ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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

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CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY

Service Truth Peace Endurance Tolerance Enjoyment Respect

Newsletter: 7 | Friday 16th October 2026 | Autumn Term

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY ROUND-UP



This week has been an incredibly sad one for the St Peter's family following the death of Mrs McAleenan.
We would like to thank everyone for the many messages, cards, prayers and kind words received this week. The love, care and support shown by our parents, parishioners and wider community have been a true testament to the values that Mrs McAleenan held so dearly. She believed wholeheartedly that St Peter's should be a place where we work together, support one another and live out our faith through our actions. The way our community has come together this week reflects exactly the kind of school family she helped to build.
Mrs McAleenan was loved by all and will be greatly missed. She lived her faith each day through her kindness, compassion and unwavering care for others. Her legacy will continue to live on in the relationships we build, the values we uphold and the love we show to one another as a school community.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



Parents Evening

Parents' Evening appointment times have now been sent home. Please check your child's bag and return any forms as requested.
Attendance at Parents' Evening is extremely important as it provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and work together to support their learning and wellbeing. If you are unable to attend your allocated appointment, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be considered.

Attendance Challenge

A huge thank you to all our families who continue to rise to the attendance challenge. Your commitment to ensuring your child is in school every day demonstrates how much you value education and the strong partnership we share in supporting every child's success.
Congratulations to Years 4 and 5, who achieved the best attendance this week and enjoyed some extra Golden Time today as a reward. The competition is on again next week, so which class will take the crown next time? Don't forget that children with excellent attendance through the month of October are entered into our £10 attendance draw.
Good luck to everyone!



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Forest School



Mrs Nolan has spent this week taking part in Forest School training and has had a wonderful experience developing her skills and knowledge of outdoor learning. Throughout the training, she explored ways to connect children with nature, encourage curiosity, build resilience and promote wellbeing through hands-on experiences in the natural environment. We are excited about the opportunities this will bring for our pupils and look forward to Mrs Nlan sharing her learning across the school. Her new expertise will help us create engaging outdoor experiences that inspire children to explore, take risks safely, work together and develop a deeper appreciation of the world around them.

Kick rounders Tournament



On Wednesday, a team of Year 4 boys proudly represented St Peter's in a Kick Rounders tournament against St Michael's School. The boys showed excellent teamwork, determination and enthusiasm throughout the competition and were a credit to the school. We are delighted to share that they were crowned tournament winners! As well as playing skilfully, the children demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, respect and encouragement towards others. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they represented our school values both on and off the field. Well done to all the boys who took part in a fantastic afternoon of sport!

Year 3 Inspire Workshop



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 3 Core Skills Workshop this week. It was a fantastic opportunity for families to work alongside their children, gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum and see first-hand how learning takes place in the classroom. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work and showcasing the skills they have been developing. Strong partnerships between home and school play an important role in supporting children's success, and we are grateful for the wonderful support shown by our Year 3 families.

Black History Month



October marks Black History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions and experiences of Black people throughout history and in the modern world. Throughout the month, our children will learn about inspirational Black individuals who have helped shape society through their courage, creativity, leadership and perseverance. These learning opportunities will encourage pupils to deepen their understanding of diversity, equality and respect, while recognising the importance of treating everyone with dignity and kindness.

As part of our celebrations, we have also attached a Black History Month activity grid for families to enjoy together at home. The activities provide wonderful opportunities to learn, discuss and celebrate as a family, helping children to explore different cultures, traditions and significant historical figures. We hope these shared experiences will inspire meaningful conversations and strengthen our commitment to creating an inclusive community where everyone feels valued and respected.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ENGLISH
- Create an acrostic poem using the word INSPIRE or EQUALITY.
- Read a biography of a famous Black individual and write 5 interesting facts.

MATHS
- Collect and present data about favourite Black athletes, musicians or author

SCIENCE
- Create an invention inspired by an inventor you have researched.
- Make a poster explaining a scientific discovery made by a Black scientist.

