

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

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Please visit the school website www.stpeterscatholicprimary.com for dates for the full academic year, together with other information about the school that you may find useful.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 20th December – Last day of the autumn term; break up for Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January – Children return to school

Thursday 16th January 9.30 – 10.30am – Year 5 swimming starts at Lancing College

Monday 27th – Friday 31st January – Year 6 Bikeability Training

Tuesday 28th January – Years R & 2 Chinese Dance Workshop

Wednesday 29th January – Year 4 visit to Brighton Sealife Centre



This Week

It has been a very busy two weeks, with children from Reception to Year Six all taking part in an Advent event.

Reception spoke and sang very clearly for their second performance, after their amazing Harvest debut. Everyone who came to the Key Stage One concert was blown away by the enthusiasm of their singing and Key Stage Two performed the Nativity story and sung familiar carols beautifully at their Advent service at St Peter's church. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members that have attended one or more of these, we hope that you enjoyed them as much as we have and that they have helped get you in the Christmassy spirit!

We have been lighting the candles on our Advent wreath and learning about what they mean: hope, peace, joy and love. On Friday, we will light the final, white candle, which represents Jesus. We have thought about ways in which we can show some of the values represented by the candles - and linked them to our school values as well. Our final Advent challenge for children is to share at least one of our school values with the family over the holiday: resilience, integrity, kindness, commitment, respect and messenger. We have suggested several ways that the children could do this, such as helping out at Christmas, saying 'thank you', or thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves.

Reception have become masters in number bonds to 5. We have played lots of games and used our fast eyes to spot the numbers. We have also been learning how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world. We have shared our own Christmas family traditions and customs. We have had a wonderful first term in Reception. Year 1 children have been thinking about their own Christmas traditions and sharing with each other how they celebrate Christmas with their families. Year 2 have been making patterns with 3D shapes in Maths and learnt a fun 3D maths song. They also went to Glebelands Day Centre to sing Carols to the residents. Year 3 made bread in their DT lesson and created Stonehenge out of biscuits. Year 4 have measured sounds in Science and wrote about Christmas Eve. Year 5 won the TT Rockstars competition and learnt about civil rights activists like Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. Year 6 have been busy making piers this week, after their visit to Brighton recently, and also went Carol singing at Glebelands.

The staff all wish you all a restful and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you back at school in 2025 – on Monday 6th January.



Christmas Card Competition

As you know, Lauren Labadie from Year 6 won her year group category in Tom Rutland's (local MP) Christmas card competition. Tom hasn't been able to visit the school yet due to other commitments but we are hoping he will come and meet Lauren in January. Lauren has received her prize and also some copies of her design made in to the Christmas card. Her card is being sent from Tom to the King, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, putting St Peter's well and truly on the map! We are very proud of Lauren and her success.



Starting School September 2025 – Please share

For children starting school in September, a reminder that the WSCC online application **MUST** be completed and submitted by 15th January 2025 latest (www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). Also the school's Supplementary Information form should be completed and returned to the school office by 15th January. Please do ensure the forms are completed on time; if you need any assistance with either the online form or the school's Supplementary Information form please contact Mrs Matthews in the school office.

Fundraising

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, children and Friends Association for your amazing fundraising efforts this term. We thought you would like to see what we have purchased with the money raised –

Read Write Inc (Phonics programme) portal for parents to use

Didicars

Garden play items for Reception

A whole school Science/Magic show for children next term

Play equipment for break and lunchtimes – skipping ropes, hula hoops etc

A selection of books for the library



Congratulations to the winners of the coloured hampers; there were some lovely items donated, so thank you. The raffle made £426.00 which is amazing!

Our Christmas fundraising has reached just over £3,000 which is incredible. We are so grateful to our wonderful Friends Association, parents and everyone involved. Thank you so so much.

Breakfast with Santa

We had a very special visitor in school this week as Fr Christmas came in to school and shared breakfast with the children. A big thank you to the Friends Association for organising this event, which the children really enjoyed. Also thank you to Father Christmas for taking the time out of his very busy schedule to come and visit us.



