



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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Newsletter 3



Autumn term



26th September 2025

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Four weeks in and we are truly in full swing! We believe a successful school is about much more than just good results – it's about creating a happy, safe, and inspiring place where every child is known and loved, and can thrive. What makes us truly successful is the way we all work together: staff, children, and families, supporting one another every step of the way. The children have settled well and demonstrating living their full St. Peter's values. We're proud of how our children always try their best, look out for each other, and show respect and kindness.

Our teachers and support staff work hard to make learning exciting and challenging, helping every child discover their strengths and develop new skills. We're always looking for ways to improve, whether that's through new activities, fresh ideas in the classroom, or extra support when someone needs it.

But what really makes the difference is the support we get from you, our parents and carers. When you encourage your child to talk about their day, read together at home, or help them practise their times tables, you're building those important learning habits that help them succeed. Your involvement in school life – whether it's coming to parents' evenings, helping out on trips, or cheering on at sports day – shows our children that we're all part of the same team.

There are lots of simple ways you can keep supporting your child's learning and our school community. Asking about what they learned each day, helping them get organised for the school week, and making sure they get plenty of rest really helps them do their best. We also love it when parents share their skills, ideas, or even just a few spare minutes to help out around school – it all makes a difference! And don't forget – a smile and a sense of humour go a long way, especially when it comes to missing PE kits or when things don't go exactly to plan—we are human!

Thank you for everything you do to make St Peter's Catholic Primary school the fantastic place it is. By working together, we can make sure every child has the best possible start and a school they're proud to be part of. Have a great weekend!

God Bless
Mrs Mellor

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

Thank you, thank you thank you, with your wonderful support we have raised over **£300** for Macmillan at today's coffee and cake afternoon

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Popes Intentions for September

This month, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray "for our relationship with all of creation." Inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi, he invites us to experience our interdependence with all creatures loved by God and worthy of respect and love.

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

Season of Creation

In this season of creation (1st September – 4th October) we reflect on the beauty of the Earth and our shared duty to care for it. Rooted in our Catholic faith and inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*, it's a global call to "hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor." In school, we'll explore stewardship, gratitude, and sustainability—encouraging children to notice nature's wonders and take small steps, like recycling and saving energy, to protect our planet. It's a time to pause, pray, and act with purpose.



Sunday's Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus teaches that even a little faith can do great things. He also reminds us to serve others humbly, not for reward, but because it's the right thing to do.

What it means for us

This Gospel encourages us to trust in God, even when our faith feels small. It also reminds us, as families and a school community, to help and care for others without expecting anything in return—just as Jesus asks us



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

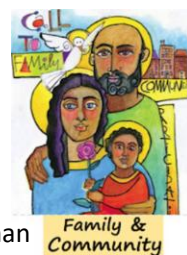


Eloquent Eloquence is expressing ideas clearly and kindly. It's choosing words with care and conviction, and using creative gifts—like art or music—to communicate in ways that are truthful, memorable, and compassionate.

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

YR	
Y1	<i>Nellie</i>
Y2	<i>Gabrielle</i>
Y3	<i>Sarah</i>
Y4	<i>David</i>
Y5	
Y6	

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

YR	
Y1	<i>Miykah</i>
Y2	<i>Jayjay</i>
Y3	<i>Valerie</i>
Y4	<i>Sophia</i>
Y5	
Y6	

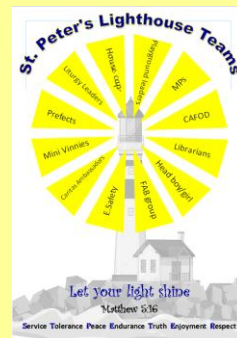
Class Attendance This Week- Well done Year 4 (again!)

Reception	95.35%	Year 4	99.68% 
Year 1	93.97%	Year 5	97.92%
Year 2	99.17%	Year 6	99.17%
Year 3	96.64%	Whole School to date	96.6% 

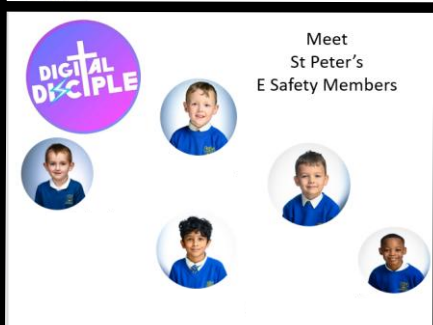


St Peter's Lighthouse groups

Let your Light Shine
Matthew 5:16



Meet St Peter's House Captains



We are proud to introduce this year's Lighthouse Groups! These children have volunteered their time to let their light shine and put their faith into action. As the voices of their classmates, they will play a key role in sharing ideas and helping to make our school an even better place to learn and grow.