RE
- Create a prayer celebrating unity and respect.

CHALLENGE:
Visit a library and borrow a book by a Black author.







HISTORY
- Create a timeline of the life of a significant Black historical figure.
- Research a Black Briton who changed history and create a fact file.

GEOGRAPHY
- Research a country in Africa or th Caribbean and create a mini trave guide.

ART
- Design a Black History Month poster.
- Produce a piece of artwork celebrating diversity and inclusion.

MUSIC
- Learn a song by a Black artist and explain its message.
- Create your own rhythm inspired by African or Caribbean music.

CHALLENGE:
Attend a local cultral event/museum

HOMEWORK GRID OCTOBER 2026

Family Hub Drop In

We are pleased to introduce our new Family Hub Drop-In Surgery Offer, designed to provide accessible advice, guidance, support and signposting for families, carers, children, young people, and professionals across the city. The drop-in surgeries provide a welcoming and confidential space where individuals can discuss concerns, seek information, explore available services, and receive support with Early Help processes.

When?
Every Wednesday
12:00pm to 4:00pm
Appointments available and walk-ins welcome (subject to capacity)

What support is available?
Information, advice and guidance
Signposting to local and specialist services
Parenting support
Child development advice
SEND information
Emotional wellbeing support
Housing and financial signposting
Community resources and local learning opportunities
Support with Early Help referrals and processes

Who can attend?
Families and carers
Children and young people – with parents/appropriate adult
Professionals from partner agencies seeking advice or support for families they work with

Location?
Family Hub venues across the city.
The service is delivered by Early Help Coordinators who can provide advice, guidance, signposting, and support to help families access the right support at the right time.

To book an appointment or find out more, please contact your local Early Help Coordinator or our shared mailbox:
EarlyHelpCoordinators@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

Catholic Life

October is dedicated to...

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, inviting us to deepen our relationship with Jesus through the example and prayers of Mary. Throughout the month, we will take time to reflect, pray together and ask Our Lady to guide and protect our school community.



Catholic Social Teaching: Family and Community

This half term, we are exploring the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Family and Community. We learn that everyone belongs and has a role to play in God's family, building a caring, respectful and inclusive school community where all can flourish.

Jesuit Virtues:



Grateful

This half term, we are learning to be grateful by recognising God's gifts and thanking those who help us each day.

Generous

This half term, we are learning to be grateful by recognising God's gifts and thanking those who help us each day.

Loving God,
We pray for Pope Leo as he faces illness. Grant him strength, comfort and healing in body, mind and spirit. Surround him with your peace and love, and bless those who care for him. May Mary, our Mother, watch over him and keep him close to you. Amen.



This Sunday's Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that while we have responsibilities in the world, our first loyalty is always to God. Jesus teaches us to live with integrity, giving to others what is due while offering our hearts, talents and lives to God. May we reflect His love in all that we do.



THE Wednesday WORD



Good News for Families

The Wednesday Word is a way for families to share the Sunday Gospel together, helping children and adults grow in faith through prayer, reflection and discussion at home. click below to explore more

Wednesday Word

Key Information



Reception Applications for September 2027

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2027 are now open.
Parents and carers should visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to submit their online application between 1 October 2026 and 15 January 2027, which is the final closing date.
If you require any assistance with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Year 6 Secondary Transition Applications

If you have not yet applied for your child's secondary school place, please remember to do so as soon as possible. If you need any help completing your application, please contact the school office and we will be happy to support you. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2026.

Please be aware that late applications are not considered until all on-time applications have been processed and places allocated. This means that families who apply after the deadline are much less likely to secure a place at one of their preferred schools.

click here to apply for a secondary school place

Good attendance builds positive habits for life.

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FOR GOD ALONE

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

WEEK 1

Friday 9th October

CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

WINS EXTRA GOLDEN TIME!



WEEK 2

Friday 16th October

CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

WINS EXTRA PLAYTIME!



WEEK 3

Thursday 22nd October

CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

WINS A SPECIAL ACTIVITY AFTERNOON!



