



# St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Tracey Peters

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 2! Here at St Peter and St Paul we have jumped straight back into learning. This is going to be a short but jam-packed half term. Have a read of everything we have been up to this week!

## **Prayer Life of the School**

In school we are continuing to think about The Church's Jubilee year entitled 'Pilgrims of Hope' This week the children began to learn the official Jubilee song. There is an ongoing competition to name our Jubilee bear. Posters are around the school. This competition closes on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Please enter for a chance to win a school teddy!



We will of course be preparing the children for Easter this half term. Your children will be learning in school about The Stations of The Cross, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We will keep you posted about upcoming liturgies that you will be invited to attend.

In Tuesday's assembly Miss Peters led the school in prayer for Pope Francis. The whole school community is joined in wishing him comfort and strength at this time.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble hearts to lift up Your servant, Pope Francis, who now lies in critical care. We ask for Your healing touch upon his body, Your peace upon his mind, and Your comfort for his spirit. In this time of illness, be his strength and his hope.

Amen

## **Ash Wednesday a day of prayer and fasting and the start of our Lenten journey**

Fr Ivano will be distributing ashes after our liturgy at 9.30am on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

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# Nursery to the Young Victoria and Albert Museum



To tie in with their topic on toys Nursery had a fun packed day on Wednesday at the newly refurbished Young V & A in Bethnal Green, despite the rain.

## Affordable Food in Islington

Pick up a paper copy of this from the foyer which outlines all the places in Islington you can access free or affordable food.

### Affordable (+ free) food in Islington

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekends
<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p><b>St Giles Parish</b> NT 5GL, Community pantry £3.50 per visit. Tuesdays 2-4pm, Wednesdays 9-10am-4pm, Thursdays 9-10am-12.30pm-2.4pm Appointment only. To book a referral contact St Giles or visit <a href="http://www.stgilesparish.org.uk">www.stgilesparish.org.uk</a> for more info and support</p> <p><b>St Luke's Food Hub</b> EC1A 8BN 13h-3.30pm For some EC1 area, by appointment please call to check eligibility 02075498181 Free ready meals The Post EC1H 8RN Wednesdays: fresh food available, Colaba from 12-4pm</p> <p><b>Horsey Lane Community Centre</b>, 209 7272 9388 Drop-in soup kitchen 10:30-12:30pm at Horsey Lane N19 2PL Horsey Lane Community Centre N4 6BW Food parcels 12pm-3pm. 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Pay £5 in return for £20 (£25 worth of also Caribbean goods) Free Saturday of every month at 10pm, Canton House N19 2JG, if you are on low or no income, please contact us about joining: <a href="mailto:info@coastcommunitycentre.org.uk">info@coastcommunitycentre.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Foodbank Fishbowl</b> Zak's Free 3 course vegetarian meal Saturday 1pm-5pm 020 7722 8895 www.coastcommunitycentre.org.uk Corker Walk, N7 2JH No need to book!</p> <p><b>St Luke's Church</b> 2nd time Foodbank, N19 2JH Cook Together Drop-in. Learn to make cheap, easy &amp; tasty meals. All ingredients provided. 3-5.30pm</p> <p><b>St Luke's Church</b> N7 9ND, Low Fee Foodbank 3-5pm Free community lunch (monthly) 12.30-1.30pm Open House (11h-1.30) Free coffee meeting + soup lunch</p> <p><b>St Luke's Church</b> N7 9ND, Low Fee Foodbank 3-5pm Free community lunch (monthly) 12.30-1.30pm Open House (11h-1.30) Free coffee meeting + soup lunch</p>

**Other services:**

Bags of Tins: **Free, mentored at-home cooking course** to make low cost, nutritious meals. Ingredients provided for five and delivered to your house. Open to all Islington residents. [islington@bagsoftins.org](mailto:islington@bagsoftins.org) or 0796042458

**Horsey Lane Community Centre:**  
**Family Cook & Share** Wednesdays 10am-2pm  
**Free Lunch Clubs for people over 55:**  
Thursdays 10-12pm at Colaba Hall, N19 2JH  
Saturdays 12-4pm at Horsey Lane Estate Community Centre N19 2PL

