



St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Advent Term - Week 2 – Friday 19th September 2025

Theme of the week:



Symbol of Love

Key Scripture: John 3:13-17

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 What an amazing gift this was to us all. This week, in assembly we have been learning about the cross as a powerful symbol of love and hope. It reminds us of the incredible love God has for each of us—so great that He gave His only Son, Jesus, for the world. This amazing act of love brings us hope and joy – things so evident in our school. A promise wrapped up in one symbol that we display proudly on our uniform – unbreakable love.

Awards this week go to:

Stars of the Week –

St Peter's Class: Croia for excellent joining in during phonics lessons!

St Cecilia's Class: Penn for amazing effort and enthusiasm in English, especially writing.

St Bernadette's Class: Maiyah is working consistently in all her lessons and is accepting advice on areas of improvement. What a positive attitude to have!

St Christopher's Class: Eva for trying her best and participating in all subjects this week, a wonderful attitude to have.

Disciples of the Week –

Hugo (St Peter's) for being an excellent role model in class.

Mara (St Cecilia's) for being a wonderful friend to others.

Lily (St Bernadette's) has welcomed so many children into joining her on the gym apparatus at lunch. She is kind and caring and she makes sure everyone is helped and not left out.

Rosie (St Christopher's) for being a wonderful Head of Table at lunch by modelling manners beautifully and supporting the younger children.



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A note from Mrs Thomas and Mrs Boyle

This week saw a change in the Hall at lunchtime! Buddy time was easily the most popular activity in every class, the opportunity to spend it with other children across the school and form those special bonds. The decision to have everyone in the Hall together provides a wonderful, social environment which fosters those Buddy relationships. This week we've seen Borlase return to coach St Christopher's hockey to a high standard, St Bernadette's explore just what happens to your food when you eat it, St Cecilia's becoming weather reporters, learning all about different weather patterns, and our Reception children completing their first full week at St Peter's! Our school continues to be a place where curiosity is encouraged, kindness is celebrated, and every child is supported to reach their full potential. The children look so smart in their uniform – thank you for your support with this. We are also grateful for how prepared the children are for their learning with their well-equipped pencil cases.

Sadly, this week we have noticed an increasing trend of lateness, sometimes there are circumstances outside of your control which means your child is late – we understand this, that's life. However, if you are routinely dropping your child off after 8.50 we would ask that you try and make every effort to arrive on time. Our learning time starts at 8.50 and it is important not to miss the start of lessons as it has a knock-on impact to the whole day.

We have also had complaints from neighbours about poor parking. At this time of year many Year 6 pupils begin walking to and from school by themselves, and by parking on yellow lines, you are breaking the law and also causing obstructions to families and independent children crossing the roads safely. If parking on yellow lines continues, neighbours will be contacting the police- not what we want! If you would like advice on alternative places to park, please come and speak to us and we will gladly give you some nearby options.

FOSP Welcome Picnic

We look forward to seeing some of you at the FOSP BYO (bring your own) Picnic on Saturday. This is set to be a lovely school community event to welcome new families and celebrate 'old' families! This is a free event, a gift from FOSP to you! It will be a lovely relaxing afternoon where children can meet up with their friends and parents can sit back relax and chat with friends. This is a great opportunity for our new families to meet others. A licensed bar will be available for you to purchase a drink or two. We will also have entertainment, from Storm in a Teacup, to interact with the children with bubbles, hoops and plates! Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on as, weather permitting, we will be on the KS2 playground!

Christmas Cards

This week you should have all received a large piece of paper with your child's Christmas card design on it. The sheet gives you a link on how to order and it's not only cards! We need your completed form with artwork attached back in school by 24th September. This ensures that the designs can be turned around quickly and back in the form of printed items ready to post for Christmas. Thank you to FOSP for organising.

Free School Meals – Could you be eligible?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get free school meals automatically. But if you receive certain benefits, applying for Free School Meals can help the school get extra funding (called Pupil Premium) to support your child's



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learning. It only takes a few minutes to apply, and it can make a big difference. Please see the attachment sent with this Newsletter and visit <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/families> to see what you could be eligible for.

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:

St Peter's Class

This week saw Reception children attending school full time and they are really finding their feet! They have been busy making new friends from across the school on their new lunch tables. They have been learning a new letter sound each day and are learning to blend sounds together to read words- how exciting! A 'wild thing' appeared in our class this week and they followed footprints to discover the story 'Where the Wild things Are'. They listened brilliantly to the story and helped to create a wild things role play area outside. They had lots of fun retelling the story and becoming Kings and Queens of the wild things! As we've been experiencing some more autumnal weather, the children have enjoyed some leaf rubbing, making 'tea' and mud pies full of conkers and acorns!



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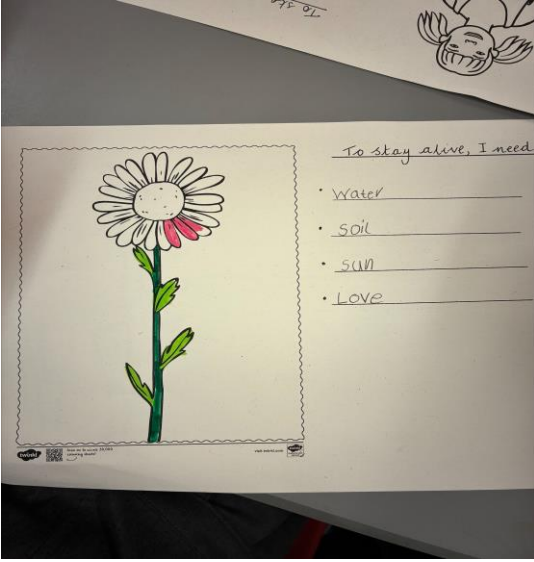


St Cecilia's Class

It's been another busy week in Key Stage 1 – full of exploring, developing independence and group work. Year 1 and 2 have started their science topic 'Living things and their habitats' and have continued challenging themselves in writing - creating multiclaue sentences, selecting the correct conjunction and editing for capital letters and full stops.



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St Bernadette's Class

This week we continued with the fascination of our Digestive System. We did an experiment on 'What happens to all of food when it enters our mouth?' The children were actively engaged in the lesson and added valuable points on how our food is digested. Many of them were eager to 'squish out' the minerals and water from the stocking which represented the 'large intestine'. We had shrieks of laughter when the stocking was turned upside down and emptied - which is the final stage of digestion. This was a lesson never to forget. Well done St Bernadettes!





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St Christopher's Class

A busy week in class this week with the start of hockey lessons from Borlase to test our fitness and agility. Miss McCornick has started teaching a series of music lessons based on Bon Jovi's 'Livin' on a prayer' which was great fun! Mrs Hughes has loved the enthusiasm of her Book Clubs this week – with so many amazing texts there has been a lot to talk about at break and lunch! They have also been researching the artist Chila Kumari Singh Burman and have been finding out about mixed media art work. They enjoyed creating backgrounds for the poem portraits that will be completed next week.





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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.

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.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our parents' evenings on Thursday 09th October 15.30-18.30 and Monday 13th October 15.30-18.30. More details will follow soon.

Useful reminders

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.

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.



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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.

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