School Meals

Our new catering provider, Go! Catering, has been providing meals for the children at St Peter's for a term now and we are delighted with the quality of the food, service etc. The children are enjoying the food and, more importantly, eating it! Our initial contract with Go! Catering was for a year but, in view of the success of the meal service, we will be extending our contract with them for a further three years until August 2028. The new Spring menu is available on our website or by following the link - : <https://gocatering.co.uk/current-menu/>

Tesco Stronger Starts Campaign

We have recently applied to Tesco to be considered for a project under their Tesco Stronger Starts campaign. We are delighted to let you know that our application has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco Stores (Tesco Extra at the Holmbush Centre and Tesco Express, Upper Shoreham Road) from mid-January 2025 until the end of March 2025.

Our project is to improve the Reception outdoor play area to enable us to purchase more equipment and resources to encourage the children to work together and be creative in the outdoor environment.

Please do vote for us in when you visit Tesco! The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. Any of these amounts will be really significant for us.

sQuid Online Payments System

sQuid have now released a new Parent Supportal. This is the new home for parent FAQs and How to Guides and is also where parents and carers will find updates on the latest Customer Portal and sQuid app features, making it even easier to manage your sQuid accounts. Please see link to the Supportal - <https://squadcard.lpages.co/squid-parent-supportal/>


Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class – Week ending 20th December 2024 (Totals for Autumn term 2024)

We encourage good attendance at St Peter's and aim for children to have attendance of 96% or above. A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%.

Please see below Year group cumulative attendance summaries from September to present.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.49	95.78	92.23	96.68	96.62	95.95	93.32

House Points – Week ending 20th December 2024 (Totals for Autumn term 2024)

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
540	730	690	541

Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility Criteria *****IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ*****

Free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits –

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)



If you **are not** eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free school Meals and you need not apply.

If you **are** eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, it is important that you continue to register. This will enable us to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding (currently £1,385 per child per annum). This additional funding can enable us to provide extra support for your child in school.

Once an eligible child is signed up for benefits related free school meals, they will also receive other support such as Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) sessions. HAF sessions provide children with access to fun and engaging activities during the holidays and offer a free meal as part of the sessions. Parents will also receive a voucher, usually around £10 per week per child, during school holidays to help purchase food items.

If you think your child(ren) may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please apply online – [Free School Meals - West Sussex County Council](#) When you are on the website, click on 2. How to apply.

P.E Kit

This can be purchased online – <https://getmekitted.com/st-peters-40-c.asp>



Sunrise Breakfast Club Please note that Breakfast Club starts at **7.45am** and children should **NOT** be dropped off any earlier than this as staff are not available to look after them. Thank you.

We are delighted that so many children are enjoying coming to our Sunrise Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club is open every day from 7.45am and costs just £4.00 a session. Sessions can be booked and paid for using the online payment system sQuid. For further information please contact the school office. It is possible to pay for your child's sessions at Breakfast Club using childcare vouchers. We are currently registered with the Government Tax Free Childcare scheme. If you use another childcare voucher provider please let us know.



Best of Buddies

Best of Buddies runs every afternoon after school from 3.15 – 5.15pm. For more information please contact Mrs Awedan Tel. 07923 318935 or email bofbuddies@gmail.com



Kind regards

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Amazon Wishlist

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YOTQO1KCEUO2/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

Easyfundraising

Want to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising so your online shopping at your favourite brands turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/spcps/?utm_medium=email-share&utm_source=Facebook&utm_campaign=dd-may-24&utm_term=Q1244&utm_content=socialshare

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and search for: **St Peter's Catholic**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

The Christmas blockbuster Super Draw is BACK this festive season.

This December there is an exciting opportunity to make one supporter's Christmas merrier than ever: in the big Christmas Super Draw on Saturday 21st December, one lucky winner will scoop a whopping £3,000 Christmas cash bonus ready to be spent on anything their heart desires!

Please sign up – www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for St Peter's Catholic. Thank you.

Please do support our School Lottery if you are able to. We receive regular donations which really support our fundraising. Thank you.