

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Advent Term - Week 1 – Friday 12th September 2025

Theme of the week:



Foundation of Love

Key Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

In assembly this week the children learned that God's dream is for us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him by sharing His love with others. This is what we are made for; without God we are missing a foundational element of what it means to live life to the full.

The beginning of the school year is a great time to make a fresh start and to remember that God is with us to help us on our way. In the prayers this week, we invited the Holy Spirit to help us to look back with thankfulness, to be present with gratitude, and to look forward with hope and excitement.

Awards this week go to:

Stars of the Week –

St Peter's Class: Whilst all the new children in Reception have been stars this week, we will start official Stars of the Week for them next week.

St Cecilia's Class: Harrison- for such enthusiasm in all that he does, and for sharing his joy with others!

St Bernadette's Class: Pera – for being so attentive and eager to answer questions in class, and giving her best during her busy day.

St Christopher's Class: Leandro - for making a great start to year 6 and participating positively in lessons and being helpful.

Disciples of the Week:

Johnny (St Bernadette) for always arriving at school with a smile and tackling his tasks so enthusiastically.

Raiyah (St Cecilia) for being such a great help on the playground.

Madeline (St Christopher) for being a wonderful and welcoming member of St Peter's to our new starters in KS2.

A note from Mrs Thomas and Mrs Boyle

Welcome back everyone! A new school year always brings a mix of excitement and anticipation—for pupils, staff, and families alike. Thank you for the kind words and encouragement shared out on the playground this week—they've meant a great deal to us.

To our returning pupils: welcome back! We're pleased to see you again and look forward to supporting your continued growth and success.



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To those joining us for the first time: we're delighted to welcome you to our St Peter's family!

We also extend a warm welcome to our new children and families across the school, and to our new staff members—Mrs Welsh and Miss McCornick—who we're very pleased to have joining the team.

Please keep an eye on our ever-popular Facebook page to see what our wonderful children have been up to!

Annual Consent and Photography Consent

As we begin to book trips in for the Advent Term it is important to ensure that the information we have about your child is up to date. Unfortunately, without this we will be unable to take your child out of school so please fill it in as soon as you can. **RECEPTION PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO FILL IN THE ANNUAL CONSENT FORM BELOW- MRS BOYLE WILL UPLOAD YOUR RECENTLY COMPLETED PAPER VERSIONS FOR YOU. PLEASE DO COMPLETE THE SHORT PHOTO CONSENT FORM THOUGH AS THIS IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TO THE ONE YOU ALREADY COMPLETED- THANKYOU.**

If you've moved over the summer or changed your phone number, please email your new details to the School Office.

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Class Highlights:

Whole School

We're already bursting with pride for our small but mighty group of pupils. From day one, they've shown remarkable solidarity—welcoming new faces with warmth, compassion, and a genuine sense of belonging. It has been wonderful to see children building new relationships with their peers and the excitement of being in class with some new faces. From now on the children all eat at the same time in the hall, and we are launching a new cafe style seating arrangement from Monday, with children sitting with buddies from



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across the school, which we know will further enhance our community culture at St Peter's- the children so love being with children from different year groups and we know this will enrich their dining and social experiences. The children have been so forthcoming in helping stack chairs and clear away at lunchtime and we thank them for that!

St Peter's Class

Our new Reception class members have been finding their feet in their new surroundings this week! They have been enjoying learning about St Peter, the fisherman, and have created some beautiful artwork for display, including a collage fish for St Peter and a self-portrait with watercolour. They are learning about the routines and rules of the classroom and have been busy making new friends across the Key Stage. They all now know how to say '*Good morning*' using MAKATON signing so please ask a Reception child to show you and you can learn too! They will learn one sign each week, so watch this space.

