



# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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Newsletter 1



Autumn term



12th September 2025

## Principal's Welcome

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

**Holy Father, as the school year begins anew,  
we seek Your guidance and wisdom for all pupils, teachers, and families.**

**Grant them strength to learn, courage to face challenges, and peace amidst uncertainty.**

**May this year be filled with knowledge, growth, and Your protective hand over every step they take.  
Amen.**

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to school to all of our children and their families for this academic year. It has been a great start to the new academic year with the children settling into their new classrooms very well. It has been lovely to welcome our new reception children and their families to St Peter's- the children have settled so well during their first weeks.

I am thrilled to begin this new chapter as Principal of St Peter's. It's a privilege to continue serving a community I deeply respect and care for.

My promise is to lead with dedication, transparency, and a shared vision for every child's success. Together, we will build on the strengths of our school and create an environment where every learner thrives.

Please take time to note down key dates for your diary for the Autumn term that are within this newsletter. They are great opportunities to celebrate school life with your children along with getting opportunities through our workshops/ welcome meetings to meet teachers and understand how you can work alongside the school to support your children's learning.

As per our communication before summer regards a change in catering company in school, we are enjoying our new menu at dinner time. Please see our menus within the newsletter; we are impressed by the variety on offer and quality and feedback from children will help us going forward.

We look forward to lots of opportunities and exciting events ahead this year.

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless  
Mrs Mellor



## 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.



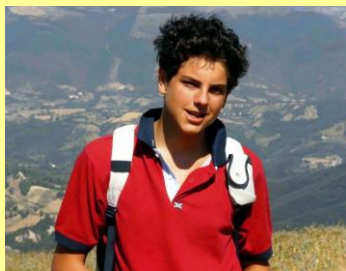
*Wednesday Word Family Time* presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week.

Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. We have structured *The Wednesday Word* around the Sunday Gospel, because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive.

*The Wednesday Word Family Time* leaflet is designed in a family friendly fashion to ensure that all family members feel included. It aims to be informative, enjoyable, and to help families maintain a special closeness throughout the school years.

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

## St Carlo Acutis



Carlo Acutis, born in London in 1991, loved computers, wore trainers, and played video games. This ordinary boy lived with extraordinary faith—and now he's become the first millennial saint. His life reminds us: you can be modern, relatable, and still deeply holy. You can be anything, even a saint.

Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about their class saint

## Mary's Birthday



On Monday we celebrated the birthday of Mary, the mother of Jesus—a moment of joy and gratitude. Her life of faith, love, and obedience reminds us to trust God and say "yes" to His call.

The school have honoured this special day by making birthday cards, holding prayer services and praying at the school Grotto



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

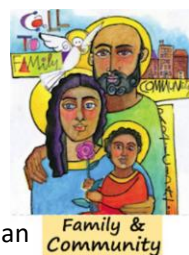


**Eloquent** Eloquence is expressing ideas clearly and kindly. It's choosing words with care and conviction, and using creative gifts—like art or music—to communicate in ways that are truthful, memorable, and compassionate.

**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>Roman</i>        | Y1 | <i>Ruaíri</i>  |
| Y2 | <i>John-Paul</i>    | Y2 | <i>Henry</i>   |
| Y3 | <i>Phoebe-Grace</i> | Y3 | <i>Mason</i>   |
| Y4 | <i>Kaitlyn</i>      | Y4 | <i>Paul</i>    |
| Y5 | <i>Keion</i>        | Y5 | <i>Arianna</i> |
| Y6 | <i>Cameron</i>      | Y6 | <i>Oliver</i>  |

### Class Attendance This Week- Well done Year 2

|           |                                                                                          |              |                                                                                             |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reception | 96.6%                                                                                    | Year 4       | 98.3%                                                                                       |
| Year 1    | 96.6%                                                                                    | Year 5       | 96.7%                                                                                       |
| Year 2    | 100%  | Year 6       | 96.7%                                                                                       |
| Year 3    | 96.6%                                                                                    | Whole School | 97.3%  |

## 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

|                   |                     |                     |                      |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>Writing Club</b> | <b>Year 5 and 6</b> | <b>Miss Luff</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>Multi Sports</b> | <b>Year 3</b>       | <b>PE Provider</b>   |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>Art Club</b>     | <b>Year 2</b>       | <b>Mrs Fouracres</b> |



## Education Sunday Mass

8.45am St Peter's Church, Adams Hill



Come join us in celebrating Education Sunday with a special Mass for our whole school community.