GRAND PRIZE DRAW

100% ATTENDANCE IN OCTOBER?



WIN £10!



All children with 100% attendance throughout October will be entered into the raffle.

★ BE IN IT TO WIN IT! ★

Every Day Matters ★ Every Lesson Counts ★ Excellent Attendance Leads to Excellent Achievement



GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Every school day counts



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

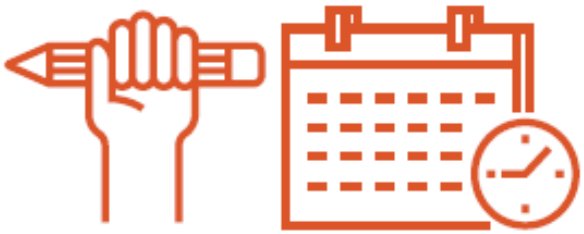
Why is regular school attendance and good punctuality so important for my child?

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Good punctuality is important. For example, if a child arrives 15 minutes late at school each day, they lose almost 2 weeks of education over the year. Good punctuality also helps your child get into good habits for when they enter the world of work.

Lateness can cause your child embarrassment and, in some circumstances, can count as unauthorised absence.



How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child!

You should:

- ensure they have an appropriate bedtime routine
- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and are properly equipped;
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours
- make time to encourage and show interest in school work, friendships etc.
- attend school open evenings and functions
- Create a calm space for them to do homework, check they understand the homework and that it has been completed.
- share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible
- set realistic boundaries

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Holidays/Leave in term time

Holidays in term time are not allowed. Parents/carers must apply for the authorisation of any leave prior to travel or their children could be reported to the council as missing in education.

Leave for other circumstances such as bereavement or family illness abroad may also not be authorised. Informing the school does not mean the leave is agreed. In the event of a genuine family emergency, parents should avoid requesting more than 5 school days absence. Leave due to weddings is unlikely to be authorised.

Two weeks unauthorised holiday/leave means at least 50 lessons missed that will never be repeated.



What does the law say I must do as a parent/carer?

Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. This means your child should not have any unauthorised absence as this would constitute an offence in law.

When attendance doesn't improve after support or, when a minimum of 5 days unauthorised holiday/leave is taken, legal action can be taken.

Courts can fine parents/carers up to £1,000 per child and for repeat offences the court can fine parents/carers up to £2,500 per child or impose a prison sentence of up to 3 months.

In many cases, but not all, parents/carers can discharge an offence by paying a penalty notice of £160 for each parent per child, discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days. For a family of two parents/carers with 3 children that would be at least £480.

Where can I get help and advice?

If you need support in relation to your child's attendance, help is available. Please make an appointment with the school to discuss your concerns.

Most difficulties can be resolved informally, but the staff can also arrange an early help assessment or make a request for support to Birmingham Children's Trust if necessary, with your consent.

School nurses can also be helpful if your child has a medical condition or has a lot of time off due to illness.

Parents/carers are strongly advised to work in partnership with the school to address any difficulties impacting school attendance. For more information about school attendance or if you need help or support, please use these links:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/saap

www.birmingham.gov.uk/love



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Uniform







A reminder that after October half term all children must return to school in full winter uniform. This means that children in Years 3 to 6 must wear a shirt and tie everyday
NB: Children in Reception to Year 2 may continue to wear a polo shirt. If children in these year groups do wear a shirt, then it must be worn with a school tie.
For futher information please see the school website uniform page.
Please click the link- Uniform Information



Lost Property

We have noticed that our collection of lost property is growing quickly! Please ensure that all uniform, coats, water bottles, lunch boxes and other belongings are clearly named so that we can reunite items with their owners. Thank you for helping us keep lost property to a minimum.

Flu Immunisation 2nd Visit

The School Nursing Service visited school on Tuesday to deliver the annual flu immunisations.
If your child missed their vaccination and you would still like them to receive it, please complete the consent form using the link provided by the School Nursing Service. The team will be returning to school on 1st December to provide another opportunity for children to be immunised.
If you require any support accessing the information or completing the consent form, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.



