



Loving and learning together, with Jesus

Happy Saint Patrick's Day



Thank you for coming to Pray as you stay on Monday to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

The Year 6 led the Prayer Session beautifully and reminded us of the significance of the Shamrock.

Thank you to Lena, Finnbar, Ben and Amelia for leading this to so expertly.



Catholic Social Teaching

For our last newsletter, we looked at the principle of the **Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**.

This week, we are focusing on:

Human Dignity

The Catholic social teaching principle of human dignity is about understanding that each of us is **made in God's image**. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away. Each one of us is unique and beautiful. We are called to treat every person and every creature with loving respect.



What can you do?

- Promote diversity and celebrate different cultures, abilities, and backgrounds
- Support charities that uphold human dignity, such as organisations helping refugees or people with disabilities
- Promote mental health awareness
- Be kind



"We are united by our common humanity, created in the image of God, and called to live in active love."

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, 1997



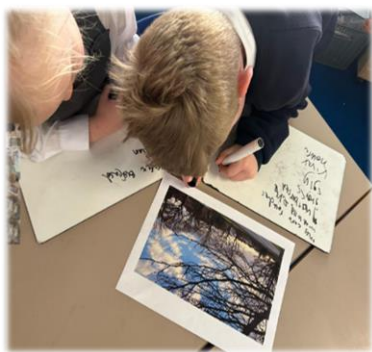
[7 Catholic social teaching principles](#)
[CST: Human Dignity – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

CURRICULUM IN ACTION

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Year 1 - Geography

“We identified different physical and human features around Great Burstead.”



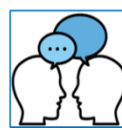
Year 2 - RE



“Jesus teaches us about forgiveness on the Cross”

FOCUS ON LEARNING BEHAVIOUR

At St Peter’s, our staff have continual access to CPD to ensure our behaviour systems are robust. Alongside the rules of Ready, Safe, Respect and Kind, we have high expectations for all our learners. For the majority of our learners, the universal behaviour systems we have in place meet the needs of our students but occasionally we have to adapt our systems to help children with more complex emotional needs so that they are fully supported in receiving the education that all our children deserve.



Positive language and strategies are used consistently by all adults in the school. They are designed to ensure **'first attention goes to best conduct'** and to create clear, simple

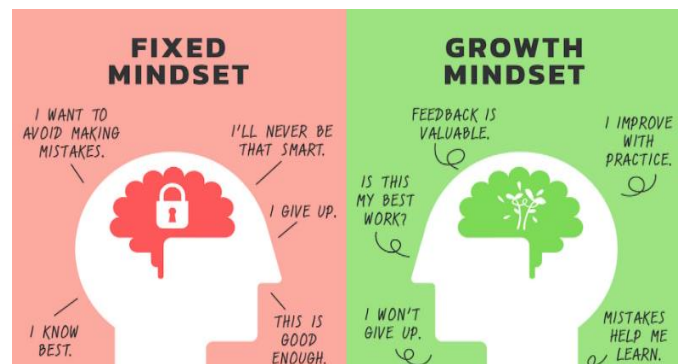
routines and expectations that make children feel valued members of our learning community and motivated to always try their best. All the adults positively reinforce and praise children who show St Peter’s Values, Rules, and go over and above what is expected of them.

Each class has a Recognition Board to give positive affirmation to pupils that consistently demonstrate being Ready, Respectful, Kind, Safe.



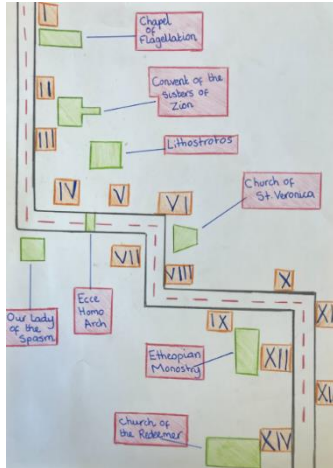
Additionally, children may be rewarded with a phone call, a postcard home, or a golden ticket for a hot chocolate with Mrs Parker to praise their excellent efforts.

