



Loving and learning together, with Jesus

This week we have been thinking about Jesus' friends – the disciples. We have reflected on the Gospel message in which Jesus is praying for his friends and his followers so that they know God's love.



(wednesdayword.org)

We have been thinking of our own friends and keeping them in our prayers. We know what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend ourselves.



'I have lots of friends. They make me smile a lot. They make me happy and play with me.'

Siena

'My friends make me happy. We play football.'

James

'Friends make me feel so happy and they are so helpful!'

Leah



Catholic Social Teaching

For our last newsletter, we looked at the principle of **Peace**.

This week, we are focusing on:

Subsidiarity

The Catholic social teaching principle of Subsidiarity is about empowering communities. Pope Francis said, '...together we want to give voice to all those who suffer, to all those who have no voice and are not heard.'



What can you do?

- Discuss and reflect with your family on what is the best process for decision making
- Take a look at how government makes its decisions and whether it follows the principle of Subsidiarity
- Pray for those who are being treated unfairly in our world and who don't have a say



"The principle of subsidiarity is a teaching according to which a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions, but rather should support it in case of need."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1919



[Catholic Social Teaching pack for children](#)
[CST: Subsidiarity – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

GARDEN PARTY

Earlier on in the term I shared that I had been invited to Buckingham Palace to a special Garden Party.



To mark this occasion we had our very own garden party at St Peter's to celebrate. It was fabulous!



A huge thank you to everyone that made this day a success, particularly the Friends that funded the whole day and the parents that helped out. It was a truly special day that the children will remember for a long time.

Thank you, Mrs Parker

thank you

CURRICULUM IN ACTION

LKS2

Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring structures to create a bridge for the character of Jack in the story "The Tunnel"

"We've been making bridges in DT!" – Clara Year 3

"We had to make our bridges a span of 30cm and it had to be strong enough to hold cubes" – Jude Year 3

"We have to make them out of cardboard" – Cassidy Year 3



Year 4

Year 4 have been exploring pneumatic systems to plan, design and create a moving toy.

"We have been learning about pneumatic systems and how they work" – Frankie Year 4

"We have created our toys using a balloon, syringes and a box" – Henry Year 4

"We've been using syringes and tubing to make our toys move. We are creating a moving mummy in an Egyptian sarcophagus" – Mimi Year 4



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND



Autism Central is a free service designed to support parents, carers, and personal assistants of autistic people of any age with no diagnosis required. The service is led by experienced parents and carers of autistic individuals who are passionate about sharing their knowledge and supporting others.

The programme offers information on the website, group online sessions and one-to-one support via telephone or Teams, bookable via the website.

www.autismcentral.org.uk

They currently have availability for 1:1 support.

Request 1:1 support here:
[East of England delivered by Essex County Council | Autism Central](#)

[Autism Central Hub - Overwhelm, Meltdowns and Shutdowns](#)

This online workshop is designed to support parents and carers in understanding autistic overwhelm, meltdowns and shutdowns. This workshop is delivered by people with lived experience of autism. This session is free and is for parents and carers of autistic children (no diagnosis required).

Understanding Overwhelm, Meltdowns and Shutdowns will cover:

- To gain an understanding of how stress and anxiety can impact autistic people
- To understand autistic burnout, meltdowns and/ or shutdowns
- To outline practical ideas to help you and the person you support

Dates and Times: Tuesday 10th June, 10:00:AM - 11:30:AM

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-autistic-overwhelm-meltdown-and-shutdown-tickets-1370752149579?aff=oddtcreator>

FREE ONLINE SESSIONS

ACL currently have FREE sessions available for parents and carers to join, and learn essential First Aid Skills to support their family.

There are also online sessions available to book, as well as face to face. Parents/Carers can enroll by typing in 'Family First Aid' into the search courses box via the link; <https://aclessex.com/>

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Sun Cream Application

Please be reminded to apply sun cream before your child comes to school, especially during this current spell of warm weather.

School Access

We politely request that children do not return to class at the end of the day to retrieve forgotten items as there is no one to supervise them. Anything left behind can be collected the following day.

Healthy Snacks

Please be reminded that snacks brought into school to be eaten during the morning break must be healthy. A healthy snack may consist of a piece/combination of fruit/vegetables, plain popcorn or plain breadsticks and rice cakes. High sugar items such as cereal bars are not to be brought into school to be eaten at break times. Please also refrain from bringing items containing nuts into school.

Please see the separate email regarding our Healthy Snacks and Treat Day requirements.

Parent Calendar

Parents are reminded to check the Calendar in the Information section on the School Website for upcoming dates and events.

Polite Reminder

Parents and carers are politely requested to be mindful of parking restrictions and the local residents when dropping off and picking up from school. We appreciate that the areas around the school do get very congested, but the children's safety is our top priority.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Pupils from Year 5 and 6 represented St Peters at the Dynamos Cricket Tournament held at Wickford Cricket Club on Tuesday. The boys and girls worked brilliantly together and had some amazing results beating some well-schooled teams and were just pipped at the post in the final game to gain 2nd place. Some future Stokes and Skiver-Brunts in the making!



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Pearl in Year 1 who recently competed in the Cheer City competition with her cheer leading squad - 'Black Ice Blitz' where they came second. It was her first ever competition so even more special.



