



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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Newsletter 5



Autumn term



10th October 2025

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm not sure about you, but this week seems to have flown by — Friday certainly crept up on us! It's already been a busy and exciting term, and we've accomplished a great deal in a short space of time.

Swimming Success

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have now completed their two-week swimming programme at the University of Birmingham Swimming Baths. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm and progress, with many improving their swimming distances over the course of the sessions.

Swimming is a vital life skill, and at St Peter's we are proud to offer this opportunity to two year groups, with additional booster sessions planned for Year 6 later in the year. The Government expects all children to be able to swim 25 metres unaided and use a range of strokes by the end of Key Stage 2 — and our pupils are well on their way to achieving this.

A Surprise Theatre Treat

One of the unexpected highlights of the week was a completely free in-school theatre production! On Wednesday afternoon, I received a call from a theatre company whose scheduled school visit had been cancelled. After confirming all the necessary details, we were delighted to welcome them to St Peter's yesterday.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance — an afternoon filled with laughter, joy, and shared experience, perfectly aligned with our school values.

These types of enriching experiences are often costly, so we are incredibly grateful for this opportunity. With continued support for our PTA and fundraising efforts, we hope to offer more events like this in the future. Your involvement truly makes a difference, and we know the children would be very thankful.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend when it arrives. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being part of our wonderful school community.

Warm regards,

Mrs Mellor

World Mental Health Day

This week we came together as a school community to mark World Mental Health Day. Children and staff wore yellow to show their support and raise awareness of the importance of mental wellbeing. Throughout the week, pupils took part in a special assembly and engaging classroom activities that helped them explore emotions, kindness, and ways to look after their mental health. It was a reflective week that reminded us all how vital it is to talk openly, support one another, and nurture a culture of care and compassion in our school.

The following website may be of use to you if you wish to explore more [Help and resources for children's mental health](#)

Popes Intentions for

October



Pope Leo calls for collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

This intention reflects Pope Francis' ongoing commitment to interreligious dialogue and unity, especially in a world often marked by division and misunderstanding.

Wednesday Word



Wednesday Word Family Time presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week.

[The Wednesday Word](#) | [The Sunday Gospel](#) | [Catholic Church](#)

Mass Times



St Peter's
Sunday 8.45am



St Rose
Sunday 11.30am

Baptism Preparation

Preparing for Baptism

Apologies for the revised dates but baptism preparation is now scheduled for 7th and 14th October, 7pm at St Rose

Sunday's Gospel



In this Sunday's Jesus heals ten people with leprosy, but only one returns to say thank you—and he is a Samaritan, someone considered an outsider. Jesus praises his gratitude and tells him, "Your faith has saved you."

What this means for us

This story reminds us of the power of **thankfulness**. It's easy to ask for help when we need it, but sometimes we forget to show appreciation when things go well. The Gospel encourages us to be like the one who returned—to notice the good in our lives, to say thank you, and to recognise God's presence in everyday moments.



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



Half Terms Jesuit Virtues

Eloquent and Truthful

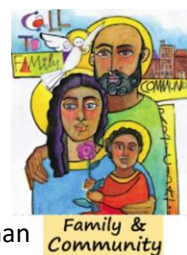


Eloquent Eloquence is expressing ideas clearly and kindly. It's choosing words with care and conviction, and using creative gifts—like art or music—to communicate in ways that are truthful, memorable, and compassionate.

Truthful Truthfulness means living with honesty and integrity. By following Jesus, who is the truth, we stay faithful to ourselves and God—standing up for what's right in all we say and do.

Half Terms Catholic Social Teachings

Family and Community



The Church teaches that family and community are central to human life. We are called to support one another, nurture strong families, and work together for justice, compassion, and the common good

At St Peter's we show we are part of a community by

- Working for the common good together
- Participating and engaging
- Being active members of our community

The whole school for the enjoyment they found in the wonderful theatre production of Jack and the Beanstalk we had in school on Thursday this week

Class Attendance This Week- Well done Year 1 100% FANTASTIC

Reception	97.89%	Year 4	99.05%
Year 1	100.% 	Year 5	99.17%
Year 2	94.17%	Year 6	95.0%
Year 3	98.75%	Whole School to date	96.6% 

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Thursday 16th October.

Click for more information

<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>

Quoting Letter Reference - 150849-1110

Access Code - 0756

Parents Evening

Parents Evening this half term will be held on

Wednesday 22nd October from 2pm- 6pm

<https://forms.office.com/e/1ZGkRSUrKW>

Please click the link to sign up

Reception Open days

Please sign up to an open day at the link below

Thursday 20th November 2025 at 9.30am

Wednesday 26th November at 5.00pm

Please click [here](#) to register your attendance

Secondary School Applications

Applications close on the 31ST October Please clicker the link to make an application

[Admissions](#)

Please ask if you need any support with making an applications

Appeal: Large Lego blocks

Thank you for your dressing up donations.

