

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM 2023/24 1ST HALF TERM



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to you all and 'hello' to all the new faces!

The Summer Holidays seem like a distant memory, but we are thrilled to be back in school with all the children.

Here we are again 'Back at School' and in these first few weeks the children have settled into their new classes fantastically. We are all so proud of them!

A big welcome to our new parents and children – we really hope you enjoy being part of our wonderful school.

As always, please let us know if there are any suggestions you would like to make or have any concerns.

Thank you as always for your continued support!



Class Assembly Dates

14th Sept - Class 6N

21st Sept - Class 5H

28th Sept - Class 4H

05th Oct - Class 3J

12th Oct - Class 2B

19th Oct - Class 1A

Half Term

9th Nov - Class 6M

16th Nov - Class 5F

23rd Nov - Class 4C

30th Nov - Class 3G

Christmas Holiday

18th Jan - Class 2W

25th Jan - Class 1K

Please come and join us for your child's class assembly!
Assemblies start at 9.00am

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th October
is Parents' Evening.

This is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class, discuss the progress they are making and look at the work they have done so far.

WELCOME



BISHOP'S VISIT TO ST PETERS

On Wednesday 27th September, Bishop Mark from Manchester Diocese came to bless the children taking part in 'WOW' (Watching Our World). This is an action-based program where the children work together with other schools and churches across Rochdale to reduce their 'carbon footprint' and become more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

It was a lovely morning, where the Bishop addressed the whole school in collective worship and spoke of St Peter and the importance of him holding the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. He even had a race with some of the children on the playground!



Nursery News

As this first term begins we would like to welcome all our new families who have joined us at St Peter's this year. We have enjoyed meeting you all and look forward to a busy, fun and exciting year ahead. This term our topic will be 'All About Me'. We are currently getting to know your children and finding out their interests, likes and personalities, we will then be using this knowledge to support your children in their next steps of learning. In RE we are starting the topic 'I am Special'. We will be asking questions like: How do we know that we are special in the eyes of God? How do we know that God is our Heavenly Father? Why are our names important? Our first book this term will be 'Happy to Be Me' By Emma Dodd. Throughout the term we will be listening to stories, singing nursery rhymes, learning to recognise numbers, counting a number of objects, counting forwards and backwards, recognising our names and learning all the school routines. These are all things that children can do at home with parents and older siblings. If you have any questions about your child starting Nursery or how to help your child at home, then please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery staff. Thank you for your support.



Reception News



Welcome to Reception! We will be having lots of fun exploring our new classroom and getting to know our new friends. The first story that we are learning about is Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs, Harry's favourite thing is dinosaurs! We will be discussing what our favourite things are as well as drawing and painting them! The children will also be practicing writing their name every morning, please encourage your child to do this at home too. We are very pleased to see that many children can already write their names, we are therefore working on writing our surnames and letter formation. The children have been showing us their amazing counting skills! We are now encouraging them to recognise numerals 1-5 and beyond, please encourage your children to look and name the numbers around them at home - these could be on your front door, bus numbers and prices in the supermarket. In RE, we will be talking about what makes us special, appreciating and celebrating how we are all different! We will also learn about our school's Mission Statement 'Be the Good Soil' and discuss how we can be 'The Good Soil', every day, here at St Peters. Our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Fridays, please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school and each item is named. Thanks!

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year One! We are very happy to have you back in school and hope you have all had a lovely summer break! The children have started Year One with a positive attitude and are settling into their new routine. They seem excited and eager to learn lots of new and interesting things and hopefully this enthusiasm will continue. Our topic in RE is God's creation story we will be discussing the meaning of creation and learning about the Christian beliefs. Towards the end of the half term we will be learning about harvest. All our RE lessons will include a reflection time which will encourage children to think about our religious learning. It will be a lovely opportunity to discuss and engage with the children about their actions and feelings. During this half term the children will be learning all about our local area of Rochdale in the topic 'Where we live'. This will be part of our Geography subject and so far the children have greatly enjoyed discussing and describing the areas in which they live. In Art we will be looking at self-portraits and the different techniques artists use to draw themselves. Some of the famous artists we will be looking at are Picasso, Van Gogh and Frida Khalo. In Science the children will be learning about different materials and their properties. In Maths the children will develop their skills in counting, sequences, addition and subtraction and begin to learn about time and money. In English we will be looking at different types of text, including stories, poems, songs and patterns. We are looking forward to an exciting year with the pupils.