Most importantly, the children know and understand that they will make mistakes and that they can always turn the mistakes around to get back to a positive outcome using growth mindset. When the behaviour of a child is unregulated, our staff are highly skilled professionals in conducting a restorative approach to show them that there is always a way to turn it around.



Year 6 Update

In Jerusalem, there is a place called Via Dolorosa (it is believed to be the true path that Jesus walked) this is a real-life pilgrimage you can make of the Stations of the Cross.



The Via Dolorosa is the route that Jesus took when He was sentenced to death and made to carry his cross. When Jesus made His journey to the cross, He passed many landmarks in Jerusalem: churches, chapels and convents.

The journey that Jesus took shows us how much Jesus did for us;

even dying for us to live as proud Christians. He was the perfect man who died for imperfect people. At St Peter's we have many things to remember the 14 Stations of the Cross; the stations of the cross are Jesus' journey to crucifixion. The place we remember the Stations of the Cross is in the hall, at this place there are 14 pictures and descriptions to help other learn about His journey. This place in the hall – describing Jesus' painful journey towards His death – is a sombre, sad time. We sit down and reflect back on Jesus' sacrifice for us.

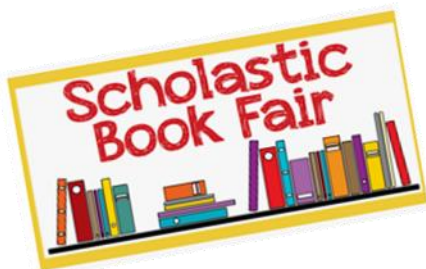
K'NEX CHALLENGE

...Continued

Well done to Kieran and Nifemi who were 2 of the winners from Year 5's recent Go Construct Knex Challenge competition 2025.



BOOK FAIR



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair by purchasing a book! Your generosity

raised over £1600 in total with 40% of this amount helping us to replenish our classroom and library books for all the children to enjoy reading!

SPOTLIGHT ON SEND



SNAP is 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](#)

SNAP is also hosting Occupational Therapist, Anna Hamlet in a specialist talk about how to support sensory needs. This is also delivered online on Tuesday 29th April with a £10 fee to book.

[Sensory Friendly Support for Children with Anna Hamlet](#)



Occupational Therapist shares ideas to support your child's sensory needs

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Parent Support Groups

Please be aware of the parent support groups provided by SNAP at Brentwood Library. This is a fantastic service that is at risk of being discontinued if it is not used. It is a free session designed for parents and carers to access advice and support. Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to access this session.

The next session is on 25th March at 11:30-12:30.

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Care Group

SEND Drop in

Believe in
children
Barnardo's



Co-hosted with SNAP Charity
Free and safe space for parent and carers.
To access advice and support for families of children with SEND.

Free Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided
Children are welcome to attend, no diagnosis required.

Time
11:30 -12:30

Upcoming Dates :
28th January 2025
25th February 2025
25th March 2025

Location:
Brentwood Library
Brentwood
CM14 4BP

For further information please call 0300 247 0013
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Service commissioned by: Essex County Council NHS

Free Online Courses

There are a few spaces left on some of the FREE online courses for parents and carers run by ACL. These include: Sibling Rivalry, Sleep For Wellbeing, Managing Big Emotions and Family Wellbeing.

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

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Max (Year 4) and Isobel and Sarah (Year 6) who recently competed in the Schools cross-country event.

Max put in a perfectly timed sprint at the end to take 1st place, earning himself a spot at the county finals. Isobel and Sarah ran amazingly, both really pushing themselves right to the finish. They placed 2nd and 9th respectively. Isobel will also progress to the finals.



Huge congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 Girls footballers who won Thursday's tournament at Mayflower school! Our girls went up against three other teams and played together confidently and expertly in each of their positions. There was everything from 6 incredible goals to fantastic battles and assists in midfield, to strong defending and some excellent saves!



