



St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: **Tracey Peters**

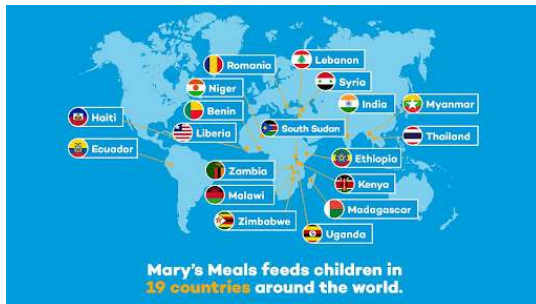
Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another half term! It has been a short and fun-packed one! Do have a read of what all your children have been up to this lovely sunny week! Remember we do not return until the **Tuesday 3rd of June.**

Prayer Life of the School

On Tuesday Miss Manzone gave a whole school assembly about our Holy Mother. They learnt about a charity called Mary's Meals which feeds over two million of the world's poorest children each day. The children also heard the story of Mary's Meals founder: Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, whose family took him on Catholic Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina as a child. We continue as a school to pray for our new Pope Leo XIV, whose first public address included a plea for peace and a prayer to Our Lady Queen of Peace.



Pope Leo also recited the Regina Caeli:

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Let us pray. O God, who have been pleased to gladden the world by the Resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may receive the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Year 4 Class Assembly.



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On Wednesday Year 4 treated us to a fantastic assembly about our heavenly mother Mary. They enacted The Annunciation and taught us all about Mary's parents. The children all said their lines and sang beautifully. Afterwards, Canon Chris lead us all in prayer and song after the procession to Mary's Garden. There was a brilliant turn-out from parents. Thank you to all who stayed to watch The Crowning and to say The Rosary.



Year 3 Class Assembly

On Thursday it was our lovely Year 3's class assembly on how to live life as a Christian. It was a beautiful message and contained wonderful singing and acting as usual. We especially enjoyed the reggae version of 'Here I am to Worship'. Well done to all the children who delivered their lines extremely well. Thank you to the huge turn-out of parents and friends who came along to support the children.



Year 1 and Year 2 Cake Sale

Well done to Year 1 and 2 who donated so many cakes this week there were enough for two cake sales! Thank you to the PTA for organising and to the generosity of the parents in Years 1 and 2! They raised lots of money for the PTA fund.



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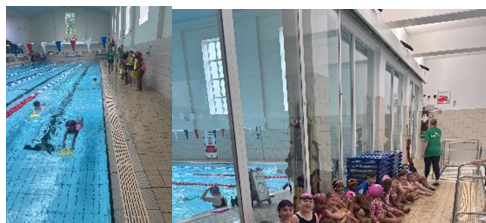


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| 19/06/25 | Years 3 and 4 |
| 03/07/25 | Years 5 and 6 |

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 had a lovely time swimming this week. They were all really brave and lots of them faced their fear of water and progressed in learning this essential life skill. The swimming teachers said they were all fabulous superstars!



School Council



School Council have been busy working on the Children's School Evaluation Form. This document will be displayed in school once it is finished. They have also been collecting ideas for where the money raised from the Key Stage 1 disco will go. This will be announced when it is decided. Year Two have also come up with two excellent ideas for future school improvement and ensuring our attendance continues to improve: theme days for school lunches and dressing up like historical characters for themed history days. The Senior Leadership Team will approach the school cook and Humanities Lead with both of these ideas. Watch this space!

Year 5 Gardening Club

In Year 5 Gardening Club last Thursday the children studied the parts of a plant as they learnt all about how plants grow and thrive



EYFS Perform 'Rumble in the Jungle'

Nursery and Reception had a fun session with Perform on Friday when they went on a jungle adventure. Perform also run our after-school drama club. See our enrichment provision if you are interested in your child joining.

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Reggie and Nancy from Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. They did themselves, their families and our school very proud and looked very smart too.



Football News

Congratulations to our ex-pupil Joel Mensah (brother to Jude in Year 5) who signed his Scholarship with Leyton Orient FC.



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Head Teacher Awards

This week these children really impressed their teachers and received the Head Teacher award

Amethyst – Anaelle and Alice
Coral - Anastazja and Lyla
Diamond - Ablakat and Benjamin
Emerald Daisy and Raia
Jet Skylar and Parfaite
Moonstone – Joaquim and Alex
Ruby – Freya and Kiplianna
Sapphire – Dylan and Michael

Class Assemblies

Year 2 assembly - Thursday 5th June 2025 9.15am
Year 1 assembly - Thursday 19th June 2025 9.15am
Reception assembly – Thursday 26th June 2025 9.15am
Nursery assembly -Wednesday 16th July 2025 9.15am

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 9th June 2025
Monday 30th June 2025

Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, 28th May it is the Feast of Ascension and is a day of Obligation, The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion and Pentecost.



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Term Dates for Next Year

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

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 | |
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| 1 | Monday 1 st 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 |

Other Important Dates for Your Diary

Year Group Masses



Tuesday 3rd June 2025, 1.05pm Year 6 attends Mass at St Mary Moorfield's.
Monday 9th June 2025, 1.05pm Year 5 attends Mass at St Mary Moorfield's.
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!

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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.

Packed Lunches

Please remember if your child has packed lunch the importance of making sure it is a balanced and healthy meal. The leaflet below is available from the school office and gives you guidelines. You should include foods from all 5 categories below. Juices should be unsweetened fruit juice. If you include crisps or cakes it should really be a small portion and not an alternative to the carbohydrate component.



Parent Pay

Please can you all log into your ParentPay account and pay any outstanding debts for this half term. If you have not paid for your child's enrichment activities your child will not be able to re-join after the half term until the debt has been cleared.

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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 |
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| Spanish 3:15-4:15pm £5 Homework Club 3:15-4:15pm £5 | 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 £8 | KS1/2 Football 3pm-4pm £5 Lego 3-4pm £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 | | KS2 Film Club 3:15-4:30 £2.50 |

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, Late Arrivals and Requests



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.

Also, please note the turnaround time for any letter requests or forms needing to be complete is 3 working days, we have had an increase in requests and please be mindful that these can not be completed on the same day. All letters and forms need to be signed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Requests from colleges regarding Ofsted reports can be printed from our website.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week was **94.6%** which is getting closer to the national expectation of **96%**. **Hopefully we will get there soon!**

The class with the highest attendance this week was **Emerald- Year 2** with **96.62%** attendance. Well done to them. We had three classes this week with 96% attendance- also Years 5 and 6, so congratulations to them too.

The class with the best punctuality was – Ruby class with 10 late marks this week. Punctuality has started to become particularly bad in some classes. **Please try to get here before the bell and the gate closes at 8:45am. Your child will start the day in a better place if they can come into school on time.**



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 message for this Sunday focuses on Jesus' promise of peace, reminding us to remain in his love and joy. He assures us that his peace is different from the world's, offering a sense of calm even amidst difficulties. The Gospel passage highlights the importance of keeping Jesus' commandments, specifically loving one another as he has loved us. Ultimately, the message encourages us to find joy in our relationship with Jesus and to remember that his love is the source of peace and happiness.

Lord Jesus, I ask for your peace to fill my heart. Help me to trust in you, even when I'm facing difficulties. Grant me the grace to love others as you love me, with patience and understanding. May your peace rule in my life, now and forever. Amen

A Word from the Saints

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

St. Mother Teresa

Have a blessed and wonderful half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back for Summer 2.

Miss T Peters and Miss J Manzone

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