School Photographs Tuesday 3rd November

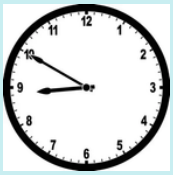
Our annual school photographs will take place onTuesday 3rd November. All children should attend in full school uniform, looking smart and ready for their photograph. PE arrangements will be adjusted for the day, so children should not wear PE kit. Thank you for your support.

Key Information



Attendance

Every day in school counts. Good attendance helps children achieve their best, build friendships and develop confidence. If your child's attendance begins to fall, we will work with you to understand any barriers and provide support. Where concerns remain, we may invite parents and carers to attend attendance meetings so that, together, we can help improve attendance and ensure every child benefits from their education



Punctuality school begins at 8.50am

Please remember that the school bell rings at 8:50am, so children should be in school and ready to start their learning by this time, rather than arriving at the school gate. Arriving a few minutes earlier helps children settle calmly, connect with their friends and begin the day ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectful Parking

Please help us keep our children safe and be considerate of our neighbours by parking responsibly at drop-off and collection times. Do not block driveways, park on pavements or mount grass verges.
The ticket are out and about to ensure respects and safety for all.
If possible, park a little further away and walk to school. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and respectful.

For the safety of your children- parking is not permitted on the yellow zig, zag lines On Adams Hill or Offmoor





Parish

Please click here to be taken to the parish website where you will find a range of helpful information, including the parish newsletter