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Year 2 News



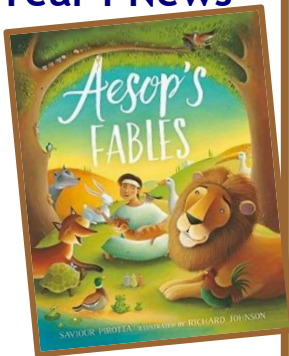
Welcome back Year 2! We are all so excited to begin this year with you all. Year 2 is a very important year, with lots of things to learn...are you ready? Let's see what we are learning this half term! In maths we will be learning more about the place value of numbers, learning new methods for addition and subtraction and carrying out some measuring tasks. In English we will be diving into the book 'Prince Cinders', and reading all about the poor character who is treated badly by his hairy brothers. This is a traditional story with a twist, which we will retell orally and write our own version. We can't wait to read your stories! We will also look at some non-fiction texts all about 'The Weather'. Our geography topic is 'What are Seasons?'. We will build on our knowledge from Year 1 learning why we have seasons, and if all countries have the same weather and climate. In science, we are going to be doing lots of experiments involving materials and their properties. Is cardboard waterproof? What does opaque mean? We will make predictions and learn lots of new vocabulary. Our RE unit is 'Jesus, friend to everyone'. What makes Jesus so special? Jesus welcomed everyone, and helped many people be the 'best they can be'. We will enjoy reading many Bible stories that will allow us to reflect on how great Jesus is, and how we can live our lives being the best version of ourselves. Let's begin our fun learning in Year 2!

Year 3 News

Welcome back to school and most importantly welcome to Year 3! A big part of this year will be the transition from Infants to Juniors. There is a big step up in the work and expectations of the children but together we will support them as they settle into this way of working. We appreciate any support from parents and please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child. This term in RE, we will focus on prophets surrounding our "Called by God" topic. This is very exciting and contains lots of stories from the Bible, with a reflective theme of repent, forgiveness and quests. Each RE lesson will contain a time for reflection where the children will be encouraged to consider their thoughts and actions in daily life and how to further improve these in order to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We will also be starting our Harvest topic and begin to look at the Old Testament stories from the Bible. Maths and Literacy will continue just like last year with 1 lesson of each per day. In addition to this, we will spend extra time on handwriting and guided reading. Please can you encourage your children to read at home as much as possible. This is vital to their success at school and will benefit them greatly. Even if it is only a small amount every day. Your children will receive spellings to learn every week alongside a weekly piece of homework relating to that week's work. We very much appreciate your support in ensuring homework is completed. Please ensure your child reads with you every night. Not only is this an enjoyable task it also enhances their writing skills. Do come and speak to us about any aspect of your child's learning.



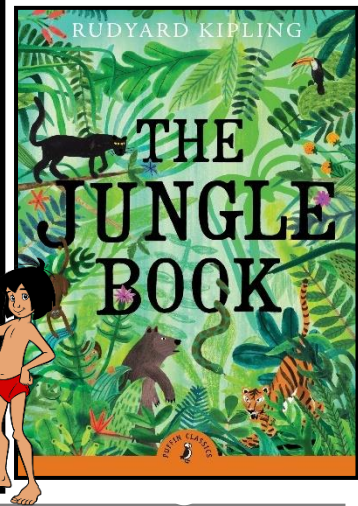
Year 4 News



Hello to all children, parents and carers and welcome back to school and especially to Year 4! We hope you have enjoyed your time with the children in the holidays. The Year 4 team this year is: Mrs Cavill, Miss Hayes, Miss Hulse, Mrs Crossley, Miss Reilly and Mrs Taylor. In English, work on fables has started; the children will be able to tell you some of the morals of the animal - based tales we will read and explore. After this, we will move onto explanation texts linked to our Geography work and then instructions and explanations. In Maths, we will begin with work on place value before moving onto addition and subtraction later on in the half term. We will be trying to stretch and challenge the children, encouraging them to be able to explain HOW they have found an answer not just to write it. RE starts with the beginning of the big frieze, learning about the idea of creation and the fall. In Science we are investigating States of Matter. Our exciting trip to the Catalyst centre was absolutely fantastic! Also, on the timetable is Music with Poetry (performance) and Environment (composition) topics; Computing - We are Software Developers; French - Playtime; and DT - Money Containers. In PE, swimming will take place on Mondays all year. The other PE slot is scheduled to be on a Tuesday or a Thursday. Please ensure that you have your kit in on these days, although things can change so it would be beneficial if kits could be on your child's peg all week.

