



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

LOVED BY JESUS, WE LOVE, WE LEARN, WE LIVE AND GROW TOGETHER FOR HIM

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Newsletter 4



Autumn term



3rd October 2025

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete Week 5 of the autumn term, I continue to be inspired by the children's energy, kindness, and growing sense of community. It's been a joy to see them engaging so thoughtfully with our collective worship and classroom learning.

This week, our focus in assembly has been on the parable of the **Rich Man and the Poor Man** (Luke 16:19–31). Through this Gospel story, the children have been exploring what it means to be truly rich—not in money or possessions, but in **faith, kindness, and generosity**. They've reflected on the unique gifts God has given each of them, and how they can use those gifts to help others and live life to the full.

It's a powerful reminder for us all that our greatest treasures are not things we can buy, but the love we share, the compassion we show, and the faith we live out each day.

Thank you for your continued support and for all you do to nurture these values at home. Together, we are helping our children grow into the people God created them to be.

God Bless
Mrs Mellor

Uniform Reminder

We pride ourselves on our reputation and one of the contributing factors to this our uniform. We are respectfully reminding families about our expectations:

- Plain stud earrings- no large or fashion earrings- children will be asked to remove these
- Long hair must be tied back at all times
- Ties must be worn with shirts
- Appropriate shoes, not trainers unless PE day

May we also remind children that the weather is getting colder and **all children** must have a coat in school everyday.

Thank you for your continued support

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 Gospel Jesus is asked to "Increase our faith!" by the apostles. Jesus responds that even faith as small as a mustard seed can do great things. He then shares a parable about a servant who does what is expected without seeking praise, reminding us that discipleship is about humble service.

What This Means for Us

This Gospel reminds us that even a small amount of faith can make a big difference. It also teaches us that serving others quietly and kindly is part of our calling.

At school, we grow in faith through small acts of kindness, trust in God, and helping others — not for praise, but because it's the right thing to do.



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

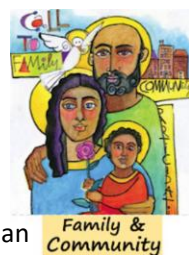


Eloquent Eloquence is expressing ideas clearly and kindly. It's choosing words with care and conviction, and using creative gifts—like art or music—to communicate in ways that are truthful, memorable, and compassionate.

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

Good Work Awards
Congratulations to the following children who have accomplished great work this week

Special Mention Awards
Congratulations to the following children who have demonstrated our values and virtues this week

YR		YR	
Y1	<i>Frankie</i>	Y1	<i>Phoebe</i>
Y2	<i>Shayne</i>	Y2	<i>Joya</i>
Y3	<i>Jasper-Brave</i>	Y3	<i>Ashton</i>
Y4	<i>Romie</i>	Y4	<i>Michelle</i>
Y5		Y5	
Y6		Y6	

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	96.8% 

Parents Evening



Parents Evening this half term will be held on

Wednesday 22nd October from 2pm- 6pm

Please click on the link below to sign up for an appointment time

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

Appointments are in person in the school hall and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and

Appeal: Dressing Up clothes

To spark imagination and creativity during our dinner time play sessions, we're appealing for donations. This week, we're especially looking for **dressing up clothes and costumes** — anything that could help children step into a world of make-believe!

👗🎩🎭 Do you have any outfits, hats, accessories or costumes at home that could inspire a little imagination?

Please drop them off at the school office — your generosity helps bring joy and wonder to our children's play. Thank you!

Reception Open days

Do you, or someone you know have a child due to start Reception in September 2026?

We are delighted to be holding our open sessions on the following dates.

Thursday 20th November 2025 at 9.30am

Wednesday 26th November at 5.00pm

There will be a short talk from the principal and an opportunity to meet staff and take a tour of the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

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.

By accepting a place at St Peter's, families have already shown their commitment to working with us in nurturing both learning and faith. Our **Home-School Agreement** simply sets out how we can continue that journey together—supporting your child's education and growth in line with our Mission Statement.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to read and sign the agreement using the link below. It's a small but meaningful way to strengthen our shared commitment to your child's wellbeing and development.

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

Secondary School Applications- Year 6

This is a reminder to all Year 6 parents that applications for secondary school are now open. Apply for your child's secondary school via the Birmingham City Council website [Admissions](#) It is very important that you follow the instructions very carefully. If you require any help with your application, please speak with Mrs Burnett.

THE DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS IS 31ST OCTOBER!

