feel overwhelmed.

Keep decorations simple and consider sensory-friendly options.

Use a holiday timetable to replace school structure and support children who struggle with changes in routine.

Plan ahead for family gatherings, explaining your child's needs to relatives to avoid pressure or misunderstanding.

Make space for calm moments, gentle lighting, and sensory-safe activities.

SEND-Friendly Activities Over the Holidays

Local SEND directories highlight sensory-friendly or quieter activities that can help families enjoy Christmas together:

- Many venues offer **autism-friendly sessions**, such as reduced-noise play areas and "lights on, music off" environments.

- Some centres also provide **trained staff**, quiet rooms and adjusted activities that support children who become overwhelmed.

- Check local listings or SEND Local Offer pages for similar events in your area.

Support Services Available During Christmas

While many school-based services pause over the holiday, families can still access advice, information and emotional support from national organisations and online SEND hubs:

- **Local SENDIAS services** (SEND Information, Advice and Support) continue to offer impartial guidance for families navigating SEND questions, plans or concerns.

- **Online SEND guides and resources**, including support for autism, sensory needs, visual impairment and hearing loss, are available through Local Offer websites.

You can also contact:

- **NSPCC** – 0808 800 5000

- **Childline** (for young people) – 0800 1111

- **NHS 111** for non-emergency medical support

- **999** in an emergency

A Gentle Reminder

Every SEND child's Christmas will look different — and that's completely okay. Adapting expectations, slowing down and creating a calm, predictable environment can make the festive season more enjoyable for your whole family.

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We provide early help family support
and
we are available in your
school!

Birmingham SEMH PATHFINDER

My name is Amanda Kenny and I am the Pathfinder School Based Worker at St Peter's Catholic Primary School.

I've proudly worked at St Peter's for 23 years, with the last 10 dedicated to pastoral care. My role is varied – I wear many hats including HLTA, Senior Learning Mentor, Attendance Officer, Safeguarding Lead, and First Aider. Every day brings something new, and I'm passionate about creating a school environment that feels like the heart of our local community.

I want our families to know that we're here for them – not just during difficult times, but to celebrate the good moments too. Whether it's a worry, a success, or just a chat, we're always ready to listen and support.

Outside of school, I'm a proud mum to three grown-up children and a very lucky nanny to three beautiful grandchildren who I absolutely adore. I love travelling and exploring new places, meeting people from all walks of life and learning about their cultures and lifestyles. You'll often find me with a book in hand – preferably on a sun lounger somewhere warm!



Please feel free to pop into school for an informal chat, give me a call on 07506954616 or drop me a message – I'm always happy to help.



**FAMILY
RELATIONSHIPS**



**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**



**MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT**



HOUSING SUPPORT

I can offer support to parents & carers about lots of things, not just about your child in school.

Please see the other side of the leaflet for more details or get in touch with me by scanning the barcode on the front to ask what I can support with – if I'm not sure I will find out for you!

Sometimes it's just about walking with you as another human being.



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We provide early help family support
and
we are available in your
school!

Birmingham SEMH PATHFINDER

Our service includes...



STRENGTHENING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

- Support with navigating the challenges of parenting
- PIE and NVR programmes
- Activities and support centred around special educational needs



SUPPORT WITH IMPROVING HEALTH

- Mental health
- Physical health
- SEND support



SUPPORT AROUND CONCERNS

- Worries around Domestic Abuse
- Worries around drug or alcohol misuse
- Worries about exploitation



HOUSING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Benefit advice and checks
- Support with applications & appeals
- Debt advice
- Housing advice

And so much more...

If you are interested please scan this
QR code and pop your details in and
our Pathfinder Worker will be in
touch!





School Start Times

At **8.45am** each morning a member of staff opens the school gates. The bell rings at, **8.50am** and **gates will close promptly at 8.55am** and children may make their way straight into their respective classrooms where they will begin the day with a calm, purposeful activity e.g. handwriting, reading, recap prior learning etc.

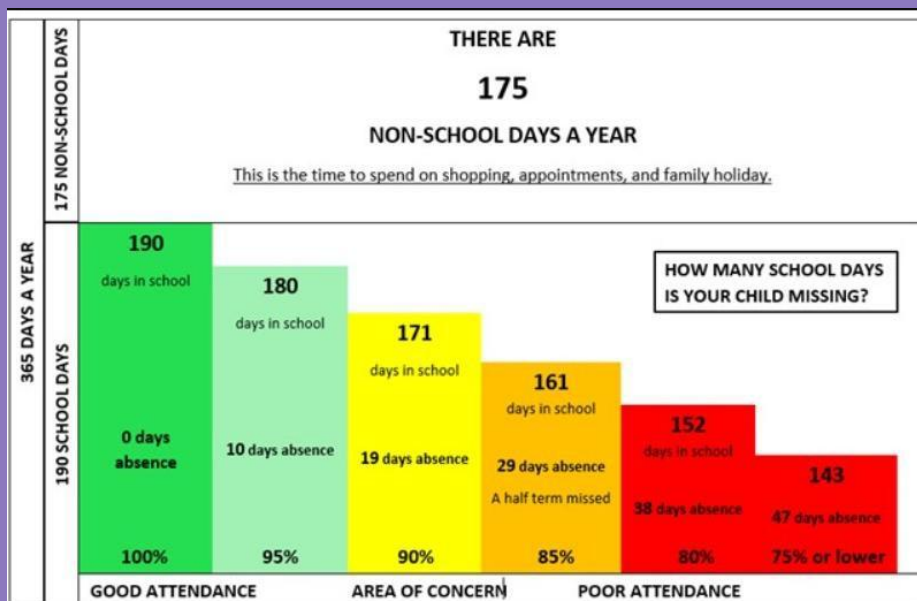
We would like to re-emphasise that the start time of school is **8.55am**, however, we would encourage our families to take advantage of the earlier start as the children enjoy the calm 'soft' start to the day.