Reminders and Diary Dates

12 th June	RA Assembly – 9am
19 th June	RB Assembly – 9am
20 th June	Norfolk Lakes Parents Meeting 2.30pm
27 th June	Sports Day, Book Share, School Mass (St. Peter & St. Paul Feast Day)

Parental Consent

If you wish to amend/withdraw parental consent for images and marketing, please complete the Parental Consent Withdrawal form which can be found on the school website under 'Key Information' and 'Data Protection' and return via email to Mrs Foster in the school office.

St. Peter's Family

We are a school community. Please remember to treat each other with kindness and respect both within the grounds of our school and beyond the school gates.



PLEASE REGULARLY CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR KEY DATES AND SPECIFIC YEAR GROUP EVENTS

www.stpeterscatholicprimaryschool.uk.uk/diary

Don't forget to follow us on X for regular 'tweets' about what's been going on at St. Peter's!



HEALTHY EATING WEEK

9th – 13th JUNE

As part of Healthy Eating Week, try out our Family Snack Challenge



Stick me on the fridge!
Write your family's name here!

Family Snack Challenge

How to play:
Take our 7 day family snack challenge. Don't forget to tick the box each day when you complete the challenge!

Ask your parents to download the free Food Scanner app to see what's really inside your food and drink. Discover which ones are the healthiest! Search Food Scanner.

What do two bananas do when they meet each other?
A banana shake!

Why aren't grapes ever lonely?
Because they come in bunches!

Search **Change4Life** for more healthier snacking ideas.

Start here:

- Day 1: Fruity snack**
Try a new fruit for your snack today - how about a peach, pineapple, cheques or a mandarin.
We did this
- Day 2: Adventurous 2 veggies**
Have a veggie snack such as carrot, pepper or cucumber sticks with a low-fat dip.
We did this
- Day 3: Packaged 3 snacks?**
Try thinking for 2 days about...
We did this
- Day 4: Say no 4 to treats**
Use the FREE Change4Life Food Scanner app to check snacks with no 'reds'.
We did this
- Day 5: Drink 5 smarter!**
Switch the sugary drinks for water, low-fat milk, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks. Try food water with your favourite fruit.
We did this
- Day 6: 6 champions**
Fruit and vegetables are a perfect snack - and count towards your 5 a day. Try having all 6 parts today.
We did this
- Day 7: Create your own**
Write here: _____
It's your turn to think of a healthy snack challenge! How about swapping your usual snack for a fruit yogurt one? For more ideas, search Change4Life.
We did this

News from The Most Holy Redeemer



Parish Parent and Baby Friendship Group

Babies and toddlers up to age two with their parents or carers are very welcome at our Parish Parent and Baby Group. We meet every Thursday morning during term time in the Small Hall. Drop in any time between 9.30 and 11.30am for a cuppa, a chat, and playtime for your little ones. Free of charge. We would love to see you!

GIFT Launch Event

On Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre we will be holding a launch event for GIFT (Growing in Faith Together), our new faith formation programme for families with children between the ages of 7-11 (school years 3-6) which will be beginning in September. This pathway will enable families to work together with the GIFT team, at their own pace, to decide the best time for your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

This pathway will also focus on building faith and relationships through engaging activities and offer a way for families to connect beyond First Holy Communion preparations.



For more information about GIFT please go to the GIFT section on our parish website:
<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=gift>

Dental Appointments



Please book routine dental check-ups after school or during school holidays to avoid disruption to your child's learning time and the school day.

You may need to book this with the dental surgery some time in advance.

If the appointment relates to a dental concern/emergency, please make us aware.

St. John Bosco Children's Camp 2025

For children aged 9- 12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July – 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

WRAPAROUND CARE

St Peter's are excited to announce that The Young Ones Childcare Services who currently have an 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating, will be an on site provider for Wraparound Care between 7.45am- 8.40am and 3.20pm-6pm, term time only, commencing September 2025. This will create an additional 30 places. Further information will follow

Attendance



GIRLS CRICKET



GIRLS' SOFTBALL CRICKET YRS 3-6

Starts **TUESDAY 3rd June**
6-7pm at Billericay Cricket Club

FUN. FAST. FEARLESS CRICKET.

£35 FOR 8 SESSIONS

1ST SESSION FREE!!

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www.billericaycc.co.uk/women-girls-cricket

Paul Robinson

With the cricket season in full swing, Billericay Cricket Club is thrilled to offer a fantastic opportunity for girls in Years 3 to 6 to get active, build confidence, and have fun outdoors!

We're launching an 8-week Softball Cricket Course starting Tuesday 3rd June, designed especially for beginners and those looking to give cricket a go in a friendly and supportive environment.





Visit the online safety section on the **Internet Matters website:**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

which gives advice for parents on talking to their children about online safety and what children are to do if they come across inappropriate content.

DESIGN AN ACTIVITY COMPETITION

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KIDS COMPETITION
Task: Design a new activity for summer 2025!

ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- Based on existing activity with a twist
- Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- Add your theme to an activity
- An activity you love already which you'd like to see at camp

WE WILL REPLICATE YOUR ACTIVITY IDEA AT CAMP!

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INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE & NAME & LOCATION OF SCHOOL WITH YOUR ENTRY!

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Minor announced 18th June
Camp open dates 22nd July - 26th August 2025