Please ask if you need any support with making an applications

SVP: Food Parcel Support Appeal

We are blessed to be supported by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) they deliver food parcels to us, to support our community right hear in BARTLEY Green. I am sharing their appeal for the following.

We are truly grateful to all our parishioners who regularly donate non-perishable food items to our food bank. AT PRESENT OUR FOOD STOCKS ARE LOW; we rely totally on your generous food donations to keep this much needed service active, so we ask you to consider helping us. Please consider donating A COUPLE OF ITEMS EACH WEEK to help keep the food bank well stocked.

We have placed a box in the entrance foyer for collection, or send it with your child. We really appreciate you support

BAKED BEANS,	TINNED VEG	TEA	TOILETRIES
TINNED TOMATOES	TINNED FRUIT	COFFEE	TOILET ROLLS
TINNED/DRIED SOUPS	TINNED RICE PUDDING	HOT CHOCOLATE	TINNED TUNA
LONG LIFE MILK	BISCUITS,	PASTA	Any other non-perishable items
COOKING SAUCES	CEREALS	RICE	

Easy Fundraiser



Please, please, please, do sign up to this very worthy course!

We're proud to partner with Easyfundraising—every time you shop online, you can raise free funds for our school. It's quick and easy to sign up and every penny goes towards enriching the children's experience.

How Easyfundraising Works

There are over 8,000+ partner retailers—like Tesco, Argos, Just Eat, or Booking.com—they donate a small percentage of your purchase to our school, at no extra cost to you.

- ✓ You shop as normal
- ✓ Retailers donate to our school
- ✓ We use the funds to benefit the children

It's completely free and takes just minutes to sign up. Once you're registered, just start your shopping through Easyfundraising and watch the donations roll in!

Our balance stands at £854.27- Let's keep going. [St Peter's Easyfundraising](#)

Dinner Menu

Week Beginning 6th October 2025- Week 3 Menu



WEEK THREE



Main Meal



Vegetarian Meal



Jackets or Pasta



Sweet choices

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 All Day Breakfast with Hash Browns and Baked Beans	 Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn and Peppers or Carrots	 Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage or Courgettes	 Honey Chicken Stir Fry with Rice and Leeks or Broccoli	 Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Veggie All Day Breakfast with Hash Browns and Baked Beans	Wholemeal Pasta Vegetable Bake with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn and Peppers or Carrots	Cheese & Potato Pie with Cabbage & Courgettes	Veggie Chow Mein with Leeks or Broccoli	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	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Shortbread	Carrot Cake	Rainbow Cookies

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: Hazards in the Home

🏠 Keeping Children Safe at Home: A Guide for Parents

Home should be the safest place for children—but accidents can happen in seconds. Every year, thousands of children are admitted to hospital due to preventable injuries in the home. Here's how you can help keep your child safe:

💧 Preventing Burns and Scalds

Keep hot drinks out of reach—most burns in under-5s are caused by tea or coffee.

Turn pan handles inward when cooking.

Test bath water temperature before placing your child in.

[RoSPA Burn Safety Tips](#)

🪵 Avoiding Falls

Use stair gates until your child is at least 2 years old.

Keep stairs clear of clutter.

Secure furniture to walls to prevent tip-overs.

[NHS Fall Prevention Advice](#)

[RoSPA Fall Safety Guide](#)

⚠️ Preventing Choking and Suffocation

Cut food like grapes and cherry tomatoes lengthways.

Keep small objects (coins, batteries, toy parts) out of reach.

Avoid pillows and duvets for babies under 1 year.

[NHS Baby and Toddler Safety](#)

☒ Poisoning Prevention

Store cleaning products, medicines, and laundry capsules in locked cupboards.

Use child-resistant caps and keep products in original containers.

[CAPT Poisoning Fact Sheet](#)

☒ Window and Blind Cord Safety

Fit window locks or restrictors.

Tie blind cords out of reach to prevent strangulation.

[RoSPA Home Safety Hub](#)

📄 Downloadable Parent Resources

[Child Safety Parents' Pack \(CAPT\)](#)

[RoSPA Virtual Safety Kitchen](#)

[The Good Egg Guide to Home Safety \(PDF\)](#)

Spotlight on SEND: SEND Support Services

SEND support and services

The Birmingham Local offer has help, advice and support groups for young people living with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. From local government help and educational support to local charities and organisations with social and creative outlets. Visit the dedicated [SEND support and services page](#) for further information on local SEND services.

