

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



SUMMER TERM 2024/25
2nd HALF TERM



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are well into the final half term of the year and we can't believe how quickly this year has flown by!

We have been extremely lucky with the sun shining down on us on most days. It has been lovely and warm; the children have loved being able to play on the field, and fully utilising the grounds at break times and lunchtimes.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this half-term, we have lots of news to share about things that happened last half term and events that are coming up! As always, please let us know if there are any suggestions you would like to make or if you have any concerns. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and we hope you have a fantastic summer!

'Sunshine is sweet; it is good to see the light of day.'

(Ecclesiastes 11:7)



Diary Dates



St Peter's Feast Day
Friday 27 June – All Day

Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Monday 30 June – 1.45pm

Transition Day
Tuesday 1 July

EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 2 July – 9.30am

Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Wednesday 2 July – 1.45pm

Learn, Love & Grow Together Day
Friday 11 July

Star of the Year Assembly
Wednesday 16 July – 9.00am

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18 July – 9.00am



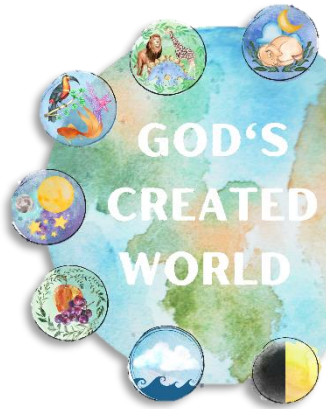
Year 6 Leavers' Service

'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans ... to give you a future and a hope.'
Jeremiah 29:11

On Thursday 19th June, our Year 6 pupils participated in the annual Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral—a poignant and celebratory occasion acknowledging their primary school journey. The service brought together schools from across the diocese to reflect on the theme of transition, growth, and new beginnings. The children participated in uplifting songs, shared prayers, and listened to inspiring messages that reminded them of their value, their achievements, and the exciting adventures that lie ahead. It was a touching reminder of the role faith, friendship and community play in our lives, especially during times of change.

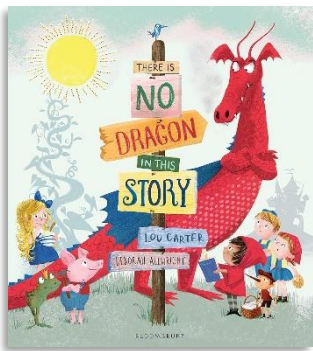
We are so incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils — their conduct, spirit, and unity were exemplary throughout the day. The Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral will be a lasting memory for them all as they prepare for the next exciting chapter in their education.

Nursery News



Welcome back after the half term holiday! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. This term, our new topic is Superheroes. We will begin with the story 'The Flying Bath' by Julia Donaldson—a magical tale about a bath that can fly and helps animals in trouble. As part of this, we'll be learning about speech bubbles and having a go at writing our own. The children will also make their own books inspired by the characters in the story. In RE, we will be exploring the topic 'How God Created the World'. We'll think about how God made our beautiful world—including us! The children will retell the creation story using musical instruments and reflect on the important people in their lives who help them. Throughout the term, we'll enjoy a variety of learning activities, including listening to stories, singing nursery rhymes, recognising numbers, counting objects, and counting forwards and backwards. We'll also focus on listening to the initial sounds in words and practising how to write them. These are all great skills to reinforce at home. Your child will continue to bring home a weekly library book. Please take time to share it with them, as it really supports their learning.

Reception News



Welcome back to our final half term in Reception! We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed some special family time. It's always a joy hearing the children share their holiday adventures. We're especially excited for our final trip of the year to Smithills Farm – keep an eye on the website gallery for photos of our fun-filled day! This half term, our topic is Superheroes! We'll begin with 'Supertato', where an Evil Pea is on the loose – can we help catch him? The children will design and label their own traps, and write sentences to describe how they work. We'll then explore 'There is No Dragon in This Story', which features some familiar fairy tale characters. Our role play area has become a hospital, giving the children the chance to step into the shoes of real-life superheroes. We'll share photos of this transformation on the website soon! In Maths, we'll revisit addition and subtraction, and begin developing reasoning skills through word problems. We'll also strengthen number bond recall to 5 and 10 with games in our outdoor area. In RE, our topic is 'Special Stories'. We'll learn about Bible stories Jesus told, and also share our favourite books and why they're meaningful. Please continue to read regularly at home – it really does make a difference.

