



St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Service Tolerance Peace Endurance Truth Enjoyment Respect



Newsletter: 24



Friday 20th March 2026



Spring Term

Principal's Welcome

Another lovely week in school has come to a close, as we continue our journey through Lent together. This special season gives us the opportunity to pause, reflect, and pray as a community, and it has been wonderful to see our children living out these values with kindness and thoughtfulness each day.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire — your views truly matter to us, and they help shape the continued growth of our school. We are grateful for your ongoing support and partnership.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend.

God Bless.

Mrs Mellor

Exciting News!

We are delighted to share that Mrs McDonagh is expecting her first baby! Baby is due in July, and we couldn't be happier for her. Let's all look after Mrs McDonagh as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. Soon, we'll hear the patter of tiny feet and welcome another beautiful baby into the St Peter's family!



Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet & Creation Parade will take place on Friday 27th March 2026 at 9:00am in the school hall.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to design and wear their own colourful Easter Bonnets.

KS2 pupils (Years 3–6) are encouraged to create an Easter-themed model, scene or decorated object inspired by the Easter story. We hope these activities inspire creativity and joy across the school community. We look forward to celebrating together and appreciate your continued support.

Thank you for helping make this event special

Adams Hill, Bartley Green, Birmingham B32 3QD
TEL: 0121 464 6921

www.stpeterc.bham.sch.uk

This newsletter is available to view on our school website

Catholic Life



March is dedicated to...

March invites us to honour St Joseph—the humble, faithful guardian of the Holy Family—by reflecting on his quiet strength and teaching our children courage, humility, and kindness through simple prayers and daily acts of love.



Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Catholic Social Teaching says society must give special consideration to the poor and vulnerable, not as an act of charity, but as a matter of justice, recognising that their dignity and rights are often overlooked or denied in social, political, and economic systems.



Gospel Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel shares Jesus raises Lazarus, showing He is "the resurrection and the life" and offering hope even in sorrow. Like Martha, we are invited to trust Jesus in difficult moments and believe He brings life where we feel lost or discouraged.

Where do you need Jesus to bring new life this week?



Jesuit Virtues:

Intentional

Being intentional means living deliberately, guided by conscience and wise stewardship of resources

Prophetic

Being prophetic involves setting an example and announcing a new, hopeful perspective to the world.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention

March: For Disarmament and Peace

In March, we are invited to pray for disarmament and peace. We hold in our hearts all nations striving to move toward true and effective disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament. We pray that world leaders choose dialogue and diplomacy over violence. Together, let's guide our children to value peace, justice, and the dignity of every human life.



Lent 2026



As we journey through the season of Lent, our children have been taking time each day to pause, reflect, and think about how they can grow in kindness and love. Through prayer, small acts of generosity, and thoughtful choices, they are learning what it means to follow Jesus more closely. Whether it's helping a friend, showing patience, or taking quiet moments to reflect, our pupils are embracing Lent as a time to become the very best versions of themselves. This special season is helping them understand that even small acts can make a big difference.

Lent Prayer and Liturgy Services

During this season of Lent, our children have been growing spiritually through prayer, reflection, and small acts of kindness. One special part of our journey has been our Parent Prayer and Liturgy Services, where parents were invited into school to pray alongside their child. These moments offered a quiet space to pause, reflect, and walk together in faith.



Thank you to all who joined and supported these services—we hope you found the time meaningful and were able to reflect with us as we continue this Lenten journey together.



CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Our whole school proudly took part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, coming together in solidarity to support those in need around the world. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm as they walked, reflecting on how their efforts can help others. We are already receiving generous sponsorship donations, and every contribution will make a meaningful difference. Thank you to all families for your kindness, encouragement, and continued support during this Lenten fundraising journey.



Parish

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

Mass Times



St Rose of Lima
Sunday 11.30am



St Peter's
Saturday 10am Sunday 8.45am



BORN for THIS

Commemorating 30 Years of the Way of the Cross

This March, come and reflect on Christ's journey through a beautiful musical presentation of the Stations of the Cross - 'Born for This - the Way of the Cross'. A 30th anniversary performance bringing together past and new performers along with a 250 voice choir of Midlands secondary schools students, all under the direction and lead of the fantastically talented Jo Boyce of CJM Music.

