



SS Peter & Paul RC Primary School

18th September 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The children have returned to school a credit to you all; smart, alert and ready to learn. Throughout the school there is a great working atmosphere, and we are excited to begin our new year together. Please find attached to this newsletter a calendar with all of the holiday dates for this coming academic year. Thank you, Mrs M Butt

THE SCHOOL DAY

On a morning, school gates will open at 8.40am. All children should be in school by 8.45am and the gates will be closed. (Nursery sessions start at 8.45-11.45am and 12.15-3.15am). On an afternoon school gates will be opened at 3.10pm. Lessons end at 3.15pm, children should be collected at this time.

Reception and Y6 - Welcome Mass

Wednesday 24th September 10.00am

Reception and Y6 Classes invite you to celebrate Mass with them in Church. It is an opportunity to welcome our school community back together and look forward to our year ahead. **We respectfully ask you to not bring food or drinks into church.**

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING YEARS 1 TO 6

We are holding celebrations of learning in the school hall for the children in years 1 to 6. This is an opportunity for the children to be mini-teachers and to share their learning with you by looking in some of their books and taking part in activities from lessons. The teacher will share an overview of the curriculum and ideas of how the children can be supported at home. All celebrations of learning will begin at 9.00am.

- Y6** – Monday 6th October
- Y1** - Tuesday 7th October
- Y2** – Thursday 9th October
- Y3** – Friday 10th October
- Y4** – Monday 13th October
- Y5** – Tuesday 14th October

School Uniform

A polite reminder our uniform is as follows:

- Blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- Blue polo shirt
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Sensible shoes or trainers. (We recommend black)

PE KIT CAN BE WORN TO SCHOOL ON PE DAY

- Plain White t-shirt
- Plain black shorts, black leggings or black jogging bottoms
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Trainers

PLEASE REMEMBER, FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS, NO EARRINGS OR JEWELLERY CAN BE WORN IN SCHOOL.

Community Police Visit

Our community police, Gail & Richard visited school today to work with and meet the children around school. Along with Nexus, they are hoping to tackle anti-social behaviour around the Metro Station.

Reception Class Parents

Parents of Reception Class children are invited to join us for lunch on Tuesday, 21st October at 11.30am. This is a chance for you to meet staff and sample our tasty lunches with your children.



Children's Absence

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.

Tel: 0191 4552862, option 1



Parents Meetings

Face-to face parents' meetings will be held in the school hall on Monday, 10th November. Telephone timeslots will be available on the Tuesday & Wednesday. Further information to follow nearer the time.

Nursery Stay and Play w/b 6th October

This is an opportunity for you to come into Nursery and spend some time with your child and meet the staff. Miss Richardson will notify you of the particular date and time of your visit.

Y1 Castle Trip w/b 6th October

Y1 will be travelling by Metro to visit the Castle in Newcastle on Friday, 10th October. Miss Rutherford will send further details nearer the time.

Bikeability Y4 & Y5

Y4 Friday, 7th Nov

Y5 10th-13th Nov

Can students please have a roadworthy cycle and helmet available for the Bikeability sessions to be held on the above dates.



HEALTHY SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Packed lunches

As a healthy school we promote healthy eating and would request your co-operation in encouraging the children to bring healthy nutritious choices in their packed lunches. No fizzy drinks please and biscuits, cakes and crisps should be limited wherever possible. Grapes **MUST** be cut up length ways.

Due to the fact we have children in school with allergies we request that there are no eggs or nuts allowed in packed lunches, snacks or in school.

Children are also encouraged to bring a small bottle of water (**not juice**) to school to keep in the classroom.

This bottle will be brought into school each day and taken home each night to be refilled.

KS2 children can bring a piece of fruit for morning break. KS1 receive fruit in school through a government scheme.

Flu Vaccines

15th October

Nasal Vaccines will be given to children by the NHS School Nursing Service on 15th October. **Children can only be given the vaccine where permission has been obtained from parents via the online link.**

Y2 Class Assembly

This will be held in the school hall at 9am on Friday 28th November at 9.00am.

HALF TERM holidays

School closes, 3.15 p.m. Friday 24th Oct. School reopens on Monday 3rd Nov at 8.40am.

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary
Autumn 2025 - Dates for your Diary

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| 24th September | Reception & Y6 | Welcome Mass in Church, 10.00am – Parents of all year groups welcome |
| 26th Sept | Y3 | Celebration of the Word in class, 9.00am |
| 2nd October | Reception | Welcome assembly and Parent meeting in school hall 9.00am |
| w/B 6th October | Nursery | Stay & play – Individual pupil dates to follow from Nursery Staff |
| Mon, 6th Oct | Y6 | Celebration of learning in school hall with your child. 9.00am |
| Tue, 7th Oct | Y1 | Celebration of learning in school hall with your child. 9.00am |
| Thu, 9th Oct | Y2 | Celebration of learning in school hall with your child. 9.00am |
| Fri, 10th Oct | Y3 | Celebration of learning in school hall with your child. 9.00am |
| Mon, 13th Oct | Y4 | Celebration of learning in school hall with your child. 9.00am |
| Tue, 14th Oct | Y5 | Celebration of learning in school hall with your child. 9.00am |
| Wed, 15th Oct | Rec – Y6 | NHS - Flu Vaccines (only for pupils with parental permission) |
| 21st October | Reception | Parent Lunch 11.30am |
| 24th October | Whole School | School closes at 3.15pm for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY 27th - 31st October | | |
| Mon, 3rd Nov | Whole School | School reopens today at 8.40am |
| Fri, 7th Nov | Y4 | Y4 Bikeability in school yard |
| Mon, 10-13th Nov | Y5 | Y5 Bikeability (Four days) |
| Mon, 10th Nov | Y1-Y6 | Parents meeting in school hall |
| w/c 10th Nov | Reception | Stay and Read Sessions in class all week |
| Tue, 11th Nov | Y2 | Remembrance Service – Cenotaph, West Park |
| 11th-12th Nov | Y1-Y6 | Telephone calls to parents |
| 14th Nov | Whole School | Children in Need Day – details to follow |
| 25th Nov | Whole School | Adam Bushell – author to visit school |
| 28th Nov | Y2 | Class Assembly 9.00am |
| 9th Dec | Whole School | Christmas Lunch |
| 10th Dec | Nursery | Nursery Nativity in school at 9.30am |
| 11th Dec | Infant | Nativity in Church at 10.00am |
| 15th Dec | Nursery & Infant | Nursery – Y2, Christmas Party in School - P.M. |
| 16th Dec | Juniors | Y3 – Y6, Christmas Party in School - P.M. |
| 17th Dec | Juniors | Carol Service & Mass at 10.00am |
| Fri 19th Dec | Whole School | Christmas Tree Assembly, Christmas Crafts & Santa Visit |
| 19th December | Whole School | School closes for the Christmas holidays at 1.00pm. |
| 5th January 26 | Whole School | INSET day - School closed to pupils |
| Tues, 6th January 2026 | Whole School | School reopens at 8.40am Tuesday, 6th January 2026 |