All Saints Youth Project

All Saints Youth Project is more than just a Youth Club, with support when you need it for young people and their families. For more details, visit the [All Saints Youth Project website](#).

Open Theatre

Open Theatre is a theatre group for young people with learning disabilities. Discover how to get involved on the [Open Theatre website](#).

Square Peg Activities Ltd

Square Peg Activities run free activities and workshops for children and adults with special needs and their families. For more information, visit the [Square Peg Activities website](#).

Kids

Kids is a charity for disabled children, young people and their families. They give practical, life-changing and creative support, empowering disabled children and young people to amplify their voices and champion their rights. Find out more on the [KIDS website](#).

SENCO: Miss Luff

Available: Monday to Friday

Contact:

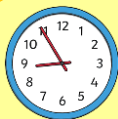
By phone: 01214646921

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

Pathfinders:

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.

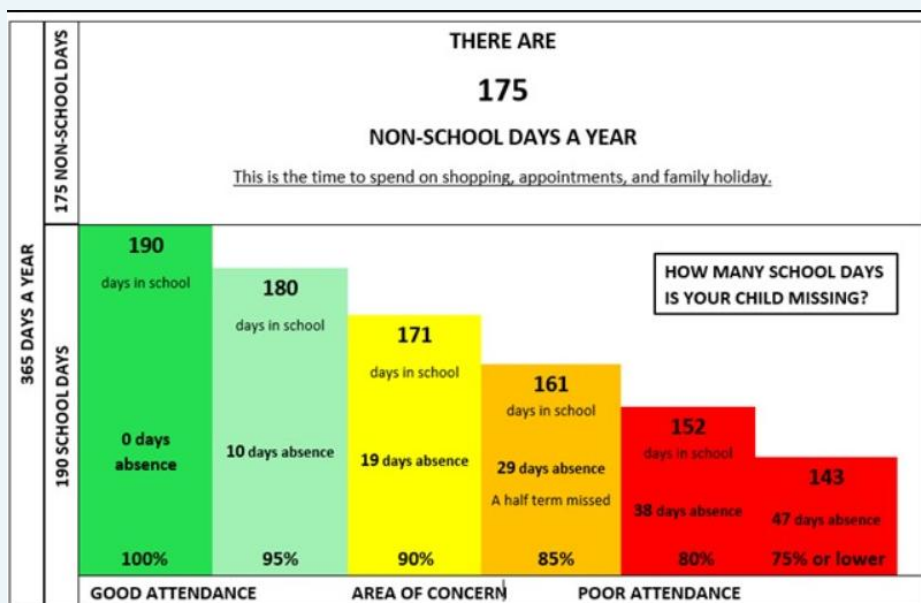
We would like to re-emphasise that the start time of school is **8.55am**, however, we would encourage our families to take advantage of the earlier start as the children enjoy the calm 'soft' start to the day.

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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Date	Overview	Information
October		
October	Black History Month	<i>Look out for more information!</i>
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day	
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
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
05.12.25	Christmas Fayre Afternoon	2.30-5.00pm – school hall: Sign up for a slot
09.12.25	Y2 Advent Parent Prayer Service	9.00-9.15am – school hall: Parents invited
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 £1per adult, children free
16.12.25	Reception, Y1, Y2 Nativity Production	9.15am-10.15am – school hall: Tickets on sale Dec 1 st £1per adult, children free
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	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.

Don't forget to share your work with us!

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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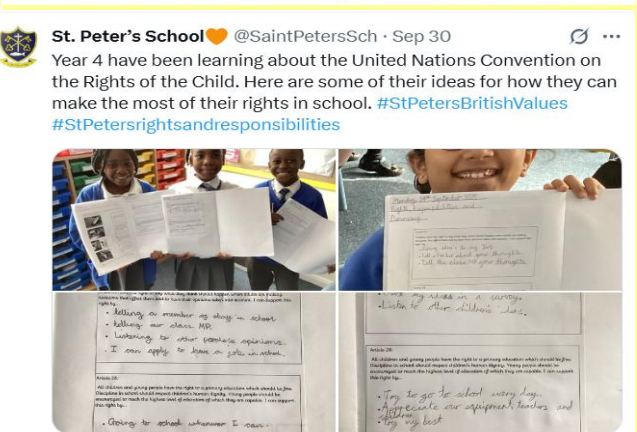
If you have any concerns about a child our
safeguarding team are always here to help. You can
contact them during school hours on
0121 464 6921 or enquiry@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk.

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