Well Done to the Year 3 & 4 boys who played in a football festival at Mayflower School on a beautiful sunny Wednesday morning. The boys had mixed results with a win, a draw and losses – albeit by a slight margin. All played brilliantly showing great skill, resilience and sportsmanship by playing in a variety of positions.



BSMA Music Festival

Tuesday and Wednesday night were absolutely brilliant with the Year 5 & 6 choir singing beautifully during their BSMA performances. Mrs Kemp was beaming with pride at the final product, knowing it was a true testament to the children's hard work and dedication in preparing for such an exquisite performance. Well done to all involved.





School Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team.

This is a permanent Part-Time position

Please see attached link for full details and application form.

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109344>

Closing date is Midday on Monday 21st April 2025

We are also seeking to appoint a Catering Assistant to join our established catering team preparing approximately 250 meals a day.

Candidates must have experience of a similar environment as well as a passion for great food.

This is a permanent Part-Time position

Please see attached link for full details and application form

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109468>

Closing date is Midday on Monday 21st April 2025

Exciting New After School Club

We are pleased to announce a new after school Netball Club for Years 3 & 4 starting in 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.

Class Photos

Class photos will be sent home with your child today. Please note that the deadline for returning orders is next Friday (28th March)

School Uniform

Please note that the children will return after the Easter Holidays in Summer uniform.

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

27 th March	1B Class Assembly – 9am
28 th March	Flatford Mill meeting – 2.30pm
2 nd April	Stations of the Cross – 2pm 3A & 4A parents invited
3 rd April	Stations of the Cross – 2pm 3B & 4B parents invited
4 th April	Crazy Hair Day – Friends Event
7 th - 21 st April	Easter Holidays
22 nd April	Summer Term starts

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!



News from The Most Holy Redeemer



Parish Parent and Baby Friendship Group

Our Parish Parent and Baby Friendship Group is now open to welcome families with babies or toddlers up to 2 years old. We meet every Thursday morning in term time from 10am until midday in the Pastoral Centre. Come along for a tea or coffee, a chat, toys and singing for the little ones, and a chance to make new friends.

Lenten Walk

Lenten Walk around Mill Meadows in aid of Little Havens Hospice. Faith in Action invites you to put on your walking boots/wellies and join us for a Lenten Walk in aid of Little Havens Hospice, on Saturday 29th March at 12pm. The walk starts at The Most Holy Redeemer at 12pm and finishes at the Pastoral Centre where you will be served hot dogs and hot refreshments including hot chocolate. The walk will take approximately 1 hour and is suitable for both adults and children. All are welcome!

Children will receive puzzles to solve and items to find along their walking adventure. A suggested donation of £5 per person or £10 per family will help us answer the call of Pope Francis, to be Pilgrims of Hope for children and families in difficult circumstances.

If you are interested please email:-

Kristindefreitas@brcdt.org

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.

Easter baskets



You and your children are invited to the Pastoral Centre at The Most Holy Redeemer, to fill an Easter basket with crafts and goodies on **Wednesday 16th April at 11am**. This will include

decorating crosses, eggs, Easter biscuits, chocolate nests and more.

There will be an opportunity for the children to bring their baskets to church the following **Saturday, Holy Saturday, 19th April at 2pm** for a blessing.

If you're interested in this event, please contact Kristin on kristindefreitas@brcdt.org, so that she can ensure there are enough baskets for all who want to take part.

There will be a charge of £5 per basket to cover the cost of the craft items.

Attendance

Missed lessons result in missed learning.

What could that mean?

- Missing an aspect of Phonics
- Missing an introduction to a new class book
- Missing a piece of music that is needed for the next lesson

Whilst illness cannot be avoided, we ask for your continued support in avoiding time off from school.



CALLING ALL BUDDING BAKERS....

JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

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OPEN DAY

Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Saturday 29th
March

10:30AM
To
4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



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.