We extend a heartfelt welcome to our new Reception families as they begin their journey with us.

This Mass also marks the beginning of preparation for our Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 children who will be receiving their sacraments this year.

Let us gather in faith, hope, and unity as we support them on this sacred path.

All are welcome—let's celebrate together as one St Peter's family.



## STACS Open Evening

The Open Evening for St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is being held on Thursday 18th September 2025 between 6pm – 8.30pm. There will be an opportunity to hear from the Principal, meet key staff, visit different subject areas and enjoy lots of demonstrations. You will also be able to see the brand new Science labs and hear about the A level results this summer which were truly outstanding!

Tickets are now available to book at [www.stacs.org](http://www.stacs.org) - don't miss out!

## Y6 Notices

- We would like to remind you that Secondary Schools are holding their open sessions this term for Year 7 admissions September 2025. Online applications are now open and choices for secondary schools should be submitted by 31st October 2025 at the latest via [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions).
- Advance notice that SATs week for Y6 will be week commencing **Monday 11th May 2026** this academic year.
- If you want your child to walk to the top of the drive or home on their own, then school requires this in writing or sent via email to [enquiry@sjo-lumenchristi.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@sjo-lumenchristi.org.uk) so we can add this to our records.
- Phones & Electronic Devices - If your child is walking to and from school alone and you feel they require a mobile phone, please be aware of the procedures we have in place with regards to mobile phones brought into school;

1. School accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to phone
2. Phones must be switched off before they enter the school playground
3. Phones must be handed in to an adult in the cloakroom, not taken to class or left in bags
4. Police advise that high value phones can make a child more vulnerable on their walk home from school and the child should keep that phone hidden, to only be used in an emergency

## Y6 Walking Home Alone

If you wish your 6 child to walk home after school you need to complete the link below. Without confirmation from parents we will not let children walk home alone. This link supersedes any letters that have previously been given.

[Walking Home Alone Consent](#)

## Easy Fundraising

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](#)

## FLU IMMUNISATION

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Monday 6th October

The Immunisation Team will be in school on Wednesday 6th October to administer the vaccination to pupils in all year groups with consent.

Birmingham Community Healthcare Foundation Trust Immunisation Team plans to move forward with electronic consents for all year groups and for all vaccination programmes.

An email with full information will be sent next week. Please complete the online form **even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination.**

Please see below a link that provides a video for you to share with your child about the flu spray:  
[Flu Vaccination Video](#)

## Music Tuition

You will recall that before the holiday that we send information about peripatetic music lessons in school. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 can learn to play an instrument.

If you expressed that your child would like to play an instrument- full payment is now overdue. Lessons will not commence until payment has been made in full.

Thank you for your understanding

Musical Instruments Available to learn

Year 2: Violin, Keyboard

Year 3: Violin, Keyboard

Year 4: Violin, Keyboard, flute

Year 5: Violin, Keyboard, flute

Year 6: Violin, Keyboard, flute



## Information Updates

It is very important that we have the most up to date contact information in case of an emergency. It is best practice to hold at least 3 emergency contacts for pupils. These contacts should be people who can get to the school easily and in a timely manner. The order in which you list emergency contacts will be the order in which they are phoned. If you have changed address, contact details over the summer holiday then please, as a matter of urgency, contact the school office to update them.

## Consent Update

If you haven't already, please can you use the link below to share your preferences for the following

- local offsite visits/experience
- Photo use
- PG Film
- Internet and computer use

if you haven't already, please click below to complete the required information.

All families must complete this form

[Consent Preference Update](#)

## Snacks at break time



The NHS free fruit scheme for KS1 pupils is continuing this academic year. Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils will be offered a piece of fruit morning break.