Lessons begin promptly at 8.55am



Attendance

- If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please contact the school office before 9am. **Please note that Dojo is not to be used to report absences**
- After a case of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, your child **MUST** remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode.
- A Leave of Absence request should be completed for all planned absences from school.
- We would request where possible medical appointments are not arranged in the school day. If your child has a medical appointment, an appointment card/letter must be provided to enable us to authorise absence from school.



Be at your classroom on time and ready to learn!

Every minute counts

Lateness = lost learning (Figures below are calculated over a year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost	15 lessons
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost	33 lessons
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost	50 lessons
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost	65 lessons
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost	95 lessons

What the new rules mean

ATTENDANCE

WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME



Nottingham
City Council

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

1

£160



FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

2



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3

10

IN

10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1

DAY =

2

SESSIONS

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

4



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160



4 children & 2 parents
= £1280

Reduced to £640
if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

5



2ND TIME

2 parents and...

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1280

No discount for
early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent
£2500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT



[gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

KEY DATES

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.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	ALL
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January		
05.01.26	INSET DAY	No children in school
06.01.26	Children Return to school	Gates open 8.45am
15.01.26	Y5 Core Skills Inspire Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
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
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
UPDATED: 24.02.25	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 Davids'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
07.03.26	World Book Day	<i>Look out for more information!</i>
09.03.26	British Science Week	<i>Look out for more information!</i>
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

Doddington Children's Centre

Edgbaston District- Doddington Children's Centre Activity Calendar- September - December 2025

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

Ridgacre Rd, Quinton, Birmingham.
B32 2TW



Monday

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)
1.00-2.00pm
Doddington
Children's centre



Tuesday

Family Support Duty
line
9.00-4.30
Call 0121 477 6440

Wellies in the Woods
10am-11.30am
Holloway Hall

Stay and Play (0-5)
1pm-2pm
Holloway Hall

Baby Group (0-24m)
1pm-2pm
Doddington
Children's centre



Wednesday

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



You may be eligible for 15
hours free early years
provision.

Please call 0121 477 6440
for further details.



Thursday

Family Support Duty
line
9.00-4.30
Call 0121 477 6440

Little Talkers
By referral only
10.30am-11.30am
Doddington
Children's centre.

Solihull Approach
Antenatal sessions
starting on the
25th September
1pm-3pm
call 0121 477 6440
to book your place
or for further
details.

Milk Mates
Stay and play
group
Please enquire for
further details



Friday

Family Support Duty
line
9.00-4.30
Call 0121 477 6440

KIDS

10am-11.30am
Doddington Green
Children's Centre
*Please call the
centre to enquire

Rhythm and Rhyme
10am-10.45am
11am-11.45am
Quinton Library
*Max 15 Families

Sensory Babies
10am-11am
Doddington
Children's Centre
(Booking Required)

Baby Massage
1pm-2pm
Doddington
Children's Centre
(Booking required)

Edgbaston District- Community stay and play groups

Monday

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

Tuesday

Stonehouse Gang
10-11.30am/1.00-
2.30pm

90-92 Burnel Road
B29 5SN

0-5 years

Wednesday

No Stay and Play
groups
Today

Thursday

St Faith and St
Lawrence
stay and play
9.30-11am
Corner of
Croftdown Road
and Balden Road,
Harborne,
Birmingham
B32 2EJ
0-5 years

Friday

Moorpool Toddler
Group
10.00-11.30
Moorpool hall,
The circle,
Harborne
0-4 years

Stay and Play
178 Stonehouse
Lane
10am-12



Upcoming Events:

October-Baby Shower event-all
things baby/antenatal and
postnatal.. Further details to
follow.

November-EEE funding event
which is suitable if you have a
child coming up to 2yrs or 3yrs
who may be eligible for nursery
funding. Further information to
follow nearer the time.

December-Christmas Events-
further information to follow
nearer the time..



Autumn Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025

Half-term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026

Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half-term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026

There are also six INSET Days which are professional development days for school staff.

Children do not attend school on Inset Days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Safeguarding Children

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



At St. Peter's we are committed to the safety and happiness of our children

- Are you feeling upset or unsafe?
- Are you worried about a child, friend or a family member?
- Does something not feel right?

Please speak to one of St. Peter's Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Mellor
Principal

Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Luff
Vice Principal

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Kenny
Senior Learning Mentor

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss McDonagh
Class Teacher

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Love by Jesus, we love, we learn, we live and grow together for Him
Service **T**olerance **P**eace **E**ndurance **T**ruth **E**njoyment **R**espect

If you have any concerns about a child our
safeguarding team are always here to help. You can
contact them during school hours on

0121 464 6921 or enquiry@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk.

Alternatively, you can find them in the playground areas during the
morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

Outside of school hours, if you are concerned about
a child, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust
on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, always dial 999.

The Week in Pictures

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Have a lovely Christmas!