

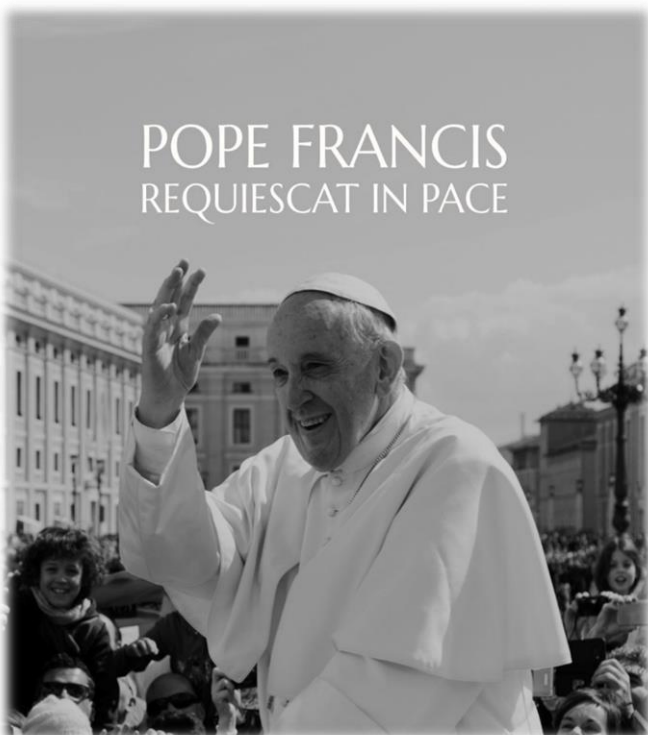


Loving and learning together, with Jesus

Pope Francis 1936-2025

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

"A world full of hope and kindness is a more beautiful world,"

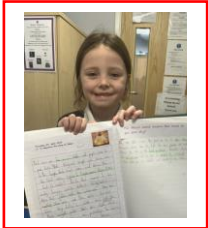


UPDATE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

With the children of St. Peter's

This week, KS1 and KS2 pupils have visited me to share their RE learning and offer their thoughts on our RE curriculum!

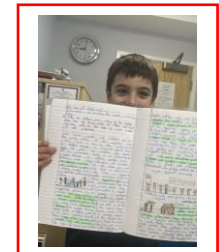


Annie loved showing me her work over the course of Year 1! She particularly liked showing her latest piece of work in which she had sequenced the events of Jesus' life.

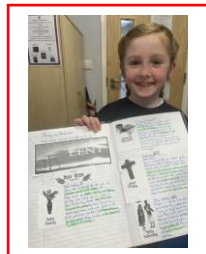
Alex showed great knowledge and understanding of his previous RE topic. He was able to describe his learning linked to the corporal works of mercy and thought of ways we could remember them linked to Pope Francis!



George and Orlaith spoke about



how the new RE curriculum is giving them more opportunities to be creative! They showed me just how much variation they now have in their books and their work was outstanding. George and Orlaith said their RE lessons feel special as they always light a candle and focus on their prayer area, and also described how much they enjoy Class Prayer on a Thursday.



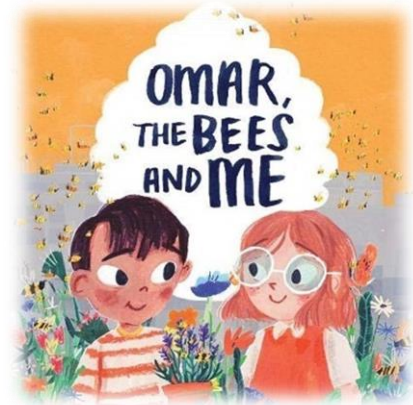
What super feedback from our pupils!

Mrs Walker

CURRICULUM IN ACTION

EYFS

Reception have launched our new topic *Go Wild!* Each week, we are exploring a different animal story, starting small with *Omar the Bees and Me*.



As the weeks go on, our focus will grow in size and stretch across the world! All activities are linked to our weekly text and support the children in working towards the Early Learning Goals. [Click here](#) to see what children are aiming to achieve by the end of Reception.

In RE, we have started *To the Ends of the Earth*, learning how the Holy Spirit helps us to share Jesus' love across the world. We created a beautiful collaborative artwork showing the Holy Spirit as wind, fire, and a dove.

We are also very excited to be caring for eggs from Barleylands—our chicks are due to hatch this week!