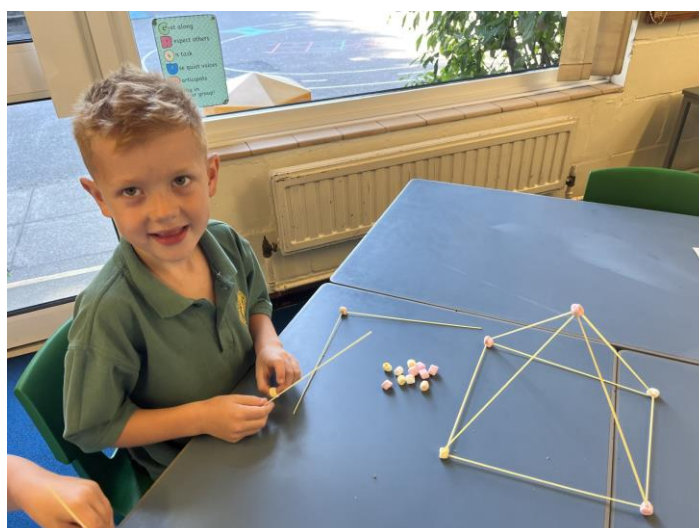
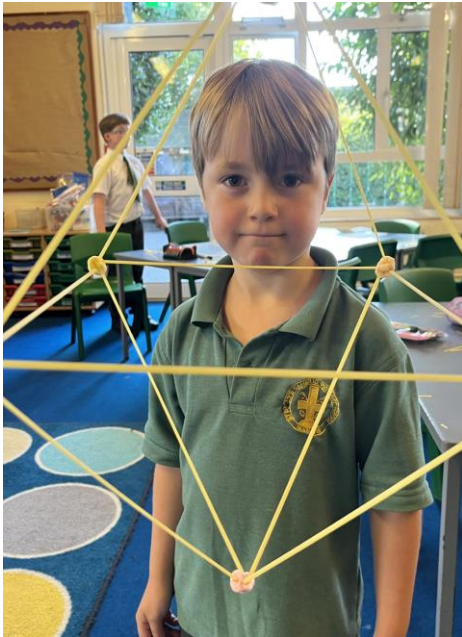




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St Cecilia's Class

Children in St Cecilia's have been very busy so far this term! They have enjoyed exploring the new areas of the learning space across Key Stage One. There has been some fantastic independent learning but also super teamwork - helping others so they can have success and finish their challenge is really satisfying! Last week the children worked hard to build their own structures from spaghetti and mini marshmallows- Mrs Ross saw great determination and perseverance in this task!

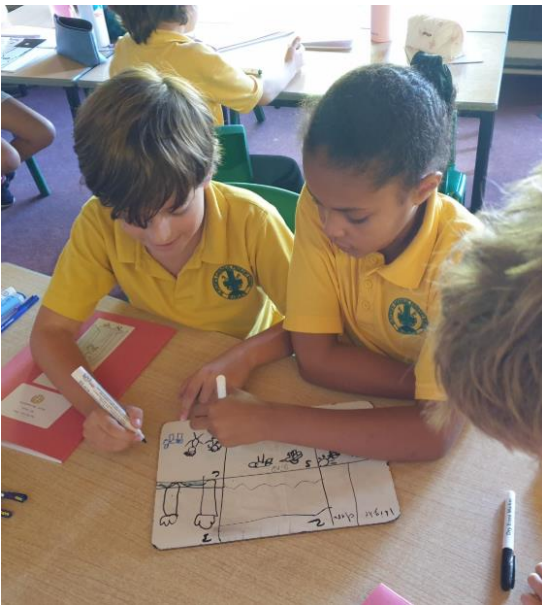




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St Bernadette's Class

St Bernadette's class has also been very busy so far! In RE they worked brilliantly in groups to plan collages based on 'The Creation'. They worked collaboratively and within an allocated time frame and created some delightful and beautiful collages! Mrs Welsh was very proud of their achievements. Their initial art project was to draw themselves wearing giant sunglasses in Summer. Each portrait showed individual characters, creativity and effort. The St Bernadette's team looks forward to an exciting term ahead!





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St Christopher's Class

St. Christopher's have started their 'Forces' topic in Science exploring some of the effects of forces in everyday life and investigating magnetic force. They have also had a go at making their own compass in STEM - a great start to our *Explorer's* curriculum! Children showed some great teamwork in Wednesday's PE lesson, which had a focus this week on group challenges. It was fantastic to see the class supporting each other to work through problem solving activities. Our English book – The Man Who Walked Between the Towers has provided excellent stimulus this week for script writing and poetry as well as teaching us how to be ambitious and resilient! All excellent skills for life.