Wednesday 25th March 2026
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
Secure your tickets:
bmusic.co.uk/events/born-for-this



Scan
here

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B:Music
Town Hall & Symphony Hall

CONFESSIONS

CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE IN OUR
PARISH AS FOLLOWS EACH WEEK

SATURDAY ST PETERS
10.30AM-11 AM

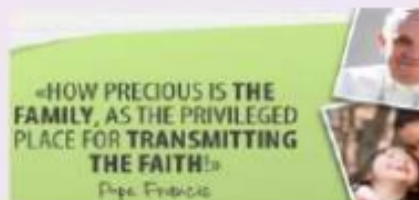
SUNDAY ST ROSE
11AM-11.20AM

Confession is also possible before most weekday masses but please arrange beforehand

**Saturday Meetings for
parents and children
preparing for the
sacraments**

Our next meeting is on

21st March
10 am at St Peters



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday in Lent
immediately after the Wednesday Morning Mass

Led by members of the congregation



Weekly Celebrations

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

Good Work	
YR	Milo
Y1	Tommie
Y2	James
Y3	Amelia
Y4	Chloe
Y5	Daisy-May
Y6	

Special Mention	
YR	Holly-Rose
Y1	Daniel
Y2	Hallie
Y3	Shea
Y4	Olivia
Y5	Stefan
Y6	

Attendance

YR	Y1 	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5 	Y6
91.5%	99.1%	96.6%	93.3%	98.7%	99.1%	94.1%

Well done to ... Year 3!

Whole School Attendance to date: 96.5 %



House Points

This weeks winners are...

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

Community Page

Whats on in the local area...

Edgbaston Family Hub – covering Bartley Green, Edgbaston, Harborne and Quinton
Activity Calendar – January – February half term 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Stepping Stones By referral only 10am–11am Doddington Children's Centre Stay and Play (0-5) 1pm–2pm Milebrook Hall Baby Group (0-12m) 1pm–2pm Doddington Children's Centre	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Wetles in the Woods 10am – 11.30am Holloway Hall Stay and Play (0-5) By referral only (for children with SEND or on the waiting list for Stepping Stones) 1pm–2pm Milebrook Hall	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Healthy Start Vitamins are available for mother and child Contact Doddington Children's Centre HEALTHY START You may be eligible for 16 hours free early years provision Please call 0121 477 6440 for further details Do you have a baby? 	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 Little Talkers By referral only 10.00am–11.00am Doddington Children's Centre Solihull Approach Antenatal sessions and Postnatal sessions, please call 0121 477 6440 to book your place or for further details Startwell	Family Support Duty line 9.00-4.30 Call 0121 477 6440 KIDS By referral only 10am–11.30am Doddington Green Children's Centre *Please call 0121 269 5000 for further information Rhythm and Rhyme (0-5) 10am–11am Quinton Library M.M. children do not start this will be on a first come first served basis Baby Massage 1pm – 2pm Doddington Children's Centre (Booking required)

Key:
Doddington Green Children's Centre
28 Doddington Grove, Bartley Green
B32 4EL
Tel: 0121 477 6440

Holloway Hall
Holloway, Ley Hill, Birmingham B31 1TT

Milebrook Hall
143 Field Lane, Bartley Green B32 4ER

Quinton Library
Ridgeway Rd, Quinton, Birmingham B32 2TW

FamilyHub
BEST START IN LIFE
BARNARDS

Edgbaston District – Community Stay and Play Groups

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oasis Stay and Play 10-11.30am Oasis Church, South Street, Harborne 0-5 years Teddies Stay and Play 10.30-12pm St Boniface Church, Quinton Road West, Quinton B32 3QD 0-5 years Toddle Inn 9.00-11am Christ Church, Quinton 787-789 Hagley Rd Quinton, Birmingham 0-4 years	Stonehouse Gang 10-11.30am 90-92 Burnel Road B29 5SN 0-5 years	Four Dwellings Primary Academy Stay and Play 2-3.15pm Quinton Road West Birmingham B32 1P3 0-5 years	St Faith and St Lawrence Stay and Play 9.30-11am Corner of Croftdown Road and Balden Road, Harborne, Birmingham B32 2E3 0-5 years Stonehouse Gang 1.00-2.30pm 90-92 Burnel Road B29 5SN 0-5 years	Moorpool Toddler Group 10.00-11.30 Moorpool Hall, The Circle, Harborne 0-4 years Stay and Play 10am–12 178 Stonehouse Lane For a more up to date list of Stay and Play groups within the Edgbaston district please access the Birmingham Forward Steps website at: www.birminghamforwardsteps.org.uk

Upcoming Events:
Baby Shower event - all things baby/antenatal and postnatal...
EEE funding event - do you have a child coming up to the age of 2yrs or 3yrs who may be eligible for nursery funding, come along to our event.
Pop up events across our district with workshops, advice and guidance on a variety of topics...
Please enquire at: Doddington Children's Centre on 0121 477 6440 for updates on when the above will be taking place.