KS2 pupils have the opportunity to buy snack at morning break or may bring in a piece of fruit / healthy snack (no nut products, biscuits, chocolate or crisps.) The children must use cash to purchase items from the kitchen. There is the option to buy the following: Toast – 35p (this price from 15.09.25) Carton of fruit juice 60p



## No Nuts School

We have pupils in school who have a nut allergy; it is therefore imperative that your child does not bring any nuts or nut based products (including Nutella chocolate spread) into school. Thank you for your co-operation

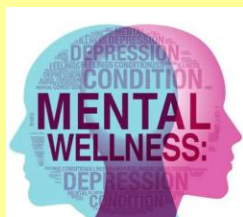
## Birthday Treats



There is **NO** expectation to provide any treats for birthdays, but if you do, they must adhere to the following.

If your child is celebrating their birthday and you would like to send a treat in for them to share with their class (e.g. sweets), please ensure that they are **individually packaged**. We will distribute at the end of the day; **however, we expect parent/carers to decide whether you are happy for your child to eat the treat provided. These treats are not to be eaten in school**

## Mental Health Support



### New 24/7 Mental Health Text Service for Birmingham and Solihull

#### Free, Confidential Support – Anytime, Anywhere

A new mental health text service is now available for people of all ages across Birmingham and Solihull. The service is free, confidential, and available 24/7 – offering support at the touch of a button.

**Text 'Space' to 85258** to connect with a trained mental health professional.

Whether you're feeling anxious, stressed, low, or overwhelmed, help is just a text away. This service is especially helpful for those who may find it difficult to talk on the phone or in person.

Launched in partnership between **Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust** and **Shout**, the UK's first 24/7 text messaging support service, this initiative aims to make mental health support more accessible to everyone.

In addition to immediate support, texters can be signposted to local services such as:

Talking Therapies

Crisis Cafés

NHS 111 Option 2

This new digital service offers a safe space to talk and is a valuable resource for anyone seeking early help or waiting for further support.

# Dinner Menu

Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025- Week 3 Menu

## DINE WITH MIQUILL

WEEK THREE

**DINE**  
Main Meal

**DINE**  
Vegetarian Meal

**DINE**  
Jackets or Pasta

**Dessert**  
STOP  
Sweet choices

### MONDAY

**Comfort**  
FOOD

**All Day Breakfast**  
with Hash Browns and Baked Beans

**Veggie All Day Breakfast**  
with Hash Browns and Baked Beans

Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.

**Ice Cream**

### TUESDAY

**Italian**

**Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta**  
Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn and Peppers or Carrots

**Wholemeal Pasta Vegetable Bake**  
with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn and Peppers or Carrots

Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily

**Vanilla Iced Sponge**

### WEDNESDAY

**Roasts**

**Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy**  
with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage or Courgettes

**Cheese & Potato Pie**  
with Cabbage & Courgettes

Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily

**Shortbread**

### THURSDAY

**AROUND THE World**

**Honey Chicken Stir Fry**  
with Rice and Leeks or Broccoli

**Veggie Chow Mein**  
with Leeks or Broccoli

Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily

**Carrot Cake**

### FRIDAY

**Fish & Chips**

**Fish Fingers**  
with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans

**Vegetable Fingers**  
with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans

Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily

**Rainbow Cookies**

Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available

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

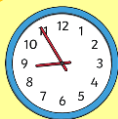
Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

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.



