



Loving and learning together, with Jesus

We are excited to welcome our new pope -  
Pope Leo XIV.



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We are blessed and pray that he will lead  
our Church with love, faith and hope. As he  
begins this important journey, we want to  
keep him in our hearts and prayers.



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*Dear God,  
Thank you for giving us a new pope.  
Please bless Pope Leo XIV with wisdom,  
kindness and strength. Help him to lead  
with love and to bring people to the world.  
Keep him safe and close to you always.  
Amen.*

## Catholic Social Teaching

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

This week, we are focusing on:

## Promotion of Peace

'*Peace* is not just the absence of war. It is  
part of God's nature, and a value we should all  
seek to live out in our daily lives. *Peace is the  
fruit of justice and love and is dependent upon  
right order among human beings.*' CAFOD.



### What can you do?

- Find out more about people in the past who  
have been peacemakers. What made them so  
special?
- Create a picture: When you close your eyes  
and think of peace, what do you see?
- Pray for Peace

“

“Today the world has a profound thirst for  
peace. In many countries, people are suffering  
due to wars which, though often forgotten, are  
always the cause of suffering and poverty.”

Pope Francis, September 20, 2016

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[Catholic Social Teaching pack for children](#)  
[Catholic Social Teaching resources for children](#)

# CURRICULUM IN ACTION

## KS1

Year 1 had a fantastic time at the Teddy Bear Festival with Billericay School! They took part in fun sports activities like running, throwing, and target games — all with their favourite teddy bears by their side. A joyful day of active play and cuddly companions!



## Mental Health and Wellbeing

### Walk and Talk Wednesdays

To celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week (12th–18th May) and May being National Walking Month, our Mental Health Ambassadors are launching Walk and Talk Wednesdays. This is a weekly opportunity for children to take a mindful walk and talk with others during lunch time. Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be there with a list of interesting conversation starters to get us all walking and talking!

This will help us with our ongoing work towards the Five Ways to Wellbeing; focusing on Connect and Be Active. By walking and talking, we hope to boost our moods, make connections and conversations, and increase our step count whilst enjoying the outdoors. We encourage families to join in too—perhaps by taking a weekend walk together and having your own “walk and talk” moments at home!



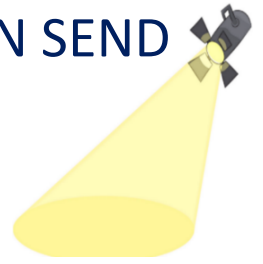
## *Mrs. Parker goes to Buckingham Palace!*



On Wednesday, Mrs. Parker was invited to visit Buckingham Palace in recognition of her commitment to education. Everyone was blessed with beautiful sunshine to celebrate a wonderful day and we have some photos to share with you all.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SEND



# Autism Central

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](http://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](#)



SNAP is also running a six part course for parents of primary aged neurodivergent children. This will run from 23<sup>rd</sup> April until 4<sup>th</sup> June. Sessions are delivered online by Kathryn Miller and there is a fee of £60. These events are popular and sell out quickly. It can be booked from the link below.

[Brighter Futures – Online](#)

# PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

A huge congratulations to Kieran, Edward and Charlie (Year 5) who were all awarded their Chief Scouts Silver Award recently by 4th Billericay Cubs. The silver badge is the highest award a Cub can earn and shows their commitment and dedication to Scouting by working hard and trying new things, having completed all seven Challenge Awards (World, Personal Challenge, Skills, Adventure, Outdoors, Teamwork and Team Leader) and six Activity or Staged Activity Badges



## 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.

## Exciting New After School Club

We are pleased to announce a new after school Netball Club for Years 3 & 4 starting in the second half of the Summer Term

Play Netball ASC will be running this club on Tuesday afternoons – Please keep an eye on the school website for further details and booking information.

## 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.

## Reminders and Diary Dates

21 <sup>st</sup> May	May Procession – 2pm (Year 3 parents invited)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Garden Party
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pray as you stay 8.30am – Our Lady PJ Day – Friends Event
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Sealife Trip
12 <sup>th</sup> June	RA Assembly – 9am
19 <sup>th</sup> June	RB Assembly – 9am

### 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](http://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!



## 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.

## 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!

## Parent Governor appointment

Thank you to everyone that took part in our ballot for a new parent Governor.  
Mrs Parkin has been elected, and we look forward to welcoming her in this role.

# 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



# OPEN DAY – FIRE MUSEUM

## Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Sunday 25th & Tuesday 27th May  
10:30AM To 4:00PM  
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS

Book Now



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines and aquit water.

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please make a booking via Eventbrite:

25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

[Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 25 May 2025](#)  
at 10:30 | Eventbrite

27<sup>th</sup> May 2025

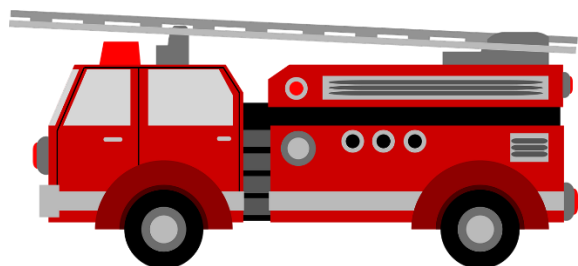
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Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm.

# Charity Car Wash

Billericay Fire Station are holding a charity car wash on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm  
To find out more visit:-

[www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/carwash](http://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/carwash)



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.

# WW2 Activity Day

## JOIN US FOR EVACUEES! A HANDS-ON WW2 EXPERIENCE

To accompany our new exhibition **Feeding the Nation: Fighting Without Flying** our Activity Days will bring the Home Front to life, starting on **Saturday 31 May** with **Evacuees!** Young visitors can learn about the threat of poison gas and make a gas mask box; discover what it really meant to be evacuated, and the few home comforts they were allowed to take with them; practice air raid drills, sit in vintage trucks, and learn about evacuees in the famous story, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. Pre-booked tickets only: £5 per adult with up to two free children aged six to 11. The day's activities start at 10am for registered attendees. Book now at [www.stowmaries.org.uk/events](http://www.stowmaries.org.uk/events)

**Food Production Activity Sessions** – learn to harvest fruit and veg grown traditionally on site, then prepare and cook wartime-inspired recipes. Activities will take place on Saturdays **21 June, 26 July, 30 August, 20 September** and **18 October**. Pre-booking coming soon.



**Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome**

Hackmans Lane,  
Purleigh CM3 6RN

Normal Opening  
Friday, Saturday &  
Sunday 10-4pm  
[www.stowmaries.org.uk](http://www.stowmaries.org.uk)

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