HARBORNE FOOTBALL COACHING

AGES 3-16

Partnership with Birmingham City FC & Paul from Midland Soccer Coaching

LOCATIONS

Bartley Green King Edward VI Five Ways School, Scotland Lane, Birmingham, UK, B32 4BT	Erdington Erdington Academy, Kingsbury Road, Birmingham, UK, B24 8BE
Droitwich Droitwich Spa High School, Westlands Way, Droitwich, UK, WR9 0AA	Harborne Londwood Boys School, Hagley Road, Birmingham, UK, B17 8BJ
Kidderminster Baxter College, Habblerley Road, Kidderminster, UK, DY11 5PQ	Halesowen Halesowen College, Whittingham Road, Halesowen, UK, B63 3HA

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Professional FA-qualified coaches
- ✓ Skill-based games and fun challenges
- ✓ Focus on confidence, teamwork and fitness
- ✓ Safe and inclusive environment

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MSC Midland Soccer Coaching

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NOW! BOOK NOW! BOOK NOW! BOOK NOW! BOOK NOW! BOOK NOW! BOOK NOW!

After school Club hosted at St Peter's
Please see the flyer below for more information....

The WASPS at St Peter's

Wasps is now located at St Peter's School for St Peter's and St Michael's.

For enquiries please contact Carly
07762447507

CREATIVE PLAY
ENCLOSED OUTDOOR AREA
GAMES AND CRAFTS

7:30am opening
5:50pm closing

Adhoc also available

Trained in first aid, food and hygiene And anti bullying

QUALIFIED LEVEL 3

Experienced STAFF

Ofsted Registered

Full time discount and childcare vouchers

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



Miss McDonagh
DDSL



Mrs Kenny
DDSL



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 ... Safeguarding...

This week, we're reminding families about the importance of online safety. Many children use tablets and phones daily, so it's vital that parents stay aware of what their child is accessing. Simple steps — such as checking privacy settings, talking regularly about safe choices, and ensuring age-appropriate apps — make a huge difference.

For practical advice, visit:

NSPCC Online Safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Childline Information for Children: <https://www.childline.org.uk>

ThinkUKnow for Parents: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Working together, we can help keep every child safe, happy, and confident online.

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.



FAMILY
RELATIONSHIPS



FINANCIAL
SUPPORT



MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT



HOUSING SUPPORT



Stormbreak

Stormbreak is a wellbeing programme we use in school every day to help children strengthen their mental health through short, purposeful movement activities. These sessions give pupils time to pause, move, and understand their emotions more positively. Each Stormbreak focuses on a specific wellbeing theme, helping children build confidence, resilience, and healthy emotional habits.

Below are the themes we have been exploring together.



I want to have
better **Self-
Care**



I want to grow
in **Hope &
Optimism**



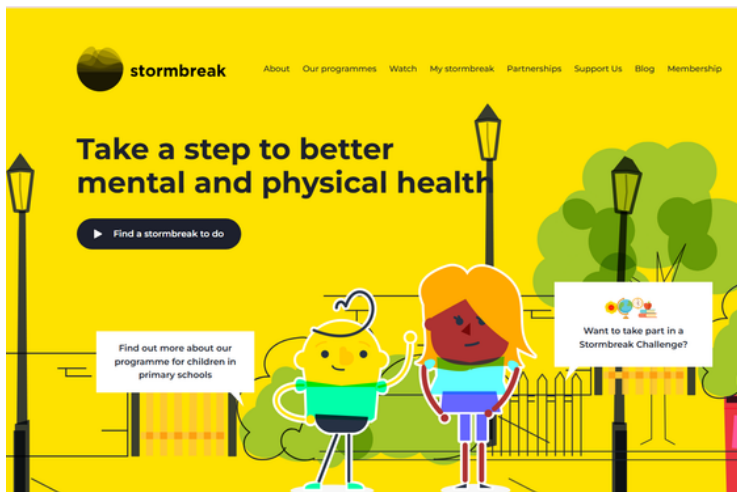
I want to
improve my
Self-Worth



I want to have
better
Resilience



I want to build
better
Relationships



You can access Stormbreak at home! Simply visit the Stormbreak website [here](#) and search for any activity you'd like to try while you're at home. It's a great way to support your child's wellbeing, build positive habits, and enjoy mindful movement together as a family.