After School Clubs

This half term we have the following clubs running. Children must be collected from club promptly at finishing time. Staff give up their own time to go above and beyond for our children, giving up time they could be with their families or preparing lessons etc. We appreciate your support in collecting on time

Monday:	Writing Club	Year 5 and 6	Miss Luff
Wednesday:	Multi Sports	Year 3	PE Provider
Friday:	Art Club	Year 2	Mrs Fouracres



Could you be a governor?

**This Education Sunday –
An Invitation from the Archbishop**

Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.



We urgently need more Governors to help guide our schools and **keep** Christ at the heart of their mission.

If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills, and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children & young people.

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

Black History Month

At St Peter's, we are proud of our many cultures and backgrounds. Black History Month is a chance to shine a spotlight on the achievements and stories in history. It's about building understanding, respect, and unity—values we hold for everyone in our school family. Each class will focus on a significant black figure, learning about their life and achievements."

Reception: Mae Jemison
Year 1: Benjamin Zephaniah
Year 2: Rosa Parks
Year 3: Maya Angelou
Year 4: Katherine Johnson
Year 5: Martin Luther King
Year 6: Marcus Rashford



Spotlight on Safeguarding: Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is more important than ever. The biggest risks right now include:
Inappropriate content: Children can easily come across harmful videos or images.
Stranger contact: Some apps and games allow strangers to message children.
Cyberbullying: Bullying can happen through messages, games, or social media.
Data privacy: Many "free" apps collect children's personal information.

Find support by clicking [here](#)

Please talk regularly with your child about what they do online, use parental controls, and remind them to tell an adult if something worries them.

Spotlight on SEND: Local Offer

The Birmingham Local Offer is a website that brings together information about services and support available for children and young people (aged 0–25) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). It covers education, health, care, activities, and advice for families. If you think your child may have SEND, or you want to know what help is available, the Local Offer is a great place to start. You can find out more by clicking [here](#) a link to Birmingham Local Offer.

Pathfinders: Coffee Morning- All welcome

Birmingham Pathfinders is a collaborative programme that supports children and families facing adversity through a relationship-first, trauma-informed approach. We're excited to invite you to a **Coffee Morning on Friday 3rd October at 9am in school**—everyone is welcome! Come along to learn more about how Birmingham Pathfinders can support you and your family. They offer help with navigating SEND challenges, emotional and mental health needs, family relationships, and accessing wider support services. Whether you're looking for advice, someone to talk to, or practical guidance, this is a great opportunity to connect and find out more.

Should you require any support in the meantime, please contact Mrs Kenny on:

email: pathfinder@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk

phone number: 07506954616



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	



Football Match Report

On Friday 19th September, the football team played their first match of the season against St Michael's School. It was a tough match with a very close score but fortunately we won 4-3. Well done to the players, Leo, Stefan, Irenosen, Jacob, Ollie, Stan, Harley and Thomas.

On Monday 22nd September, the team played their second match against Quinton School. The boys played really well as a team and won 8-1. Well done to the scorers - Stan, Ollie, Harley, Irenosen and Leo.

This is a really good start to the season for the boys with more matches to play over the next half term.

Report by Stefan Year 5

Y2 Harvest Assembly



We warmly invite you to join us for **Year 2's Harvest Assembly on Friday 3rd October at 9.00am in the school hall.**

Harvest is a special celebration of gratitude, community, and the blessings we receive. Harvest is a time to reflect on the abundance in our lives and to remember that all good things come from God.

We look forward to welcoming you as we come together to celebrate this beautiful season and the values it teaches us.

Fairtrade Fortnight: Competition Time!



It's Fairtrade Fortnight! To celebrate, we're running a **colouring competition and a word search competition** for our pupils. At St Peter's we believe in the dignity of work, and this is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about Fairtrade while having fun.

Entries cost just 50p each and all money raised will go directly to support the Fairtrade Foundation. A winner from each competition will be selected and a prize awarded on Friday 3rd October.

Bring in your money from Monday 29th

Dinner Menu

Week Beginning 29th September 2025- Week 2 Menu

WEEK TWO

DINE
Main Meal

DINE
Vegetarian Meal

DINE
Jackets or Pasta

Sweet choices

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Sausages & Onion Gravy with Mash and Peas & Carrots	 Meat Feast Pizza with Rainbow Slaw and Sweetcorn	 Honey Roasted Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Cabbage or Broccoli	 Chicken Tikka Masala with Wholegrain Rice and Roasted Carrots	 Fish Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Veggie Sausages & Onion Gravy with Mash and Peas & Carrots	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Rainbow Slaw and Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese Side Salad or Broccoli	Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice and Roasted Carrots	Vegetable Nuggets 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	Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Crunch	Syrup Sponge & Custard	Orange 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.