**St Luke's Community Centre, ECV 8AJ**  
**Over 65s Lunch Club** for Islington residents offering low cost freshly cooked lunches on-site  
90 Central St, ECV 8AJ, Monday to Friday 12-2pm

**Elizabeth House Community Centre N6 1ED**  
Blue House Club **over 50s club**, Wednesdays (term-time only) **Chair Yoga** 11am, **free hot lunch** at 12pm, followed by an activity

**Islington Mind:**  
Communal warm spaces and a variety of activities, including **cooking classes and communal meals**, specifically for residents experiencing mental health challenges. Referral needed. For more information: [www.islingtonmind.org.uk](http://www.islingtonmind.org.uk) or contact 02033391850

**Healthy Start Vouchers**  
Get support to buy food and milk. Regular payments of up to £8.50 per child per week are automatically loaded onto a prepaid card to be used in shops. Open to women/people at least 10 weeks pregnant or families with a child under 4 years and receiving:  
• Universal Credit with total family earned income of £488 or less (after tax) per month  
• Child Tax Credit with family income no more than £16,190 per year  
Complete application online: [www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/)

You may also be eligible if you receive:  
• Income support  
• Income-based jobseeker's allowance  
• Pension Credit (including child addition)  
Or if you're pregnant and:  
• under 18  
• receiving Income-related Employment and Support Allowance  
• receiving Child Tax Credit but don't also have a child under 4  
**Apply by email [healthy.start@nhs.uk](mailto:healthy.start@nhs.uk) or phone 0300 330 7070**  
Call Family Support (02072783787) for any application concerns

**Book start (Islington)**  
A range of services supporting **under 5s and their families** across Islington, including baby feeding information and support. For more information call 02072727695  
[www.islington.gov.uk/bookstart](http://www.islington.gov.uk/bookstart)

**Join or start a food co-op.**  
Food co-ops are groups of neighbours who buy food together to save money. By being in a food co-op, you could save up to 20% on your weekly groceries. To find out more and for guides and resources on how to start a co-op, visit: <http://cooperationtown.org/>

Find your nearest food co-op by contacting co-operation town here: <https://cooperation.town/contact/>  
Cooperate Gildestone: Gildestone Community Centre, 11am-2pm Wednesdays. Open to new members!

Please note, this is not a comprehensive list of all food support available in Islington.  
For more information, visit: [www.islingtonfoodpartnership.org.uk](http://www.islingtonfoodpartnership.org.uk)

## Year 3 Literacy



Year 3 started a unit of work on 'Leon and The Place Between' a magical circus tale. The children were introduced to this book with an exciting and delicious writing hook. They are all going to be inspired to do some excellent writing.

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## Office Times and Late Arrivals



Please be advised that the school office opens **at 8am and closes at 3:30pm**. From Monday if your child is late and admitted through the front office you will have to take any scooters or bikes home with you.

## PTA Meeting



There is another PTA meeting scheduled for next Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8:45am. The summer fete was under discussion this week. Watch this space. If you are interested in joining the PTA please come along or see Miss Bessant on the gate.

## World Book Day Reminder

**Next Thursday is World Book Day.** The whole school will be dressing up. The theme this year is:

**'All Around the World'.**



Your child can dress up as a character from a book from anywhere in the world. Fairy tales are pretty much universal, so if you are stuck, you could always look up the country of your choice and find an appropriate fairy tale character. Good luck with your inspiration. We are all looking forward to seeing the outfits!

There will be an assembly where the children from EYFS, KS1 and KS2 with the winning costumes will receive their prizes (see books below) and the children will have an opportunity to parade in their costumes.



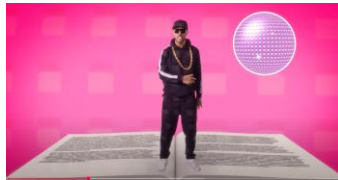
We also have MC Grammar who is **World Book Day Ambassador** visiting us on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April for a very special treat. Parents will be invited! Follow the link to hear him sing the official World Book Day song.