Some quotes from our youngest children:

"I like Stormbreak because it helps people calm down and I do it at home."

James, Year 2

"I like Stormbreak because it helps me feel relaxed."

Frankie, Year 1

"It helps you keep safe and with your breathing."

Mason and Kalen, Reception



Take a look at our Stormbreaks in action...
Check us out on X ... @StPetersSch
#StPetersStormbreak



Dinner Menus

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

This Weeks Menu

DINE
WITH MIQUILL

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WEEK THREE

	MONDAY <i>Comfort</i>	TUESDAY <i>Italian</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>Roast</i>	THURSDAY <i>AROUND THE World</i>	FRIDAY <i>Italian</i>
DINE Main Meal	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	Homemade Margherita Pizza Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Veggies
DINE Vegetarian Meal	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	Golden Fish Fingers with Chips & Veggies
DINE Jackets or Pasta	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
Dessert Sweet choices	Ice Cream	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Shortbread	Chocolate Crunch	Rainbow Cookies

Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available

Nuts and Chocolate

Children are not permitted to bring chocolate bars to school. These are not part of schools healthy dinner. These treats are for home. Also, please be mindful that you do not send into school any foods with nuts in. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter



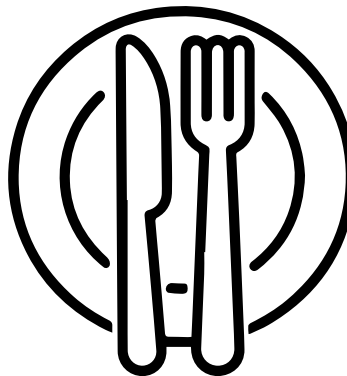
Join us on
Wednesday 25th March
for an Easter Celebration

Roast Chicken or Roast Gammon
served with stuffing & gravy

Roast Quorn Fillet
served with stuffing & gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Easter Tray Bakes & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit Platter



Join us on
Thursday 26th March
for an Easter Celebration

Golden Chicken Nuggets
Golden Quorn Nuggets

Homemade Seasoned Wedges

Sweetcorn
Baked beans

Easter Tray Bakes
Fresh Fruit Platter

IMPORTANT!

Next Wednesday and Thursday, there are changes to the dinner menu.

Please see the menu changes on the pictures here.

From Monday 13th April, we have three weeks of new menus, so please look out for these in next weeks newsletter!

Life at St Peter's ...



St Patrick's Day

This afternoon, the children in St Patrick's House came together to celebrate St Patrick's Day with a special party! It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils from different year groups to mix, have fun, and learn more about St Patrick and his story. There was music, dancing, laughter, and plenty of smiles — a fantastic time was had by all!

Well done, St Patrick's House, for such a joyful celebration!



Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Today, we celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness Day across our school! Children and staff wore odd socks and bright clothes to show their support and spread awareness.

Throughout the day, children shared stories, learned about Down Syndrome in their classes, and talked about kindness, inclusion, and the importance of celebrating everyone's uniqueness.

Reception even had their own little party and baked delicious cakes to mark the occasion.

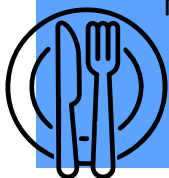
Every child is a gift from God, and today was a beautiful reminder of the joy and brilliance each one brings to our school community.



Y2 Family Dining

This week, we were delighted to welcome our Year 2 parents into school to join the children for their lunchtime meal. It was wonderful to see families sharing food, conversation, and smiles together. The children were so proud to show their grown-ups our dining routines, and the hall was full of happy chatter!

A lovely time was had by all — thank you to our Year 2 families for your continued support.



