



# St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Tracey Peters

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another wintery, but thankfully lot less rainy week. Half term is fast approaching and the children have been immersed in their learning activities. Have a look at this week's newsletter to see what we have all been up to.

## Prayer Life of the School

The Pupil Chaplaincy Team took whole school assembly on Tuesday. They spoke to the school about the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope and what the Jubilee symbol meant and what we as a school will be doing. **Please watch this space!** We also linked the theme of hope with Candlemas – Simeon and Anna waiting in hope for Jesus – Light of the World to come. Each class were presented with a blessed candle for their prayer table.



Dear Lord,

At Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph, taking the baby Jesus to the temple and Simeon proclaiming him to be a light in the world. Help us to live by Jesus' example. Help us to be guided by his light, to live a good life and to treat others as we would like to be treated. In Jesus' name, Amen.



## Year 5 Class Assembly

On Thursday Year 5 gave a wonderful assembly where they spoke about inspirational people. In their assembly they discussed how Jesus is the most inspirational person and the different beatitudes he taught us to help guide our lives. They sang beautifully and everyone agreed they did an amazing job! Well done Year 5.



## School Council

This report is brought to you by Rhea in Year 6:  
Miss Manzone has asked me to write a report on what we talk about in our school council meetings.

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We have been talking about **ways to fundraise** with our classes and here are some of our ideas:

- Pay entry to watch the Year 6 and Year 5 football matches (snacks included)
  - Quiz night- charge for entry
  - More cake sales
  - Challenges to raise money- to be decided
  - Tuck shop
- To raise attendance**, we have discussed:
- At the end of term, the class who got the highest attendance will get a pizza party, the people who were second place will get a movie and third place will get a badge each. This is an expansion on our current reward for the winning class (pizza party).
  - Cooking classes
  - More own clothes days possibly Mondays or Fridays
  - On Friday change school times so we have more time for lunch.
  - More variety for lunch (bring back cake).

Thank you for taking time to read my school council report on what we do in our meetings.

I think you will agree Rhea has written us an excellent report with lots of brilliant ideas from the whole school, which the SLT will certainly be thinking about implementing.

### **PTA Meeting**

Miss Bessant is hosting a PTA meeting at 9am on Thursday 27th February. Please come along if you are a member of the PTA or would like to be.

### **Chess in Year 4**

Year 4 started their chess lessons with Max from Chess in Schools back in January and they are learning how to play the game gradually. Today they learnt about the Queen and how she is the most powerful piece in the set. The children played Queen V Pawns. Eventually, they will move on to playing full games and will have a class tournament.



### **Fire Service**

On Monday the fire service came into school for Years 2 and 5 to explain all about fire safety. They learnt about the main causes of fires and how important it was to have a smoke alarm that they regularly test.



### **Arsenal with Year 3**

This week with Arsenal Football Club the children in Year 3 played a fun game called 'Crossing the River'. They were learning all about balance and coordination as they practiced their ball skills. The coaches were impressed with their enthusiasm, focus and effort.

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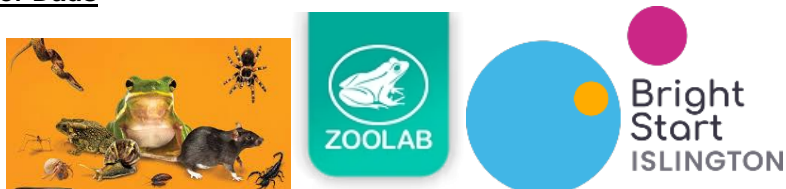


**Coffee Morning**

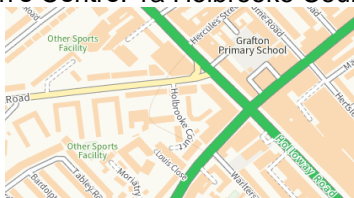
Elisha from Bright Start is hosting a coffee morning with an advisor from The Parent House on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. This is aimed at the parents of children with SEND. Do come along for coffee, biscuits and an informal chat about any issues you are experiencing.



**Bright Start for Dads**



The last Zoolab workshop for dads is this Saturday. It is a time for dads to meet up and the children to have a fun animal encounter. Dads don't miss out! 10am to 12am at Willow Children's Centre. 1a Holbrooke Court, off Tufnell Park Road



**Reminder of Class Assemblies this term**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery

**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**

There was no match this week. Next week's football match is at Thornhill

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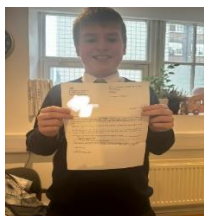
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### Thank you

Thank you to Eady's mummy Bobby for giving up her time to prepare our swimmers for the prelims at Cally Poll taking place in few weeks.

### Letter from the Ministry of Housing

Our Deputy Prime Minister Conor was pleased to receive another letter in response to his letter to 10 Downing Street earlier this month. This letter explained what this government plans to do to combat homelessness and commended Conor for his initiative and well-written letter. Conor explained to me he is also planning to approach Prince William who has homelessness as one of his causes. Let us hope he gets a great response. Well done to Conor for being so proactive in trying to help others in the community.



### After School Provision

 **Tea Time Club**

**Timetable**  
Subject to change  
Main activities highlighted

Menu  
Toasted Sandwiches, Pitta, Wraps, with Tuna, Cheese, Chicken or Baked Beans. Vegetable Rice, Chicken/Vegetarian Hotdogs. Chicken/Vegetable Noodles.  
2 fruits and 2 salads included.  
All on weekly rotation and subject to change

Week Commencing:

Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th
Arts & Crafts Painting Stones and creating valentines cards	Cooking Chocolate chip heart cookies	Multi-Sports Ball Games	Wellness Decorating Affirmations	Creative Time Building a Lego City

### Year 1 Cake Sale

Thank you to the parents of children in Year 1 who donated cakes and to Tristan's mum and Tia one of our students who ran the stall. The class managed to raise an impressive £33. Year 2's turn next week!



See timetable below for your class cake sale!

Year 2	13-2-25
Year 3	27-2-25
Year 4	6-3-25
Year 5	13-3-25
Year 6	20-3-25

### Head Teacher's Award

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

**Amethyst** Rosie and Chideziri

**Coral** Asapha and Omnia

**Diamond** Nazareth and Dan D

**Emerald** Christiana and Josiah

**Jet** Charlotte and Wayne

**Moonstone** Tony and Isla

**Ruby** Brian and Noah

**Sapphire** Eiliyah and Ethan

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## Attendance and Punctuality



**The whole school achieved 90% attendance this week.**

Jet had the highest attendance this week with 95%. They also won the Punctuality Cup this week with only 1 late. Well done to them.



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 week's Gospel shows Jesus speaking to Simon Peter by the lakeside. After a night of working all night and catching nothing, Jesus instructs the fishermen to let down their nets one more time. They catch such a large number of fish that Simon Peter falls to his knees proclaiming "leave me Lord; I am a sinful man", but Jesus tells him not to be afraid from now on Simon Peter and his companions will not be catching fish but people. The fishermen all leave their nets and follow him.

By following Jesus, we too can help others to find and love God – to find the happiness in knowing and following Jesus.

A Word from Pope Francis "To follow Jesus means to share his love for every human being."  
Have a good weekend

Kind regards,

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