



SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School
0191 4552862 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone, we have had a lovely start to our Spring Term and your children have returned to school super smart and ready for work!

Celebrations of Learning

We are holding English Celebrations of Learning in school for Y1 to Y6. This is an opportunity for the children to share their learning with you and ideas of how you can support them.

Y6 – Monday, 3rd February - 9am

Y5 – Tuesday, 4th February - 9am

Y4 – Thursday, 6th February - 9am

Y3 – Friday, 7th February - 9am

Y2 – Monday, 10th February - 9am

Y1 – Tuesday, 11th February - 9am

Reception class will be holding 'Stay and Read' sessions in class w/b 10th February.

Nursery will be holding 'Stay and Read' sessions in Nursery w/b 10th February.

Celebration of the Word/ Liturgical Prayer

Y6 – 29th January at 9am

Y1 – 19th March at 9am

Y2 – 26th March at 9am

Reception – 27th March at 9am

Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 25 is 'Pilgrims of Hope.' Over the year we will be exploring the theme of 'Hope,' the hopes we have ourselves, our families, our communities and our world.

School Photographs

Tuesday, 14th January

Individual and siblings' photographs will be taken in school on the morning of Tuesday, 14th January. If your child has PE that day, they can bring their PE kit into school in a separate bag and change into it in the afternoon.

Jewellery

- It is quite clear and specific in the school prospectus that there is a no jewellery policy in school. This is purely for health and safety reasons. We advise that if you want to have your children's ears pierced you do it in the six weeks holiday so they have time to heal before returning to school.

Parent meetings/Phone calls

Monday, 10th March
(Face to face meetings in school)

Tuesday, 11th & 12th March
(Phone calls)

Commando Joes 22nd January

On Wednesday, 22nd January we welcome Commando Chrystina, from Commando Joe's team, into our school to lead an exciting day of fun activities for all the children.

The day will involve the children in challenges and missions which will develop character, self-confidence, resilience and team work. The children can come to school that day dressed in their PE kits or dressed in commando attire.

Assemblies

Friday, 14th February – Y4 9.00am
Friday, 28th March - Y5 9.00am

Y6 Safety Works Trip

Y6 will be visiting the Safety Works in Newcastle on Friday, 14th March. Safety works is an interactive Safety Centre serving the community of Tyne and Wear.

CAFOD Fundraising Event

Well done everyone, a fantastic £989.73 was raised for this wonderful charity. Thank you everyone for your support.

Y5 will be swimming this term, every Thursday afternoon at Brinkburn Community Centre.



Children's Mental Health W/b 03.02.24

During 'Children's Mental Health Week' we will be exploring activities to support good mental health. The theme this year is:

'Know yourself, Grow Yourself.'

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The children can come to school dressed up as their favourite World Book Day Character, or in their PE kit. Lots of fun activities are planned in school to nurture our love and enjoyment of reading.

If anyone has any preloved dressing up clothes they would like to donate to school for other children to wear on World Book Day that would be greatly appreciated.

We are also going to do a school book swap that day so any preloved books can be brought into school and swapped for a pre-loved book at our book swap shop.



HALF TERM

School closes 3.15 p.m. Friday
21st February.

School reopens 8.45a.m.
Monday 3rd March

PE Kit

Could parents please ensure children come to school in their correct PE kit on PE Days.

- Plain black shorts or plain black leggings/joggers
- White T-Shirt
- Trainers
- School sweatshirt

PE DAYS

- Reception - Wednesday and Thursday
- Y1 - Monday and Thursday
- Y2 - Monday and Thursday
- Y3 - Monday and Tuesday
- Y4 - Tuesday and Friday
- Y5 - Friday (swimming) and Wednesday
- Y6 - Tuesday and Friday

If parents need help with PE kits, we have spare preloved uniform in school.

School Uniform

- Royal Blue Sweatshirt
- Light blue Polo Shirt
- Grey School Trousers or skirt
- Black school shoes, or all black trainers.

South Tyneside Music Festival The Customs House

Y2 will be performing on the afternoon of Thursday 20th March at 1.30pm.

Our **Choir** will be performing on Monday 17th March at 6.30pm.

Information regarding tickets will follow shortly.



Easter Praise

Easter Praise will be led by Y3 & Y4 on the afternoon of 10th April in Church at 1.30pm.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club continues to run every morning from 8.00am. The children get a choice of cereal, toast, fruit, water & milk. Then they have the opportunity to play with activities until they are escorted to the classroom by staff.

Entrance to the club is through the hall fire doors and each session is £1.50 payable via ParentPay.

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO ADD YOUR CHILD'S NAME TO THE WAITING LIST

Dinner Money

Dinner money which is **£2.50** a day, (£12.50 a week)

MUST be paid on a Monday morning by Parent pay. Please see Mrs Curry for more information.

Yellow Zig- Zag lines

Can parents please refrain from parking and dropping off on the yellow zigzag lines outside of school.

HIGHWAY CODE 238

Rule 238. You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates - see 'Traffic signs' and 'Road markings'. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.

Children's Absence & Lateness

Tel: 0191 4552862
Option 1 to leave a message.

Could parents please ring school on the first morning of their child's absence providing a reason and perhaps an indication (where known) of how long the absence will be for. If Mrs. Lee is not available please leave a message on the school's answering machine.

Policies

Copies of all school policies, including Safeguarding are available on our school website. On request paper copies can be obtained from the school office.

<http://sspeterpaul.co.uk/>

Thurston

Some of our Y5 & Y6 children will be visiting Thurston from Monday, 7th until Friday, 11th April. There are still places available if your child is interested.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School closes: 1.00p.m. Friday, 11th April.
School reopens 8.45a.m. Monday, 28th April