Events of the Year

Diary Dates 2025-2026

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
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Spring Term

Date	Overview	Information
January		
09.01.26	Y2 and Y4 Roman Workshop	All day workshop for the children
14.01.26	Y4 Trip to Apple Store	Please see letter
15.01.26	Y5 Core Skills Inspire Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
15.01.26	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Screening	In school
20.01.26	Y5 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
22.01.26	Y4 Class Assembly	9am – school hall: parents invited
29.01.26	Y4 Trip to Ikon Gallery	Please see letter
30.01.26	Y3 Trip to Lapworth Museum	Please see letter
February		
05.02.26	Y2 Core Skills Parent Workshop	9am-10am – school hall
10.02.26	Internet Safety Day	
12.02.26	Y4 Multiplication Inspire Workshop	9am- school hall
13.02.26	Break up for half term	Normal 3.30pm finish
22.02.26	Return to School Spring Two	Gates open at 8.45m
23.02.26	Lent	Wear purple accessory with your uniform today
24.02.26	Y4 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
27.02.26	St David's Day	All children in St David's house are able to wear something yellow with school uniform today
March		
03.03.26	Y1 Lent Parent Prayer Service	9am-9.20am – school hall
05.03.26	World Book Day	Look out for more information!
09.03.26	British Science Week	Look out for more information!
10.03.26	Reception Lent Prayer Service with parents	9am-9.20am – school hall
12.03.26	Y4 Lent Prayer Service with parents	9am-9.20am – school hall
13.03.26	YR Mothers' Day Breakfast	9am – 10am - School Hall
17.03.26	St Patrick's Day	All children able to wear something green with school uniform
17.03.26	Y2 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
17.03.26	Y3 Lent Parent Prayer Service	9am-9.20am – school hall
26.03.26	Spring Term Parent's Evening	2.00-6.00pm – school hall
27.03.26	Easter Bonnet Parade – YR/Y1/Y2 Easter Creation – KS2	9am – school hall
27.03.26	Passion Play (Y5)	1.00pm-2.00pm – St Peter's Church
27.03.26	Break up for half term	Children to leave at 2.00pm

Events of the Year

Summer Term

Date	Overview	Information
April		
13.04.26	Return to School – Summer One Term	
16.04.26	Y3 Core Skills Parent Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
21.04.26	Y3 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
23.04.26	St George's Day	All able to wear something red with school uniform
26.04.26	Family Mass	Please attend mass on Sunday as a whole school community.
27.04.26-01.05.26	Vocations Week	Please let us know if you could help!
May		
05.05.26	May Procession	9.00am – school hall assembly, please send in flowers
14.05.26	Ascension Feast Day	
11.05.26-14.05.26	Year 6 SATs Week	Breakfast for Y6 only served at 8am Monday to Thursday.
19.05.26	Y6 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
21.05.26	Y6 School Trip to Bletchley Park	
21.05.26	Children break up for half term	Normal 3.30pm finish
22.05.26	INSET DAY	
June		
01.06.26	Children Return – Summer Two	
02.06.26	YR Transport Museum Visit	See Letter
01.06.26-12.06.26	Y4 Multiplication Assessments	
03.06.26	New Reception Induction Evening	
04.06.26	KS2 Sport's Day	At Tudor Grange starting at 12.30pm. Parents welcome to attend
08.06.26-12.06.26	Y1 Phonics Assessments	
09.06.26	Y1 Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
11.06.24	YR Class Assembly	9-9.30am – school hall
17.06.26-19.06.26	Y5 & Y6 Alton Castle Residential	
23.06.26	Y2 Harvington Hall Visit	See Letter
25.06.26	Y1 St Peter and Paul Class Assembly	9am – school hall
25.06.26	Reception Father's Day Workshop	2.15-3.15pm - playground
28.06.26	Family Mass	Please attend mass on Sunday as a whole school community
29.06.26	St Peter and Paul Feast Day	Look out for more information!
30.06.26	New Reception Teddy Bears Picnic	2.15-3.15pm - playground
30.06.26	Reception Parent Lunch	Parents are invited to share lunch with their child at 11.45am
July		
01.07.26	Transition Day	Whole school to move to their new teacher for the day
03.07.26	Y1 Weston Super Mare Trip	See Letter
07.07.26	Y5 Back to Backs Trip	See Letter
09.07.26	Y6 Production	9.15-10.15am – school hall 6.00-7.00pm – school hall
10.07.26	School Reports out to parents	
14.07.26	Y6 Leavers Mass	
15.07.26	School Report Drop in	3.40pm-4.40pm - classrooms
17.07.26	Y6 Leavers Assembly	9am – school hall
17.07.26	Break up for the year	2pm break up
20.07.26	INSET DAY	

This Week in Pictures...

