



St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: **Tracey Peters**

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally reached the end of the Summer Term. As a school, we have had a year of success packed full of learning and excitement! We are sure you will agree that it has been a fantastic year all-round. As summer holidays approach, it is this time to relax and re-charge – ready for the new academic year ahead.

On behalf the staff thank you as always for your generosity and kindness in the many gifts we have received.

Prayer Life of the School

As a school we give thanks to God for the blessings he has given us this year. The children thought about their highpoints and achievements and wrote prayers of thanks in class.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of this school year. We are grateful for the learning, the friendships, and the experiences we've shared. As we transition into the summer break, we ask for your continued guidance and protection. Grant us rest and refreshment, and allow us to enjoy time with family and friends. May we return in the Autumn with renewed energy and a spirit of learning.

Amen

A Few Welcomes

We are welcoming four new teachers in September. Please see the name of your child's new class teacher below. **On September the 2nd there will be a morning and an afternoon session where you will be invited to a curriculum meeting with your child's new teacher.** You may bring your child along to either the morning or the afternoon meeting. Your child has spent time in their new classroom on Friday.

Two-year-old provision - Ms Aga and Miss Mala
Nursery- Ms Begum, Mrs O'Flaherty Miss Duffy Ms Englefield
Reception Miss Jasminka and Miss Adkins
Year 1 Miss Pryce and Miss Saki
Year 2 Miss Christina Joseph and Miss Saki
Year 3 Miss Poppy Miller-Teece and Miss Feeney
Year 4 Miss Patricia Martin and Miss Feeney
Year 5 Mrs Larysa Moore and Miss Olivia
Year 6 Miss Michelle Bessant (Acting Assistant Head) and Miss Malaika

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We wanted to recruit the best teachers for our school.

Bikability

Bikability were in school giving invaluable cycle safety advice and training to our Years 4, 5 and 6 this week. Follow the link below for the parents' handbook of advice when cycling with children.

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https://islington.coordinate.cloud/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Bikeability_Parents_Handbook_2019.pdf

Year 3 Science

Year 3 super scientists were busy investigating forces and design this week. Just look at their brilliant boats.



Shining Star Award



Kyri in Year 6 was chosen for an Islington Shining Star award on Monday night for being an exceptional student and celebrated for his many achievements.

Reception to Minnis Bay

On Wednesday Reception and most of the parents had a fantastic day at the beach. They went paddling, found rock pools, built sandcastles and had a beach picnic. Some children even found crabs and a jellyfish! We finished off the day with an enormous ice cream with a flake!



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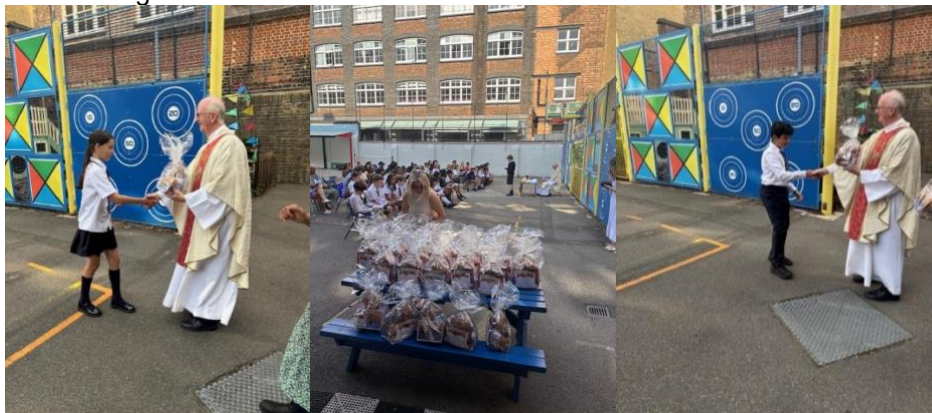


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Year 6 Leavers' Mass

On Monday after school Year 6 celebrated Mass with Canon Chris. It was a beautiful occasion to mark their time at St Peter and St Paul. The parents came along and all children said prayers and sang wonderfully. They were presented with a St. Peter and St. Paul teddy, a certificate and the school motto to remember us by. The children enjoyed pizza and juice afterwards and the parents also celebrated with a glass of wine.



Nursery Assembly

On Wednesday Nursery gave their last adorable assembly before some of them will be moving up to Reception in September. As usual they melted hearts! They spoke about their next steps and 'graduated'. Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to support their children.



Hair-raising Act of Kindness

Leah from Year 6 and her sister Alice in Nursery donated their hair to The Little Princess Trust which helps children with cancer by providing wigs. What absolute superstars! A real shining example of kindness; following the teachings of Jesus and our school motto. If you are inspired by Alice and Leah and would like to donate hair or money to this worthy cause, follow the link below.

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

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Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Year 6 gave their final assembly to an emotional audience on Thursday. It was a fitting send off for this amazing cohort. We hope they will all come back to visit us in September.



