

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL (ACADEMY)

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Upcoming Events

Please click **View All Events** on our website for further dates.

Thursday 19th December

9.15am - Mass

Break up

Tuesday 7th January

Term starts

Wednesday 8th January

Foxes final Swimming Session

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fabulous end to a fantastic term! Festive activities have included Christmas Workshops, Christmas Productions, tasting and making mince pies, Christmas dinner and a special visit from Santa on Party Day! During the past couple of weeks there have been many opportunities for you to come into school and join the festive fun with the children. Our Christmas Workshops for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were very well supported and enjoyed by all those who were able to attend. I am sure many of you will continue to find glitter over the coming days!

To begin Party Day Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Cole organised a Christmas Sing-a-long where we all joined in with some traditional Christmas favourites such as Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and The 12 Days of Christmas. The children also sang St. Peter's version of a George Ezra song as we said 'Goodbye' to Mrs. Murphy who will not only be finishing the term of teaching Year 4 Owls tomorrow, but has also decided to retire. Mrs. Murphy has been associated with St. Peter's for 22 years; I have known her myself for 15 years. She is a dedicated teacher who has been highly valued and she will be greatly missed. We have invited Mrs. Murphy back but she assures me it will not be in a teaching capacity as she has many things to look forward to over the coming months. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs. Murphy all the best for the future. In January we will welcome back Mrs. Richardson who has completed her secondment at St. Bede's.

Tomorrow morning we will celebrate our end of term Mass during which Father Graham will bless our 'Bambinelli'. Thank you to Father Graham for celebrating our school Masses with us again this term, to Mrs. Laskey and the teachers for preparing each Mass and to Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Rowe for organising the music.

Bambinelli

The beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy.

The tradition follows that on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peters Square where they are blessed by the Pope.

Parishes around the world now join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend.

"It helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus." (Pope Francis)

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it and open it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas.

In school each child has made their own 'Bambinelli' and have brought it home for Christmas.



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It is wonderful that so many parents and often parishioners are able to join us and celebrate Mass.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Staff; Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Lunchtime Supervisors, Office Staff, Cleaners, Site Staff and Academy Representatives for their continued hard work and dedication in ensuring that St. Peter's is a happy, welcoming and safe place to be and provides wonderful learning experiences for our children. Thank you also to you all for your support this term, whether you have attended Parents' Evening, Workshops, Christmas productions, supported our School and Parish Christmas Bazaar or supported the many charities that we have raised funds for this term. Our school community is a wonderful and special place and I am very proud of each one of our children as I am sure you are too.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks for all the cards, presents and Christmas wishes that you have sent into school and on behalf of the Staff and Academy Representatives I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Clubley

More Important News

New Starters and Year 4 Transfer

As we are nearing the end of 2019 it is very important that we remind Parents' and Carers to apply online **before** the closing date on **Wednesday 15th January 2020**, if their child is eligible to start school in **September 2020** or transfer to middle school.

The School Office will close at 4.00p.m today and tomorrow (19th December).

Weekly Prayer

Father God,
We thank you for this time of Advent,
This time of preparing,
This time of thinking what Christmas is all about.
Why you sent your Son,
Why the Wise men wandered,
Why the star shone brightly,
Why the angels sang beautifully,
Why the shepherds ran delightedly, why the world was waiting expectantly.
Amen.

Tony Bower

Attendance

128 children achieved **100%** in Autumn 2
16 children achieved **99%** in Autumn 2 and
84 children achieved **100%** for the whole of the Autumn Term.
16 children achieved **99%** for the whole of the Autumn Term.

Well done everyone!

Our attendance target is 96% in line with National expectation. **Whole school** attendance this term is **95.9%**. Please all try hard to come to school everyday and to arrive on time. Our Attendance Policy is on our school website.



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