Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies for the lack of newsletter last week. We have a bumper one for you today! The weeks are simply whizzing by and we are fast approaching the end of the year with all the celebrations and performances that Summer 2 brings. It is a very exciting time of year for the children as well as an exhausting one all round. We hope you enjoy seeing what we have all been up to over the past two weeks.

The whole school prays for Miss Peters and her family as they mourn the loss of her father.

Dear Lord,

In this time of sorrow, please wrap your loving arms around those who are grieving. Grant them strength, peace and comfort as they navigate this difficult journey. May they find solace in your presence and in the memories of their loved ones.

Amen

Prayer Life of the School

As we approach The Feast of Corpus Christi, on Sunday which honours of the real presence of the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, children thought about the sacrament of the Eucharist and researched or responded in art.



National Thank a Teacher Day

National Thank a Teacher Day is an annual celebration of teachers and support staff across early years settings, schools and colleges. This year it was on **Wednesday this week.**





A big shout-out to all teachers and support staff across the UK and of course to all the fantastic staff at St Peter and St Paul who give to selflessly to the wonderful children in our community. They will of course all say it is nothing but we know how hard they all work.

Year 2 and Year 1 Assemblies

Both Year 1 and Year 2 gave fabulous assemblies over the past two weeks. Year 2 last week in the absence of their class teacher did exceptionally well; remembered all their lines and sang and danced beautifully. Year 1 treated us to an all-singing all-dancing musical enactment of the miracles of Jesus with a nod towards the summer holidays, as well as their annual graduation ceremony as they accepted their caps and scrolls before moving up into Year 2.



Year 2 Data Handling

Year 2 had great fun this week learning about tally charts in Maths. Look at how hard they were working in pairs. They have really impressed Miss Manzone with how they have concentrated in all their work this week. Well done to them all.



Year 6 School Journey Week

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Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved week of exciting activities last week after all their hard work in the lead up to and during SATs week. On Monday they had an amazing time ice-skating and then in the afternoon at Go-Ape! On Tuesday they spent the entire day having fun on and in the water in Fairlop. They spent the rest of the week at Woodrow enjoying outdoor adventure pursuits and of course the obligatory disco. Thank you to all the adults who supported them this week and kept up their energy and encouragement. Have a look at some of their highlights below.



Caritas Ambassadors Festival at Westminster Cathedral

On Wednesday last week it was The Caritas Ambassadors Festival at Westminster Cathedral which celebrates the social action projects undertaken by schools within the Diocese of Westminster. The festival is a time for schools to share their work, receive recognition, and be inspired by the efforts of others. The children from St Peter and St Paul behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school. Molly accepted the certificate from the Bishop, Laila and Thomas presented our Caritas book and Tony and Cristobel said prayers. Well done to all children involved and to everyone involved in the fundraising projects for Caritas this year.

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Fabulous Fundraisers!

On Saturday 14th June Eliana and Andria took part in Race for Life Cancer Research in Hampstead Heath and have raised over £700 so far. If anyone would like to make a small donation for this amazing cause here's the link:

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/glorias-team-11

We are all extremely proud of you. Well done girls!



Year 3 Science

Year 3 have been investigating how plants transport water using different liquids and celery sticks! There are getting very good at investigation with Miss Martin our science lead.



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Whole School Trumpet Experience

On Tuesday the whole school was treated to a musical trumpet extravaganza which was led by the Worshipful Musicians' Company. The children learnt all about the history of the trumpet, how it was made and two lucky children got to be conductors for the day! It was a super interactive and very educational event and was enjoyed by adults and children alike

Find out more about the musicians here. https://wcom.org.uk/who-are-we/aboutus/



Year 3 to The Barbican

On Monday the Year 3 children went to the Barbican to enjoy foot-stomping traditional songs from around the world, as well as original songs in over 30 languages written by the children and inspired by refugee stories. They had great fun joining in with interactive singing, beatboxing and body percussion!



Well done to Years 3 and 4 who put on a great cake sale on Thursday.

Remaining Cake Sale Reminder

Year 3 and 4 cakes ale has been rescheduled- watch this space for date.

03/07/25 Years 5 and 6

School Fair

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Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school fair on Friday after school and of course to the PTA who have put in an enormous effort. There were many amazing stalls and activities on offer. Everyone had an excellent time and raised money for the PTA fund. Special thanks to Miss McCaffrey and Miss Bessant who were good sports at the' Soak Your Teacher' stall



Pyjama Day - Fundraising Event Organised by our Caritas Team

A reminder that Friday the 27th of June will be Pyjama Day. The children are invited to come in wearing their pyjamas and bring in a donation for Providence Row- a Catholic charity which supports the homeless of East London. See their good work by flowing the week below.

https://www.providencerow.org.uk/

Bright Start Tree of Life Workshop for Fathers



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Free Boxing at the Sobell Centre

As part of the 'Access to Sports Project' there are all-girls and mixed boxing sessions available (aged 10 up) Tuesdays at the Sobell Centre Please follow the QR code if you are interested in signing up



Summerversity and Bright Start



The Summerversity Website is now up for this upcoming summer. Bookings are available from the 23rd June. Please see link below.