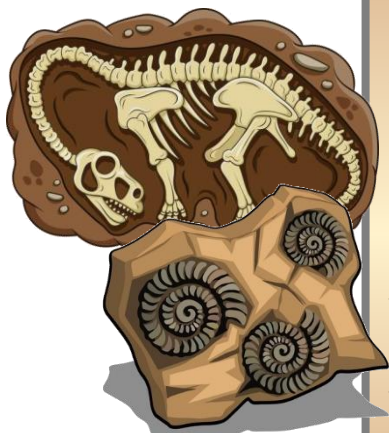
Year 5 News

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had a safe and wonderful break and you are ready for the exciting year we have planned for you, here at St Peter's. We are all so glad we are coming back to a relatively normal year! In English, we will begin with reading classic fiction: The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. The children will explore many of his stories. Later in the term, we will move on to our non-fiction unit of UFO recounts. The children will look at report writing, finally creating their own recount. We will finish the term looking at instructions and explanation, focusing on future transportation devices. In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of the four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Some other topics we will look at are: shape, place value and money. For our Science Unit, Year Five will explore properties of materials. We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties. I won't give too much away, but expect tales of Alien soup, magic custard and ways you can keep your cup of tea or coffee warmer for longer. Within our RE lessons, we will be focusing on Jesus the Teacher. We will be developing the children's understanding parables that Jesus taught, and then we will be writing our own parables. Our topic work will move towards Geography, by investigating the big question 'How is our country changing?' We will begin to understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom. To link with this, our music topic will be all about our community. May we remind you that although Year 5 are scheduled to have indoor PE on a Monday and Wednesday with outdoor PE on a Friday, therefore kit should be in school at all times in case on any last-minute changes.



Year 6 News

Welcome back and in to Year 6! It's lovely having the children back in school. They have come back ready to start the year with such positive attitudes. This half term, we will be focusing on 'Ideas about God' and sharing our thoughts as a class. The children will be answering Big Questions and posing their own. In English, we will be focusing on different genres of writing where the children have the opportunity to edit and redraft their work; ensuring each piece of writing shows their true potential. We will start by looking at War Horse where we will be reading the story in class and basing our writing around it. We will be using the thoughts and feelings of the characters to write a persuasive letter. We will then move on to looking at recounts, instructions and explanations referring to 'The Day of Ahmed's Secret' and 'Sue Palmer's Book of Instructions and Explanations.' In Maths we will begin with place value, addition and subtraction. We will then be looking at decimals and fractions. Then we will start to look at algebra. Children will be taking part in the online programme 'Freckles' and will be answering questions that are marked automatically and then are tested at the end. We have a competition between the classes on TT Rock stars, and we will see which class wins just before October half term. In Science, we will be looking at fossils. Children will get the opportunity to observe some real fossils and discover how they were made. In Geography, we are looking at Journeys: trade and thinking about 'Where all of our stuff comes from.' We will be learning about how to look after our environment sustainably. In Art, we will be learning about Lowry focusing on sketching and drawing moving images. We are looking forward to an exciting year with Year 6! Thank you!





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REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Absences

We wish to remind parents that if your child is absent from school you need to inform the school office on **each** day of absence by 8.50am

Lates

Children need to be on the school playground by 8:50am. If you arrive after this time you need to report to the school office and your child will receive a late mark.

Book Bags

If you need a new book bag these can be obtained from the school office at a cost of £8.00.

Lost/Damaged Books

Please note that there will be a charge for any lost or damaged school reading scheme/library books.

Dinner Money Increase

Rochdale have increased the cost of pupil dinners this year to £13 per week (£2.60 per day).

All payments to be made online via:
School Gateway App

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



On Friday 29th September we had a fantastic day raising money for Macmillan – a charity very close to our hearts! As well as helping with the medical needs of people affected by cancer, Macmillan also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have, and campaigns for better cancer care. Macmillan Cancer Support's goal is to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer in the UK. We made a fantastic £457 to donate to the charity. Well done everyone!

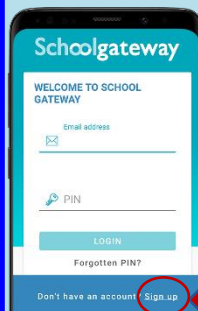


School Gateway App



The new way to pay for school dinners and trips.

If you could download the app, and register, you will need to use the same email address that you have provided to school. If your email has changed, please contact the school office so we can update our records in order for you to register as a user. This should make payments for things in school a lot easier. Thank you!



Click on Sign Up now to be registered.

ATTENDANCE

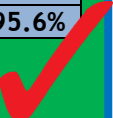
How's your class doing?

This year our attendance target is 96%

Nursery	93.5%	Rec RK	96.6%
Rec RP	95.2%	Year 1A	94.9%
Year 1K	95.3%	Year 2B	94.5%
Year 2W	92.6%	Year 3J	97.4%
Year 3G	94.1%	Year 4H	96.4%
Year 4C	97.3%	Year 5H	95.5%
Year 5F	95.7%	Year 6M	96.9%
Year 6N	97.4%	Whole School	95.6%



Well Done!



Headteacher Message

Well, here we are again in another school year and I am delighted to say that the children have settled extremely well into their new classes. It is so nice to see the children able to enjoy the facilities the grounds and school have to offer.

I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our school newsletter and enjoy looking at the super photos! Remember the school website is regularly updated with news and gallery pictures, and each class has their own page for the teachers to keep you informed about current topics and events coming up, so take a look! As always please feel free to pop in to see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

Mr A Whelan