This week we are looking for large Lego blocks if you have any

Thank you so much for supporting our enjoyment at playtime

Home School Agreement

At St Peter's, we believe our school thrives when we work together in a spirit of mutual respect and trust. A strong partnership between home, school and parish helps create a safe, supportive and successful environment for every child.

If you haven't already, please can you read and sign the home school agreement

<https://forms.office.com/e/FRJSbeVK5Q>

Well-Being Ambassadors

On Monday 6th October, pupils from Year 6 went to The Factory for Well Being Ambassadors Training. This is a new initiative which will focus on the physical and mental well being of children in our school.

The ambassadors will attend events with our children and other Catholic schools in order to help and support children participating. Not only will they support at events, but also bring back their ideas and training to work with children at St Peter's. We will keep you updated to how it is going.

Sporting News

On Friday 26th September, 18 children from Years 3,4 and 5 attended an event at Newman University run by TNG Coaching which runs football training at Newman University.

It was a well run event where the children played football and dodgeball against other school. The children had a wonderful morning of sport and gave 100% effort and commitment. Well done children.

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.



Dinner Menu

Week Beginning 13th October 2025- Week 1 Menu

WEEK ONE


Main Meal


Vegetarian Meal


Jackets or Pasta


Sweet choices

MONDAY

AROUND THE World
Beef Burger in a Bun
with Potato Wedges and Green Salad or Peas

TUESDAY

Italian
Lasagne
with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Side Salad

WEDNESDAY

Roasts
Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy
with Roast Potatoes and Carrots or Broccoli

THURSDAY

AROUND THE World
Chicken Wrap
with Wholegrain Rice and Rainbow Slaw

FRIDAY

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.

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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



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: Online Safety at Home

Internet Safety Tips for Kids



This week, we're focusing on **keeping children safe online**. With many children using tablets, phones, and computers for games, videos, and learning, it's important that parents feel confident about how to support safe and responsible use.

Here are three simple tips:

Set clear boundaries – Agree on screen time limits and which apps or websites are allowed.

Talk regularly – Ask your child what they're doing online and who they're talking to.

Use parental controls – These can help block inappropriate content and manage access.

For more support, visit [Internet Matters](#), a great resource for families.

Spotlight on SEND: Understanding Sensory Needs



This week, we're highlighting **sensory processing differences**—how some children may experience sights, sounds, textures, or movement more intensely or less than others. These differences can affect how children learn, play, and interact with others. Here's how you can support your child at home:

Create a **calm space** where they can go to regulate their emotions.

Offer **sensory-friendly activities** like playdough, water play, or quiet reading. Be mindful of **noise levels, lighting, and clothing textures** that may cause discomfort. If you'd like to learn more, speak to our SENDCo or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/localoffer for resources and support.

SENCO: Miss Luff

Available: Monday to Friday

Contact:

By phone: 01214646921

By email: senco@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk

Spotlight on

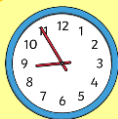
If there are any topics you would like covered in the '**Spotlight on**' series please do not hesitate to contact us on 4646921 or at enquiry@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk

Pathfinders:

Birmingham Pathfinders help families through tough times. They support with: mental health, family issues and finding the right help

If you need support, please contact Mrs Kenny on:
email: pathfinder@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk
phone number: 07506954616





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.

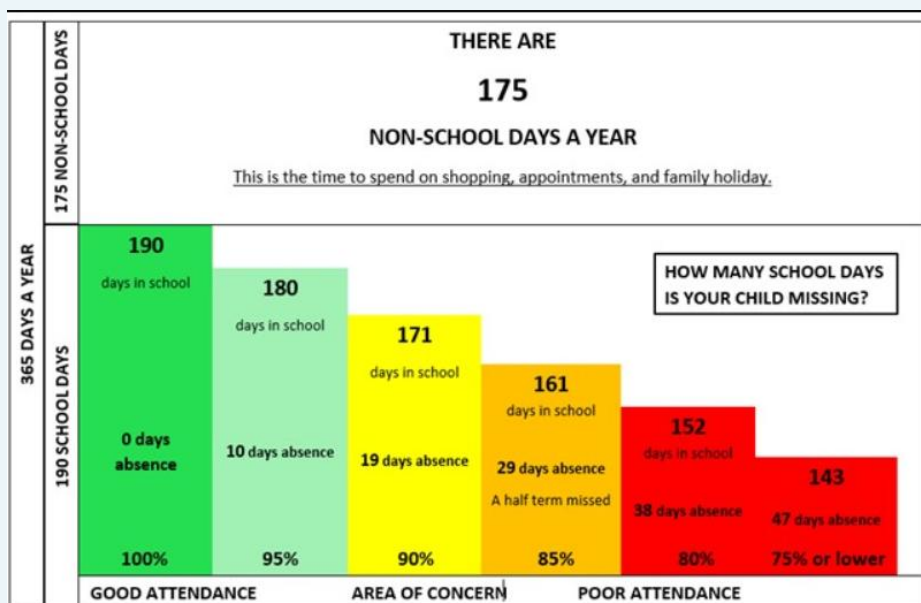
We would like to re-emphasise that the start time of school is **8.55am**, however, we would encourage our families to take advantage of the earlier start as the children enjoy the calm 'soft' start to the day.