Mass Times



St Peter's
Saturday 10am Sunday 8.45am



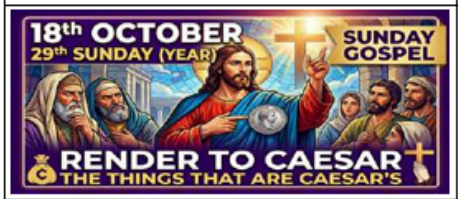
St Rose of Lima
Sunday 11.30am







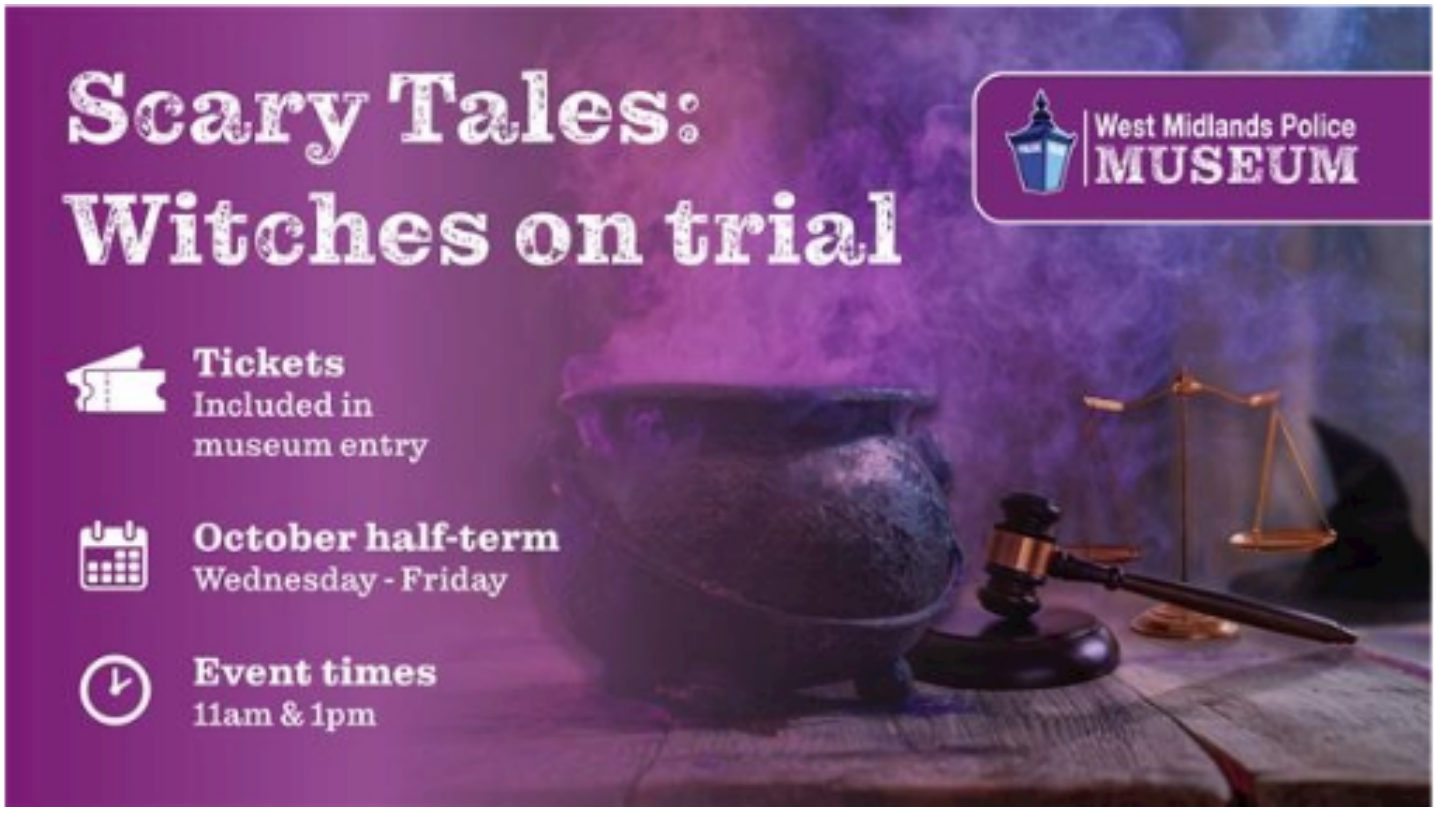


	8:45 am Mass at St Peters *Mary Kimberley* 11.30 am Mass at St Rose *Paul RIP*
Monday 12th October *Feria*	No mass today
Tuesday 13th October *St Edward*	10:00 am Mass at St Peters *Sr Eileen Sheehan Int*
Wednesday 14th October *Feria*	10:00 am Mass at St Rose *John Dwyer*
Thursday 15th October *St Teresa of Avila*	10:00 am Mass St Peters *Doris Lawrence*
Friday 16th October *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*	10:00 am Mass at St Rose *Patricia Miles*
Saturday 17th October *St Ignatius of Antioch*	10:00 am Mass St Peters *Sr Catherine O'Suillivan Int*
	8:45 am Mass at St Peters *People of our parish* 11.30 am Mass at St Rose *Mary Kimberley*

Community Page

What's on in the local area...

Looking for something to do in half term?
The West Midlands Police Museum are offering the below
Following the successful sentencing of the Big Bad Wolf during our Nursery Crimes trials, we're back with more creepy creatures in court!
Bring your grown ups to trial as we discover the witches living amongst us! You are the jury and key witnesses to proving whether your adults have been acting suspicious and have secretly been living a double life as witches all along!
This Halloween activity is included in museum entry between the 28th – 30th October.
Booking Essential
Click here





Bartley Green Library

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

Safeguarding and SEND

SEND Team

This is our SENCO Team – here to support children with special educational needs and their families. Please see us if you need any help, or contact us at senco@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk or call 0121 464 6921



Miss Luff
SENCO



Mrs Kenny
Pastoral Mentor

Safeguarding Team

This is our Safeguarding Team – here to keep every child safe and supported. If you need any help or advice, please speak to a member of the team.



Mrs Mellor
DSL



Miss Luff
DDSL



Mrs Kenny
DDSL

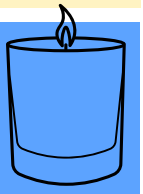
OPERATION ENCOMPASS
In every force. In every school. For every child.