ST. PETER'S CHAPLAINCY



Hi everyone!

I'd like to take this opportunity to announce that I am going to be working as a Chaplain at St. Peter's, starting on 12th May. This is a new role and an exciting opportunity for me. I look forward to offering an open door, a friendly welcome and a caring and supportive presence to all the children, families and staff.

My faith is so important to me, it has been such a gift throughout my life that it feels amazing to be given the opportunity to serve our community in this way. I aim to create an environment where everyone feels included to explore faith, ask questions and express their ideas as we journey together.

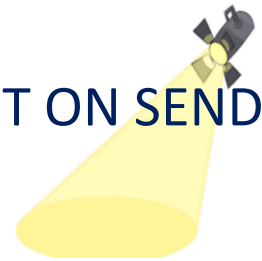
For the past three years I have worked at The Most Holy Redeemer as a Family Co-ordinator as well as at St. Peter's. This has enabled me to be a link between church and school, helping children to grow in confidence, becoming more involved in Parish life and engaging with their faith. Getting to know so many of you through my work has been a tremendous blessing and I'm looking forward to building on these relationships.

I'll be at St. Peter's on Mondays and Tuesdays and if there is ever a time when you and your family need just that little extra support, please don't hesitate to contact the school to arrange a time to see me.

God bless,
Mrs De Freitas



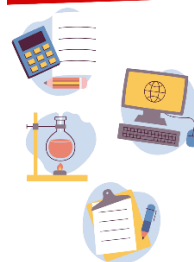
SPOTLIGHT ON SEND



Autism Central

Autism Central is an amazing organisation that provides support for parents and families with SEND children. They run workshops, drop-ins and virtual coffee mornings that provide a chance to talk to people who share similar experiences. Upcoming sessions include understanding sensory processing and demand avoidance.

Moving to Secondary School Workshop



Giving parents lots of practical ideas to help with the changes and transition to secondary school



Moving to Secondary School

May 7th @ 10:00 am / May 14th @ 12:00 pm

Moving to Secondary School [Two Session Workshop]

The SNAP Centre Pastoral Way, Warley, Brentwood, United Kingdom

SNAP Specialist Talk - This two session in person workshop will give parents lots of practical ideas to help with the transition and changes associated with the move into secondary school

Cost - £20



SNAP is also running a six part course for parents of primary aged neurodivergent children. This will run from 23rd April until 4th 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](#)

Free Online Courses

These courses/sessions run by ACL are completely free for parents and carers.

They include supporting children's emotions and supporting children with ADHD or ASD.

Please visit their website aclessex.com or call on 0345 603 7635 for more information.



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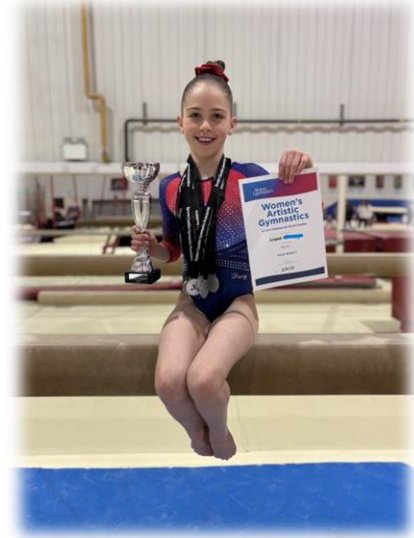
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PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS



Many congratulations to Niamh (Year 5) who had her Excel 2 Gymnastics grades at the beginning of April. She passed these and finished 1st in the region, meaning she qualifies for the National Finals in May.



Well done to Jude (Reception) and Betsy (Year 2) who not only organised and ran a cake sale, they also baked the cakes themselves in a professional kitchen. This was held during the Easter Holidays to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Lots of school friends and family visited and donated through their Just Giving page and raised an outstanding £400. Well done and thank you to all involved.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done St Peter's in coming joint first in our recent netball tournament! We are very proud of your excellent teamwork skills and great determination.



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

- 5th May Bank Holiday
- 12th – 16th May Year 6 SATS week
- 21st May May Procession – 2pm
(Year 3 parents invited)
- 22nd May Garden Party – more details to follow
- 23rd May PJ day – Friends Event
- 26th - 30th May Half Term

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!



PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

To vote for your preferred candidate, please see separate email for voting instructions. Votes close 3pm on Wednesday 7th May.

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.

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

Essex County Council
Education

Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?



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!



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.