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

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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Autumn Term

Date	Overview	Information
October		
16.10.25	Flu Immunisations	Ensure you have completed the link
21.10.25	Y3 Diwali Assembly	9am- school hall: Parents Welcome
23.10.25	Autumn Term Parents' Evening	2pm-6pm – form to follow to sign up to a time
23.10.25	Break up for half term	Normal 3.30pm finish
24.10.25	INSET DAY	No children in school
November		
03.11.25	Children return to school	Gates open at 8.45am
04.11.25	School Photographs	Whole School
06.11.25	Y6 SATs Inspire Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
07.11.25	Own clothes day	£1 per child- money for PTA
10.11.25-14.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week	More info to follow
17.11.25-23.11.25	Road Safety Week	PSHE work in school this week
27.11.25	Y1 Phonics Parent Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
28.11.25	St Andrew's Day	All children in St Andrew's house are able to wear something blue with school uniform
30.11.25	First Sunday of Advent	
December		
01.12.25	Advent	Wear something purple with your uniform today
04.12.25	Y6 Advent Parent Prayer Service	9.00-9.15am – school hall: Parents invited
09.12.25	Y2 Advent Parent Prayer Service	9.00-9.15am – school hall: Parents invited
10.12.25	Christmas Film	3.00pm-5.00pm details to follow £3.00 per child
11.12.25	Y5 Advent Parent Prayer Service	9-9.15am – school hall: Parents invited
15.12.25	Reception, Y1, Y2 Nativity Production	2.30pm-3.30pm – school hall: Tickets on sale Dec 1 st £1 per adult, children free
16.12.25	Reception, Y1, Y2 Nativity Production	9.15am-10.15am – school hall: Tickets on sale Dec 1 st £1 per adult, children free
16.12.25	Santa visits school	More details to follow £3.00 per child with gift
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner Day AND Christmas Jumper Day	Replace school jumper for a Christmas jumper. Please ask- we have a few in school
18.12.25	Christmas Party Day+ PTFA Disco	Own clothes – disco at school- no charge
19.12.25	Y3 and Y4 Carol Service	1pm-2pm – St Peter's Church
19.12.25	Break up for Christmas	2pm finish

Black History Month Homework Grid October 2025

English

Create a fact poster about a Black historical or modern-day figure (e.g. Rosa Parks, Marcus Rashford, Floella Benjamin)

Present this in any way you like ...
fact file/ PowerPoint/ poster/ biography

Maths

Create a tally chart or bar graph showing your family's favourite Black musicians, athletes, or authors.

Who is the most popular?
Who is the least popular?

Science

Research a Black scientist or inventor (e.g. George Washington Carver, Maggie Aderin-Pocock).

Draw or write about their invention or discovery.

Art

Create a piece of artwork inspired by African patterns, Caribbean colours, or the work of Black artists like Alma Thomas or Chris Ofili. You could use paint, collage, or digital tools.

Geography

Choose a country with a rich Black heritage (e.g. Nigeria, Jamaica, Ghana). Create a poster all about the country. You could include, the flag, landmarks, food and culture.

History

Choose an influential person who has made a difference in the world.
Share all the information about them in anyway you want!

PRE

Think about the value of Respect.
Write or draw about how we can show respect to people from all backgrounds and cultures. What does respect look like in your home or school?

DI

Cook or help prepare a dish from a Black culture (e.g. jollof rice, plantain, Caribbean patties). Take photos or write about the ingredients and steps.

Reading

Read a book by a Black author or featuring Black characters (e.g. Look Up! by Nathan Bryon, Coming to England by Floella Benjamin). Draw or write about your favourite part.

Writing

Imagine you are a child living in a different time or place (e.g. Windrush era, modern-day Kenya). Write a diary entry or short story about your day.

Keep your wonderful work coming in!

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

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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 weekend