We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse. Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.



Spotlight on .... Pastoral Care

Supporting Children Through Bereavement



Following the sad loss of Mrs McAleenan, children may experience a range of emotions. Every child grieves differently.

You can support your child by:
Listening and talking openly.
Answering questions honestly.
Sharing happy memories.
Looking at photographs together.
Saying a prayer.
Drawing pictures or writing messages.
Keeping familiar routines.

Most importantly, reassure your child that it is okay to feel sad and that they are loved and supported. We continue to keep Mrs McAleenan's family and loved ones in our prayers.

Pathfinder

Mrs Kenny is our Pathfinder, helping families navigate support and opportunities to ensure every child thrives. She can offer guidance on well being, attendance, and accessing resources.
If you'd like her support, please contact her by email at a.kenny@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk or 07506 954616.



Pathfinder
Birmingham

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
FINANCIAL SUPPORT
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
HOUSING SUPPORT

Weekly Celebrations

Each week we shine a spotlight on the amazing achievements of our children...

Click here to see our school at work in pictures

Good Work

YR	
Y1	Ri'Cairo
Y2	Nellie
Y3	Esosa
Y4	Carter
Y5	Harriet
Y6	Leo

Special Mention

YR	
Y1	Holly B
Y2	Roman
Y3	Matylda
Y4	Alannah
Y5	Shevaye
Y6	Stefan

Attendance

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.88%	96.11%	96.73%	98.33%	98.89%	98.89%	96.39%

Well done to years 4 and 5
Extra PlayTime for you today



House Points

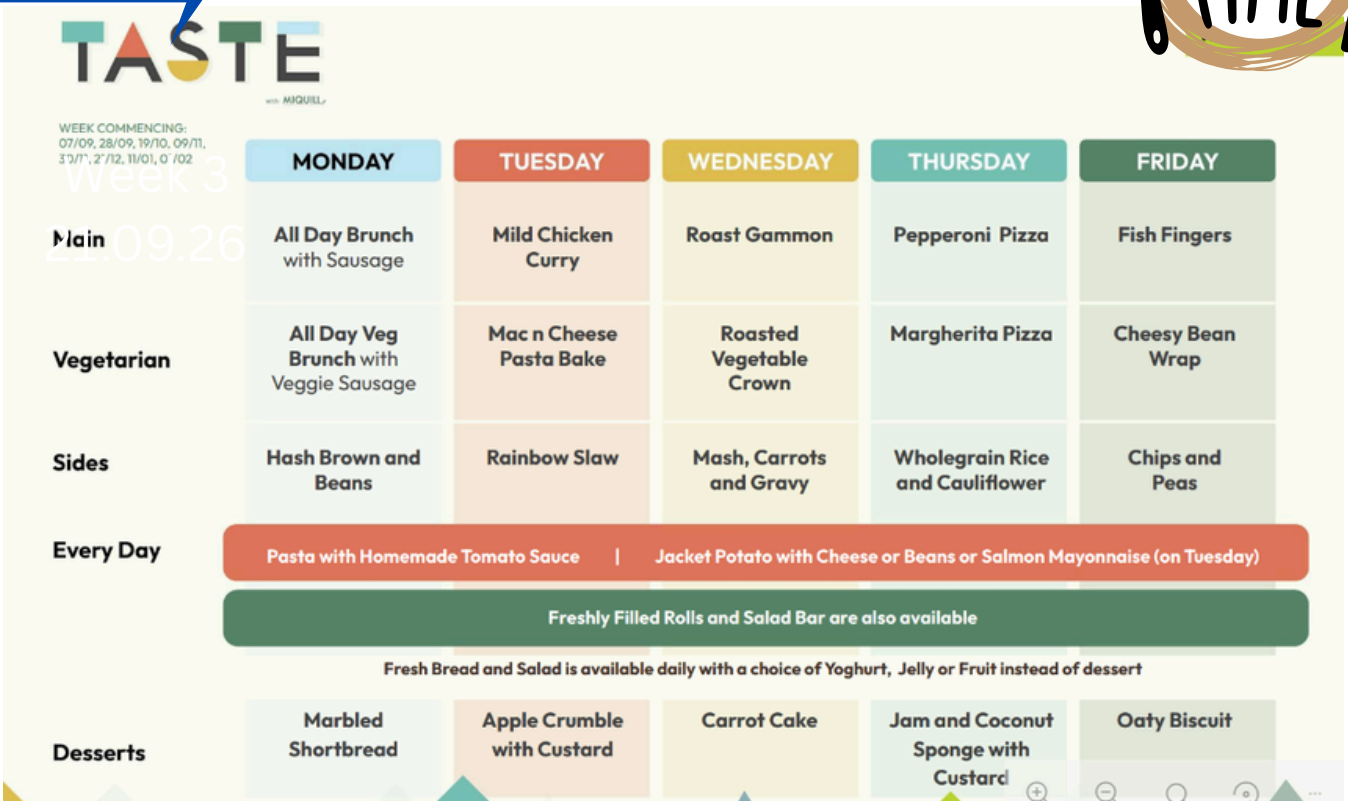
This weeks winners are...