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.

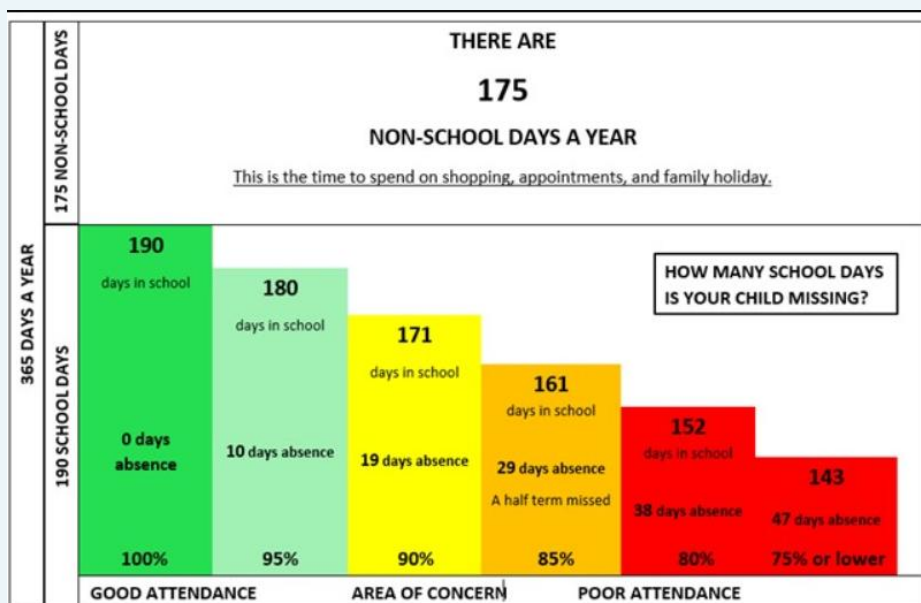
We would like to re-emphasise that the start time of school is **8.55am**, however, we would encourage our families to take advantage of the earlier start as the children enjoy the calm 'soft' start to the day.

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
September		
29.09.25-03.10.25	Y5 and Y6 Swimming	Week 2 – swimming kit needed
29.09.25-03.10.25	Reception Reading Workshops	9-9.30am – sign up to a day
October		
October	Black History Month	<i>Look out for more information!</i>
03.10.25	Y2 Harvest Class Assembly	9am – school hall : Parents invited
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

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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St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 24

Reception have been learning all about primary colours. They have identified them in the classroom and talked about what makes them a primary colour. #StPetersArt



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 22

The children in Year 1 have been baking jam tarts in DT! #StPetersDT



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · 14h

Year 2 reflected in their prayer and liturgy service this week about our school virtues, being Eloquent and truthful. They wrote words of kindness to share with others. #StPetersPrayerAndLiturgy



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · 15h

Year 3 enjoyed today's OpenforCreation - we sang along and thought about nature. #StPetersPrayerAndLiturgy



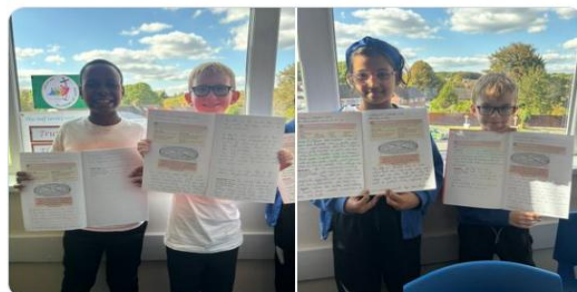
St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 22

In Year 4, we study Judaism. Today we learned about Rosh Hashanah and tasted apples dipped in honey, which symbolises hope for a sweet and fruitful new year. #storetermultifaithweek #stpetersjudaism



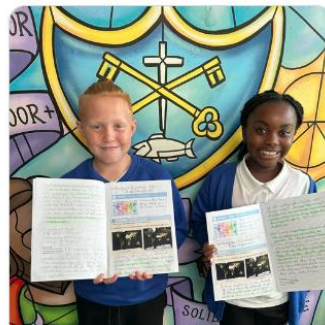
St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 24

In History, Year 5 compared two different sources to investigate how Baghdad was built. They used images and quotes to explore the city's circular design, central mosque and palace, and the importance of its four gates. Great historical thinking! #StPetersHistory



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · 1h

Year 6 have been learning about map projections and how the world that look different depending on the different maps you look that. They have produced some beautiful work! #StPetersGeography



Have a lovely weekend