Year 1 News



Welcome back to the final term of Year One! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term. This final half term is filled with exciting learning and activities. In RE, we'll be exploring the Christian creation story. Children will learn the key events, practise retelling using important vocabulary, and discover how different Christians interpret the story. We'll reflect on how Christians show care for the world and why they choose to thank and praise God. This unit will support children's understanding of religious stories and values, while encouraging thoughtful discussion. In English, we'll focus on fantasy stories, especially superheroes, as well as poetry and instructional writing. Children will continue developing their vocabulary, punctuation, and handwriting. Any extra writing at home would be fantastic to help boost creativity and confidence. In Maths, we'll explore time, multiplication, division, using number facts to work with money, and position and direction. We'll also continue to strengthen problem-solving and reasoning skills. Our new Science topic is Seasons. We'll learn about weather, clothing, special events, and the months that belong to each season. In History, we'll learn about Florence Nightingale and how nursing has changed over time. We'll compare past and present, and explore how Britain has been shaped by global influences. Homework will continue every Thursday, due back on Wednesday. Thank you for your support!

Year 2 News



Welcome back to the final term of Year 2! We have an exciting half term ahead, filled with engaging learning and fun activities. One of the highlights will be our final trip of the year to Springfield Park, where we'll continue exploring our Science topic on bees and pollination—a subject we've already begun learning about. In English, we'll be reading 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. The children will explore the illustrations, ask questions, and write character descriptions. We'll finish the unit by creating our own pirate adventure stories—full of imagination and excitement! In Maths, we'll revisit place value, fractions, and time, as well as practise solving reasoning problems. Our 'Mad Minutes' challenge will continue, giving pupils the chance to earn their next certificate. Science will focus on 'Bees and Pollination', including learning about the life cycle of bees and the role they play in eco-systems. We'll be expanding our scientific vocabulary too. In History, we'll look at past and present explorers. We'll learn about figures like Christopher Columbus and consider what it takes to be an explorer—could you be one? Our RE topic is 'What makes places sacred to believers?', exploring the features of churches, mosques and synagogues. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing half term break. In Maths, we'll be focusing on the four operations: $+$ $-$ $\times$ and $\div$. The children will learn the short-written methods for these, including solving word problems. We'll also explore adding and subtracting fractions. Please keep practising your Mad Minutes at home—it really helps! In English, we'll begin by revisiting poetry. The children will identify key features and use them in their own writing. We'll also be studying Roald Dahl's play version of *The Witches*, focusing on layout, stage directions, and dialogue writing. Our History learning continues to explore the Roman invasion. This term, we'll look at the impact the Romans had on our local area, particularly focusing on Chester—a city rich in Roman heritage and influence. In Science, our topic is Forces and Magnets. We'll investigate how magnets work, their properties, and how forces like pushing, pulling, and twisting are used. In RE, we'll explore the question: 'How and why do people try to make the world a better place?' We'll consider the Golden Rule through various religious perspectives, as well as a humanist, non-religious viewpoint. It's going to be a busy and exciting term!

Year 3 News



Oh my goodness – it's our final half term of Year 4, and there's still so much to look forward to! We'll be continuing with our swimming lessons, and there are exciting events coming up, including St Peter's Day and Sports Day. Keep an eye out for updates and key dates. In Maths, we'll complete our final units on measurement, focusing on area, perimeter, and converting between different units. Towards the end of term, we'll revisit previous topics that may need a little extra polish, making sure we're ready for Year 5. In English, we'll begin by exploring information texts about the Tudors, linking closely with our new History topic. We also have an exciting trip to Ordsall Hall to enhance this learning. After that, we'll dive into 'How to Train Your Dragon', and finally finish the year with a fun unit on nonsense poetry. In Science, our focus is on Sound, exploring how sounds are made and what affects pitch and volume. For Design Technology, we'll be designing and creating our very own working torches. In RE, we'll start a new unit on significant life events and how different people celebrate their life journeys. We hope you've all enjoyed being part of Year 4. Thank you for your continued support – let's make this last term a great one!

Year 4 News



Welcome back to our final half term of the year! This year has flown by, and we will be sad to see it end. The children have been an absolute joy to teach and have made this year truly memorable. In English, we'll be reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo – a wonderful tale of adventure and friendship. We'll focus on setting, character development, dialogue, and narrative structure, while developing our comprehension skills through chapter-by-chapter analysis. In Maths, we'll begin by ordering and comparing decimal numbers before applying these skills to problem-solving tasks involving decimals and percentages. We'll then move on to interpreting and analysing data from graphs. Following assessment week, we'll finish with work on metric and imperial units. In Science, we'll explore the topic of forces, building on our knowledge from Year 3. This includes gravity, friction, and air and water resistance, brought to life through exciting experiments. In RE, we'll explore What Matters Most to Humanists and Christians. We'll discuss how religious and non-religious beliefs influence values, decisions, and worldviews. Our final History topic will ask: Who were the Rochdale Pioneers? We'll explore the co-operative movement's origins in our hometown, linking to justice and inequality in Victorian society. Lastly, we'll complete the Young Leader's Award, developing teamwork and compassion through community-focused projects.