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpTkjssrL4k&ab\\_channel=MCGrammar%E2%80%93EducationalRapSongs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpTkjssrL4k&ab_channel=MCGrammar%E2%80%93EducationalRapSongs)

### **Year 3 Class Assembly**

On Thursday Year 3 gave us a wonderful treat with their class assembly about reconciliation. They reminded us of God's never-ending love for us and His generosity. They sang beautifully as always and remembered their lines really well. Thank you to the parents who wrote such supportive and encouraging comments in our assembly comment book. The children and staff always love to read them.



### **Years 5 and 6 Road Safety Workshop**



This week Year 5 and 6 participated in a workshop about road safety! They listened to witness statements, looked for clues and questioned characters regarding a serious accident involving a boy crossing the road unsafely. At the end they discussed how we can all stay safe while walking on pavements and crossing roads.

### **School Council**

School council have been diligently reporting back their ideas and concerns this term. Some of the initiatives that the SLT really liked are going to be put into action very soon, starting with the **'jellybeans in a jar' competition to raise money for the Whitechapel Mission** and a **new healthy tuck shop run by school council on Friday playtimes**. Miss Peters will also be relaunching the **film club this half term on Mondays (KS1) and Fridays (KS2) after school**. The price will be £2.50 and children can bring a pillow and a blanket and will be provided with popcorn and a drink! Watch this space!

We will be organising a disco for the Summer Term so get practicing your moves!!

Well done to our school council and all the children in the school for all their brilliant ideas! We are listening!



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

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 Against St Luke's**

Football Report by Rhea and Eiliyah (Year 6)

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, we played against St Luke's Primary School in a football match. From kick off both teams played very well. In the first half of the match St. Peter and St. Paul scored within the first 5 minutes. We were very proud of our team, however, as the match went on it proved to become a little bit more difficult. St Luke's quickly got the ball back and scored a goal. The first person to score a goal on our team was Jude (Year 5), followed by Brian (Year 5) and the final goal by Jude again. Although it was neck and neck for the majority of the match. The final goal was scored by St. Luke's putting them in the lead. Even though we lost the football match, the football team stayed positive, strong and made sure to try their best. A great effort was put in by all the children and better luck next time.

### **Prelims Swimming at Cally Pool**

This week our swimming team completed their heats in the hope of getting through to the finals of the Islington Schools Swimming Gala. The children came 1st or 2nd in their races and did the school proud! The final will be held at **Ironmonger Row Baths on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm-7.00pm**. We will know early next week if they made it through. Well done to all the swimmers: Molly, Thomas and Harrison (Year 4), Brian, Elnathan, Andria, Olivia, Eady, Lois, Freya, Georgia-Rose and Sienna (Year 5), Fergus, Freddie, Gabriel, Eliana, Florencia, Delina and Darcy (Year 6)

### **Year 3 Cake Sale**

Thank you to the parents of children in Year 3 who donated a fine array of cakes and biscuits this week and to Jordan and Violet's mums who ran the stall so efficiently. We managed to raise an amazing £75.50 and a huge thank you to Nancy's mum who bought every child in Year 3 a cake to congratulate them on their assembly today. They were exceedingly tasty.



See timetable below for your class cake sale!

<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>

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## 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** Malcom  
**Amethyst** Lucia  
**Coral** Arianna  
**Diamond** Dan  
**Emerald** Kristiona  
**Jet** Wayne  
**Moonstone** Francesca  
**Ruby** Eirinn  
**Sapphire** Freddie

## Attendance and Punctuality



**Every Day Really Counts!**

**The whole school achieved 95% attendance this week.**

Jet had the highest attendance this week **with 99%** Well done. Diamond and Ruby were a **close second with 98%**. We are almost hitting the national target of 96%. Fantastic job everyone!

Emerald Class won the Punctuality Cup again 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

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus reminds us to look to our own faults before pointing out faults in others.

Dear God, help me to fully comprehend that my actions speak louder than my words. Help me to see the opportunities around me to be a blessing to others. And then help me not only see those opportunities but also do something about them.

Amen

Have a good weekend

Kind regards,  
Miss T Peters and Miss J Manzone

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