



# St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: **Tracey Peters**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of a short, cold, but very busy half term. You children have all progressed immensely in their learning and been a credit to the school on our many trips. Everyone at St Peter and St Paul thanks you for your continued support and wishes every family in our community a blessed and enjoyable holiday. Let us hope the weather takes a warmer turn over the break.

## **Prayer Life of the School**

Happy St. Valentine's Day!



St. Valentine was a Roman Catholic priest in the 200s. He secretly helped couples in love marry, even though the emperor had outlawed marriage. He was a martyred-on February 14, in the year 278 AD. The children learnt about the story of St Valentine in class and some made Valentine's cards.

Bless us with Love, O Merciful God;  
That we may Love as you Love!  
That we may show patience, tolerance,  
Kindness, caring and love to all!  
O Compassionate One, grant compassion unto us;  
That we may help all fellow souls in need!  
Bless us with your Love O God.  
Bless us with your Love.

Amen.

## **Celebrating St. Valentine in the Nursery**

Pearl and Amethyst Classes were feeling the love this week by baking cookies in heart shapes and making heart shaped decorations.



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### **Year 4 Class Assembly**

Year 4 did a marvellous job teaching us all about the Beatitudes and singing beautifully in their class assembly on Thursday. Unfortunately, quite a few children were off due to sickness but the children present made up for it. Well done to Year 4. If parents would like to sign the assembly book but did not get a chance you can find it in the foyer.



### **Reminder of Class Assemblies this term**

<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery

### **Gold Attendance Award Children to visit the Sobell**

This amazing trip has been booked for the 4<sup>th</sup> of March when the children who managed to come to school every single day last year will have a huge treat at The Sobell Centre. They will enjoy the go-kart area, climbable mangrove tree, playhouse, games room and rope bridge with Miss Peters.



### **Year 5 Visit to The Science Museum**

Year 5 had an exciting trip to the IMAX. They have been learning about the Earth in space this term. They were beautifully behaved had a great time.

Have a read of this specially written report about the trip by Sienna and Nala-Star:

On Monday we went to visit the Science Museum to watch a cool film about Space called 'A Beautiful Planet.' We wore special glasses because the film was in 3D so we felt like we were actually in Space. In the film, we got to see planet Earth from Space and how the planet looks at night. We even got to see what storms look like from Space!

We learnt that astronauts can't stay in Space for too long and that there might be life in another Galaxy that has a planet similar to Earth. I'd love to go again; it was so fun

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### **Year 1 Design and Technology and Superhero Day**

Year 1 made some vehicles in DT this week. They worked in groups to assemble the parts and then tested and evaluated their designs. All the children worked very cooperatively and were pleased with their excellent outcomes. On Wednesday they had a 'superhero day' to compliment their literacy work around the book Traction Man.



### **Year 1 to the Tate Modern**

Year 1 had a very exciting week because they rounded off this half term with a Valentine trip to the Tate Modern. They loved Matisse's Snail and the Lichtenstein cartoons!



### **Year 5 Gardening Club**

This week at Gardening Club, Year 5 explored Queen Victoria's role in the formation of St John Ambulance and learnt about Victorian food.



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## **Year 4 Science Workshop**



Year 4 had a fantastic time at their Science Workshop for their topic 'Sound'. Gooley Stuey returned to visit them to teach the children about how sounds are made by creating vibrations. The children experimented with lots of different objects to make sounds and then made their very own kazoos using lollysticks, rubber bands and straws.

## **Internet Safety Day**



Keeping safe online is vitally important now more than ever. There are new risks appearing all the time, so it is important that you and the children keep up-to-date with new scams and how to stay safe online, while still being able to use this incredibly useful resource. On Tuesday the children heard all about how to keep safe online in two separate key stage assemblies with Miss McCaffrey. See link below for more resources you can look at and use at home.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

## **Important Dates for Spring Term**

Spring Term reports go out on the 19<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' Meetings 20<sup>th</sup> March from 1:30pm

## **Football Match at Thornhill**

### **Match Report**

On Tuesday we played Thornhill. The Saints (us) lost 5-2 and the people who scored for us were Jude and Teddy. We played well and so did Thornhill, it was a close match, we just needed to score more goals. We were missing shots and we weren't passing the ball as much as we could, so we are going to work on our tactics.

Thornhill were playing strong in their defence, but we kept going and didn't give up on trying to get the ball off their players and trying to score.

Lenny and Eady were great in goal, they saved lots!

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### **FREE Winter Warmer Family Event at Three Corners!**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 12pm-3pm**

Come and enjoy winter tales from around the world and craft activities. No need to book! At Three Corners Playground. Finger food provided by Tesco.



### **Year 2 Cake Sale**

Thank you to the parents of children in Year 2 who donated cakes and to mums who ran the stall. We managed to raise £36! Well done. Year 3's turn after half term.



See timetable below for your class cake sale!

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>27-2-25</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>6-3-25</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>13-3-25</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>20-3-25</b>

### **Year 4 Arsenal Lesson**

Year 4 practiced moving on and off the ball in their Wednesday PE lesson with Arsenal Football Club. They always concentrate hard and it looks like there are some budding footballers in the class!

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### **Head Teacher's Award**

Congratulations to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

**Amethyst Arthur** and Christopher

**Coral** Stanley and Freda

**Diamond Elliot** and Rafael

**Emerald** Riccardo and Holly

**Jet** Harriet and Parfaite

**Moonstone** Theia and Phoenix

**Ruby** Karl and Fidele

**Sapphire** Leah and Eliana

### **Hot Chocolate**



Miss Peters hosted these children for a tasty cup of hot chocolate and a chat this week. Well done to these children for showing our mission statement in their actions!

**Pearl** Aurora

**Amethyst** Ariana

**Coral** Phoebe

**Diamond** Dan

**Emerald** Gio

**Jet** Leiria

**Moonstone** Molly

**Ruby** Amira

**Sapphire** Florencia

### **Attendance and Punctuality**



**The whole school achieved 89% attendance this week.**

Ruby had the highest attendance this week with 94% Well done Ruby Class again! Regaining your crown after Jet took it last week. Diamond came second this week with 93%. We are still way off the national target of 96%. Let us hope the sickness bugs and coughs and colds disappear over half term!

Jet Class won the Punctuality Cup this week with only 1 late. Well done to them.

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Please be advised that holidays are no longer authorised and are subject to fines in line with new government guidelines and in keeping with all schools in Islington. Please see our new attendance policy on the website for further details.

### **The Wednesday Word**

This Sunday's Gospel comes from Luke 6:17

It tells of Jesus speaking to a great crowd who have come from all over to hear him teach and to be cured. He explains to them all who The Kingdom of God awaited:

"Blessed are you who are poor now, God's kingdom belongs to you. Blessed are you who are hungry now, because later you will have all the food you need. Blessed are you who are sad now, because later you will laugh. Blessed are you if people hate you and ignore you, and insult and attack you just because you follow me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward will be great in heaven."

Dear Lord,

I trust in Your ability and not my own. Teach me to see difficulties in my life from Your perspective. Help me focus on You and Your power. Amen

Have a lovely half term. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on the 24th February

Miss T Peters and Miss J Manzone

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