School start times

The school gate onto the playground will be open at 8:40am and will close just before 8:50am. Children in KS1 should go straight into their classes where teachers will greet them. KS2 children should line up by their class teacher who will take them to class. By 8:50am the children should be in their classes to be registered. Children who arrive in class after this time will be marked as late.

Anyone arriving after the gate has closed must head to the Main Entrance, where you can sign your child in on the electronic screen. Thank you for your co-operation on this. We fully appreciate that there are times beyond our control when we find ourselves late, but it is important that children arrive in school on time to ensure that learning time is maximised.

Celebration Assembly every Friday

Parents are welcome to attend our Friday Celebration Assembly if their child has been awarded a certificate. During this assembly, children reflect with staff on the week passed and refer to the theme of the week shared with them on Monday. Parents and carers can arrive from 2:35pm for the 2:45pm assembly in the School Hall and must sign in at the School Office. This is a lovely opportunity to share in the celebrations and successes of our wonderful children.

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday 27th September- Anniversary Mass

This year marks 60 years since the SVP was first founded here in Marlow. To commemorate this significant milestone we will have a special Mass on Saturday 27th September (the Feast of St Vincent de Paul) at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in the Pugin Rooms. Mrs Boyle will be asking for some children to attend and take part in the mass and to serve teas in the Pugin rooms afterwards. Please contact Mrs Boyle for more details.



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Next Children's Mass

On Sunday 12th October at the 11am mass children will again be invited to join Mrs Boyle in leading the readings and singing at St Peter's church. On this occasion, children are also asked to bring their school bags with them, and Father John will bless the bags and the children, wishing them a positive and encouraging year ahead. These children's masses are a wonderful opportunity for children to be actively involved in the mass. The parishioners are always so grateful for their involvement. Please note, we realise this is **NOT** the first Sunday of the month on this occasion, as Mrs Boyle is away visiting family on the 5th October.

Thursday 18th September 3:30pm- St Cecilia's Welcome Meeting

St Cecilia's Welcome Meeting in the classroom. Children and their siblings will be supervised in the Reception class- please do try to attend. Mrs Ross and Mrs Colley will be delighted to share with you news of the class and the routines in place.

Piano Lesson Spaces

Mrs Walton has a small number of spaces for piano lessons in school at the moment. If your child is interested in taking up the piano and you would like more information about the lessons, please could you contact Mrs Walton by email swalton4@icloud.com

Useful reminders

Attendance - Two polite reminders:

- 1) Vomiting and diarrhoea both require 48 hours away from school, counted from the **last** bout of sickness. These are both highly contagious and can spread to other pupils and staff alike.
- 2) **Please do not request holiday to be taken during term time.** Headteachers are not allowed to authorise this.

For additional information, please refer to our Attendance Policy on our school website.

<https://www.stpetersschoolmarlow.org.uk/assets/St-Peters-Catholic-Primary-School-Attendance-Policy-2024-2026.pdf>

Parental Parking information:

Please park safely and considerately when dropping off and picking up your children at the start and end of each day. Do not park in the car park of The Duke, Sir Aubrey Ward or blocking access to our neighbours' drives. The yellow lines are there for a reason.



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Pupils arriving late or leaving early:

Please remember to use the screen in reception to sign in pupils who arrive late or need to be collected early for any reason. By selecting 'Pupils', 'Year Group' and 'Class' you will be able to find your child by selecting the first letter of their first name and select a reason such as 'medical appointment', 'transport issues' etc. This information then feeds back into our registers electronically.

IFG Catering - Ordering Meals - Deadline Reminder and Gluten Free and Halal Options:

Please remember that the cut off for ordering meals for each following week is 11.30pm on a Saturday evening. If your child requires a Gluten Free or Halal option, please indicate this when ordering online.

Contact us:

Please either:

- email office@stpetersrc.bucks.sch.uk
- or call 01628 472116 (please leave a message if need be)
- or contact your child's class teacher directly via TEAMS inside standard office hours