## 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.

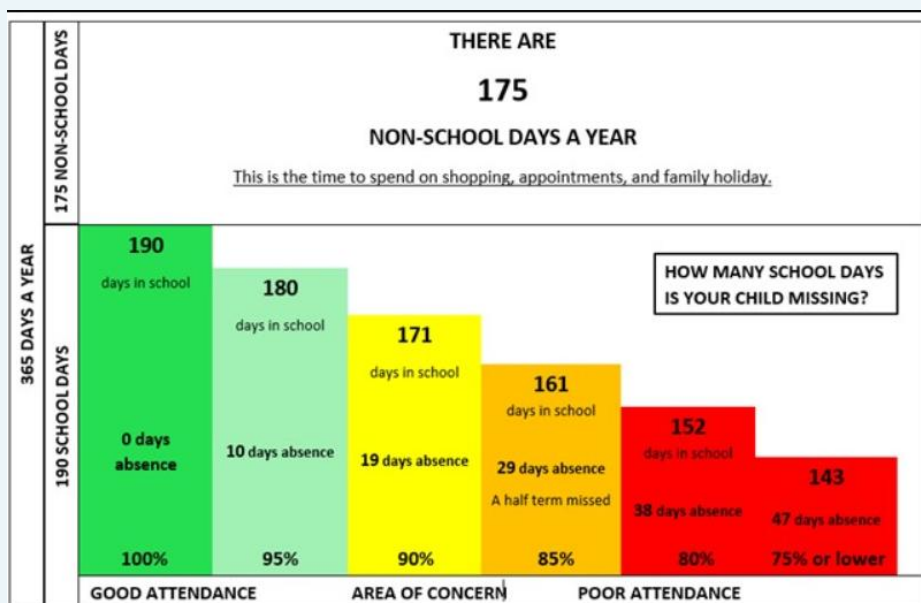
We would like to re-emphasise that the start time of school is **8.55am**, however, we would encourage our families to take advantage of the earlier start as the children enjoy the calm 'soft' start to the day.

**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 |

## PARKING

Please be mindful of parking on Adams Hill and Romsley Road. I understand that the roads are busy and parking is limited but please have respect for our neighbours, park legally and think of our children's safety.

### What can you do to help keep everyone safe?

Please don't:

- Block the road – emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- Leave your vehicle with the engine still running



## UNIFORM

The children look so smart on their return to school. May I remind you of the following, children may wear summer uniform until October half term, as well as winter uniform.

- School trousers must be tailored, not legging type/flare style.
- Earrings- one pair of small studs only, no hoops or fashion earrings
- Long hair must be tied back
- No unnatural colours in hair
- No painted or false nails
- Patterns must now be left to grow out and not cut into hair in term time



Please do speak to us if you need support with uniform items

We thank you for your support in upholding the school uniform policy

PLEASE LABEL ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM

## PE UNIFORM

PE On PE days, children can wear their PE kit to school  
Their PE kit must be as follows, as outlined in the school policy

- White t-shirt with or without the school crest
- Black shorts- not cycling or Blue or black joggers
- Trainers, plain white or black- no laces if children are unable to tie them independently



## PE DAYS

Reception: Wednesday

Year 1: Wednesday

Year 2: Monday

Year 3: Wednesday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday

Year 6: Monday

## 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 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|

| Date              | Overview                                      | Information                                                                                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>September</b>  |                                               |                                                                                              |
| 14.09.25          | School/parish family mass                     | 8.45am St Peter's church, Adams Hill: All welcome                                            |
| 15.09.25          | Y2 Meet the Teacher                           | 3.40pm – Y2 classroom: Parents invited                                                       |
| 16.09.25          | Y1 Meet the Teacher                           | 3.40pm – Y1 classroom: Parents invited                                                       |
| 22.09.25-03.10.25 | Y5 and Y6 Swimming                            | Every day for 2 weeks – swimming kit needed                                                  |
| 26.09.25          | MacMillan Coffee Afternoon                    | 3pm-4.00pm – school hall: All welcome                                                        |
| 29.09.25-03.10.25 | Reception Reading Workshops                   | 9-9.30am – sign up to a day                                                                  |
| <b>October</b>    |                                               |                                                                                              |
| 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                                                                        |
| <b>November</b>   |                                               |                                                                                              |
| 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                        |                                                                                              |
| <b>December</b>   |                                               |                                                                                              |
| 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 <sup>st</sup> £1per adult, children free  |
| 16.12.25          | Reception, Y1, Y2 Nativity Production         | 9.15am-10.15am – school hall: Tickets on sale Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> £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                                                                                   |

# The Week in Pictures



Have a lovely weekend