Summerversity | Free activities for young people

Elisha from Islington Bright Start can meet with parents to book activities directly at the school drop-in. Elisha is always available for advice if you have any concerns surrounding family health and wellbeing.

Elisha's next dates are from 9am on the 1st July and 15th July. Please let the school office if you are coming along to any of those.

Uniform Vouchers

If you require some financial assistance with purchasing school uniform, please apply for vouchers following the link below:

https://www.uniformedcharity.org/vouchers

Class Assemblies

Reception assembly – Thursday 26th June 2025 9.15am **Nursery assembly** - <u>Wednesday</u> 16th July 2025 9.15am

Term Dates for Next Year

See below for term dates for 2025/2026. These will also be uploaded to the school website.

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Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 19 December 2025

Children return to school Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Last day at school for children: Friday 19th December 2025 (School closing at 1.15pm)

- Half term: Monday 27th October Friday 31st October 2025
- Inset Days Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

Children return to school Monday 5th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Last day of school for Children: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Tuesday 13th April 2026 – Monday 20th July 2026

Last day at school for Children: Friday 17th July 2026 (School closing at 1.15pm)

- Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 Friday 29th May 2026
- Inset days Monday 1st June 2026, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026
- May Bank holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

INSET DAYS		
1	Monday 1st September 2025	
2	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	
3	Monday 1 st June 2026	
4	Monday 20 th July 2026	
5	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	

Meet our Clergy and First Holy Communion



Parents and carers are warmly invited to a series of three meetings where you will be able to meet with Fr. Ivano, Canon Chris, Miss Peters and Miss Bessant. The meetings are designed to discuss moving forward together in our faith as well as what we do in school. It will also be an opportunity to talk about your children's Sacramental journey; including finding out information about preparation for your child's First Holy Communion.

All meetings will take place at 2:30pm in school.

Monday 30th June 2025

Other Important Dates for Your Diary

Year Group Masses

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Monday 23rd June 2025, 1.05pm Year 4 attends Mass at St Mary Moorfield's

Parents/Carers are warmly invited to all of the above!

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul



Monday 30th June 2025, 9.30am

We will be celebrating the feast day of our school saints: St Peter & St Paul. This will take place at the church of St Peter & St Paul , Amwell Street.

Parents/Carers are warmly invited!

Children can come to school on 30-6-25 wearing something blue and/or yellow with their uniform - it is not own clothes day.

Parent Pay

Please ensure you have paid up any outstanding debts on Parent Pay please.

After School Enrichment for Summer Term

NB: If you sign up for an enrichment club you have committed for a half term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spanish 3:15- 4:15pm £5 Homework Club 3:15- 4:15pm	EYFS Football 3:15- 4:00pm £5 Music Ensemble £5	I Heart Dance EYFS/KS1 3:15-4:15 £8	Coding 3-4:15pm £5 Perform Drama KS1/2 3:15-4:00 Jungle Rumble	KS1/2 Football 3pm-4pm £5 Lego 3-4pm £5
£5 Reception/KS1 Film Club 3:15-4:30 £2.50	Yoga- Feeling Better 3:15-4:15pm £5	I Heart Dance Street Dance 4:15-5:15 £12	£8	KS2 Film Club 3:15-4:30 £2.50

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P.T.A Request

The PTA are still looking for donations of unused uniform with the current logo. EYFS are always in need of leggings shorts socks and new underwear. Please bring in to the school office if you have spare.



Office Times and Late Arrivals



Please be advised that the school office opens at 8am and closes at 4pm. 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school attendance for the past two week was 94% which is creeping up. Let's try to keep the upwards trajectory!

The class with the highest attendance was Ruby Class Year 5 with 98%. Well done to them. Also to Sapphire our Year 6s who had 96%.

The class with the best punctuality was Jet Class, our Year 3 with 14 late marks for the past two weeks. Congratulations to them.



Every Day Really Counts!

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

The Gospel on Sunday comes from Luke 9:11-17 and describes Jesus feeding the 5,000. This passage illustrates his compassion and power to provide for needs. It also highlights the disciples' initial reluctance and Jesus's challenge for them to participate in God's provision. The passage is a

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foreshadowing of the Eucharist. Reflecting upon this passage we could consider what specific ways we can be more generous and share what we have with others.

Lord Jesus Christ,

We thank you for the gift of your Body and Blood in the Eucharist. May we, who share in this sacred meal, be united in your love and grow in holiness. Grant us the grace to live as one body, reflecting your love and compassion for the world.

Amen

A Word from the Pope Francis

"Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families"

Miss T Peters and Miss J Manzone