Year 6 Leavers Poem

*Let no-one steal your dreams
Let no-one tear you apart
The burning of ambition
That fires the drive inside your heart
Let no-one steal your dreams
Let no-one tell you that you can't
Let no-one hold you back
Let no-one tell you that you won't
Set your sights and keep them fixed
Set your sights on high*

*Let no-one steal your dreams
Your only limit is the sky
Let no-one steal your dreams
Follow your heart Follow your soul
For only when you follow them
Will you feel truly whole
Set your sights and keep them fixed
Set your sights on high
Let no-one steal your dreams
Your only limit is the sky*

Attendance Trip to the Sobell

The children who achieved 100% attendance in Spring term had their reward on Thursday. They went to the Sobell Centre with Miss Peters, Ms Japaul and Phoenix's mummy



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St Peter and St. Paul's Got Talent!

On Tuesday Afternoon the school hall was rocking with talent as each class put a class act on to entertain us all! It was truly amazing and the three guest judges: 'Sabrina Carpenter', 'Simon Cowell' and 'Taylor Swift' were very impressed. It was a close call but Year 6 tipped the scales with their rendition of Ghost Whip. They even brought along bubbles! The whole school enjoyed an impromptu dance afterwards.



Rewards Assembly

On Friday we celebrated the children who this year achieved gold (100%), silver (98%+) and bronze (96%+) attendance this year. Well done to all the children who received prizes. Your attendance was brilliant



Coding Club to The Lightroom

As a reward for their hard work in Coding Club some children were chosen to attend a special trip on Wednesday to The Lightroom. If you fancy a trip over the summer, The Lightroom is just a 10-minute walk from King's Cross station at the top of Coal Drops Yard. Follow link for more details of the shows on offer.

<https://lightroom.uk/>



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Year 4 Multiplication Superstars!

Year 4 did exceptionally well in the multiplication check this year with a whopping 68% of children attaining full marks! This compares with 34% of children nationally. The whole class worked incredibly hard and every single one of them deserved their "I Got Skills They're Multiplying" T-shirts, which they were given in our achievement assembly today.



Popcorn Parties

St John Southworth the winners of the house cup in Spring received their reward on Tuesday and Thursday this week. They enjoyed munching on popcorn as they watched a film.



Reminder: Positive Conduct

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our school community about the importance of maintaining a respectful and positive environment around our students, particularly when on school grounds or in nearby areas such as the park opposite.

Please be mindful of the following:

- No swearing or inappropriate language in the presence of children or staff.
- Avoid confrontations of any kind.
- School matters involving children should be discussed privately with staff at an appropriate time.

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Our priority is always the safety and well-being of our students, and we appreciate your support in setting a positive example for them at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dance Party at Coram's Fields

If dancing is your thing why not pop along on Saturday 19th of July for the family dance day a **free event** for all the family



Bright Start -Family Kitchen Summer Picnics

Would you like for you and your child to eat better and be healthier? Come along and attend a family picnic. See dates:

Monday 4th August at King Square Gardens, 10am-12pm Tuesday 12th August at Highbury Wildlife Gardens, 10am-12pm Thursday 14th August at Barnard Park, 10am-12pm Monday 18th August at Whittington Park, 10am-12pm Thursday 21st August at the Ecology Centre, 10am-12pm Wednesday 27th August at Andover Estates, 10am-12pm

Register using the QR code below.



Drama over the Summer

Perform who run our amazing drama and dance after-school provision are putting on summer drama classes. Call the number below or follow the QR code to find out more details.

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“A very welcoming and positive environment which my son thoroughly enjoyed being part of.” - Diana Russell

HOW TO BOOK
To find your nearest venue and to book call **020 7255 9120** or visit **perform.org.uk/alice**

Course T-shirts are required at a cost of £9.00. We offer a 20% discount for siblings attending the same holiday course at the same venue. Payment can be made by credit/debit card, childcare vouchers or PayPal Pay in 3 (subject to status). See our website for Terms & Conditions and refund policy. Your child should bring a water bottle and a nut-free packed lunch.

WE ACCEPT TAX-FREE CHILDCARE AND PAYPAL PAY IN 3

PERFORM*
WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE



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.

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>

Parent Pay

As we are nearing the end of the academic year ensure you have paid up any outstanding debts on Parent Pay. Any child with an outstanding balance will not be able to take part in enrichment or after-school club in September.

Attendance and Punctuality

For the whole year out attendance as a school was **92.3%** this is low as the **national expectation is 96%..** It is certainly a target for us as a school going forward into 2025-26 academic year.

The class with the highest attendance overall this year was **Ruby Class** who overall had **95%** attendance. A very well done to our Year 5s!

Whole school attendance this week was **90%**

The class with the highest attendance this week was **Nursery** - Amethyst class with **96%**
The class with the best punctuality this week was **Year 2**- Emerald class with only **7** lates.

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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

In this Gospel passage we meet Jesus visiting the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany. Martha is busy with preparations for Jesus, while Mary sits at his feet, listening to his teachings. Martha, feeling burdened and perhaps a bit resentful, complains to Jesus that Mary is not helping her. Jesus responds by gently correcting Martha, stating that Mary has chosen "the better part" – focusing on his words and presence. He explains that while service is important, spiritual attentiveness is essential and should not be neglected.

Lord Jesus,

Like Martha, we are often caught up in the bustle of life, feeling pulled in many directions. Help us to find balance, prioritising time with you and your word, just as Mary did. Teach us to recognise the importance of spiritual nourishment alongside our service to others. Fill us with your grace to discern what is truly essential and to choose the "better part" in all we do.

Amen.

Have a wonderful Summer Holiday
God Bless!

Kind regards

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