Year 5 News



Welcome back to the final term of Year 6! We have lots of exciting activities planned as we make the most of your last half term at St Peter's. In RE, we'll be exploring the question 'For Christians, what kind of King is Jesus?' We'll reflect as a class, answer big questions, and pose some of our own. Our Christian Value this term is Respect. In English, we'll focus on a range of writing genres. Children will edit and redraft their work to showcase their full potential. We'll begin by reading *The Eighteenth Emergency* by Betsy Byars, using the text to explore character thoughts and feelings and write an alternative ending. In Maths, we'll revisit place value, including rounding, before moving on to fractions and percentages of amounts. Children will also use Freckle Maths to complete automatically marked tasks and end-of-topic quizzes. Our TT Rock Stars class competition continues—let's see who wins before the term ends! In Science, we're learning about electricity. We'll investigate how it works and what is needed to build a successful circuit. In History, we'll explore Modern Britain, asking: How has life changed in modern Britain? We'll study key events that have shaped the way we live today. We're looking forward to a fantastic and memorable final term with Year 6!

Year 6 News





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We have our annual
"Learn, Love, Grow
Together Day"

coming up in a few weeks.
Have a look at the activities
classes will be doing below:

Whole School: Picnic, mindfulness
activities, positive affirmation
activities.

EYFS: Puppet Show Performance
from a professional puppeteer and
Nursery Rhymes.

Year One: Outdoor Treasure Hunt
and Indoor Traditional Party Games.

Year Two: Making/flying their own
Kite and Traditional Playground
games.

Year Three: Den Building and Camp
Fire S'more making.

Year Four: Orienteering and
Traditional Indoor Games.

Year Five: 'Random Acts of Kindness'
at St Peter's Square via a Tram
journey.

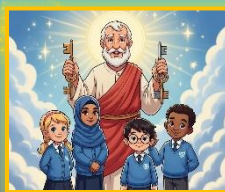
Year Six: Car Wash and Traditional
Board Games.

St Peter's Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating St Peter's Day on Friday 27th June. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, which included a lively and laughter-filled performance by Wacky Woody, a well-known children's entertainer. His magical tricks, comedy and audience participation had the children captivated from start to finish. Everyone came to school in non-uniform, adding to the fun and festive atmosphere, and all the children were treated to a delicious ice-cream from the ice-cream van. It was a joyful day of celebration in honour of our school's namesake, filled with smiles, surprises and special memories. Have a look at some of the amazing photos from this very special day."



Who was St Peter?



St Peter, our school's namesake, was one of Jesus' closest disciples and is often remembered as the 'rock' upon which the Church was built. Originally a fisherman, he was called by Jesus to become a 'fisher of people', spreading the message of love, faith and forgiveness. As a Church of England school here in Rochdale, we are proud to bear his name and follow his example of faith, courage and service.



ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?

Our attendance target is: **96%**

Nursery	91.0%	Rec S	92.9%
Rec P	93.2%	Year 1KW	95.3%
Year 1CW	94.0%	Year 2B	95.5%
Year 2K	96.0%	Year 3J	95.9%
Year 3B	94.4%	Year 4R	95.2%
Year 4H	93.8%	Year 5H	95.0%
Year 5C	96.6%	Year 6R	95.1%
Year 6H	95.8%	Whole School	94.7%

Well done to class **2K** & **5C** for achieving the attendance target!

Attendance Matters, Every Second Counts!

If attendance is between 90-96% (8-20 days absence per year) it means that during primary years your child will miss 2 or more terms of education!

Headteacher Message

I can't quite believe we've already reached the final half term of the academic year - time really does fly! This last stretch is always a busy one, and we've already packed in lots of exciting activities, including our wonderful St Peter's Feast Fun Day. Over the coming weeks, we'll also be sharing your child's progress through our annual end-of-year reports. In addition, we'll be holding a transition day to give your child the chance to meet their new teacher and begin looking ahead to the next school year. We'll be sending out more details about this, and other upcoming events, very soon. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support - it really does make such a difference. As always, please don't hesitate to pop in and speak to me if you'd like to discuss any aspect of your child's education. It promises to be a busy but enjoyable few weeks before the summer break - enjoy every moment!

Mr A Whelan