St George's	St Patrick's	St David's	St Andrew's
1st	3rd	2nd	4th

Dinner Menus

We have a three week rolling dinner menu which you can see below. These are the menus for this half term...

Week 7
19.10.26



TASTE

WEEK COMMENCING: 07/09, 28/09, 19/10, 09/11, 30/11, 21/12, 11/01, 01/02

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	All Day Brunch with Sausage	Mild Chicken Curry	Roast Gammon	Pepperoni Pizza	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	All Day Veg Brunch with Veggie Sausage	Mac n Cheese Pasta Bake	Roasted Vegetable Crown	Margherita Pizza	Cheesy Bean Wrap
Sides	Hash Brown and Beans	Rainbow Slaw	Mash, Carrots and Gravy	Wholegrain Rice and Cauliflower	Chips and Peas
Every Day	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce | Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise (on Tuesday)				
	Freshly Filled Rolls and Salad Bar are also available				
	Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert				
Desserts	Marbled Shortbread	Apple Crumble with Custard	Carrot Cake	Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Biscuit

Diary Dates 2026-2027

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.

Our 'Gifts from God' praise assembly will be held on a Friday morning, 9am-9.30am.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	ALL

Autumn Term

Date	Overview	Information
	September	
~~01.09.26~~	~~INSET DAY~~	
~~02.09.26~~	~~Children back to school~~	
~~07.09.26~~	~~Y1 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y1 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~08.09.26~~	~~Y2 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y2 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~10.09.26~~	~~Y3 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y3 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~14.09.26~~	~~Y4 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y4 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~14.09.26-17.09.26~~	~~Reception Reading Workshops~~	~~9-9.30am – sign up to a day~~
~~15.09.26~~	~~Y5 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y5 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~17.09.26~~	~~Y6 Meet the Teacher~~	~~3.40pm – Y6 classroom: Parents invited~~
~~17.09.26~~	~~Y5 London Trip~~	~~See Dojo and letter for more details~~
28.09.26-05.10.26	Y5 and Y6 Swimming	Every day for 2 weeks – swimming kit needed
25.09.26	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon	3pm-4.00pm – school hall: All welcome. Please send in cakes with your child on Friday 25th September.
	October	
October	Black History Month	*Look out for more information!*
05.10.26	Y2 Harvest Class Assembly	9.15am – school hall : Parents invited
06.10.26	Whole School Flu Immunisation	
13.10.26	Year 3 Class Workshop	9-10am – school hall: Parents invited
20.10.26	Y6 Oscott College Trip	Please see trip letter
22.10.26	Autumn Term Parents' Evening	2.30pm-6pm – form to follow to sign up to a time
22.10.26	Break up for half term	Children finish at 3.30pm
23.10.26	INSET DAY	No children in school