



Loving and learning together, with Jesus

Jubilee Year 2025



The Pope has declared this year a Jubilee Year, being 'Pilgrims of Hope'. School communities around the world are invited to unite as **Pilgrims of Hope**, committing to journey together in faith as we work towards building God's kingdom of **justice, peace, and love**.

This week, we launched the Jubilee 2025 celebrations with a special assembly to mark the beginning of the year of "**Pilgrims of Hope**." As part of our celebration, we have reflected on what Hope means to us at St Peter's. We have decorated our classroom doors as 'Holy Doors' symbolising our journey of faith and unity as we walk **together** in hope.

We also prayed together as a **Catholic** School community that our school is a strong place of **welcome** for **ALL** and we continue to ensure **everyone** is always **included**, just as Jesus welcomed and included **ALL**.

Catholic Social Teaching

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

This week, we are focusing on:

Common Good

The Common Good is based on the belief that *we are all responsible for one another because we all belong to the one human family created and loved by God.*

Our actions have an impact on the wider society. It is up to every one of us to promote the common good. When we make decisions, we should choose to consider the good of all.



What can you do?

- Take a break from your phone and spend time being present with those around you
- Pray for those who are most vulnerable in our community and around the world
- Re-familiarise yourself with the Laudato Si by watching this video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Lz7dmn1eM>
- Donate to a charity, food bank or other community project



"Do not live entirely isolated, having retreated into yourselves, as if you were already justified, but gather instead to seek the common good together."

St Barnabas, from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1905)



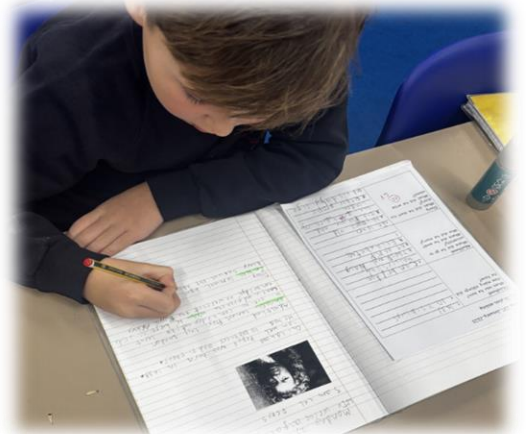
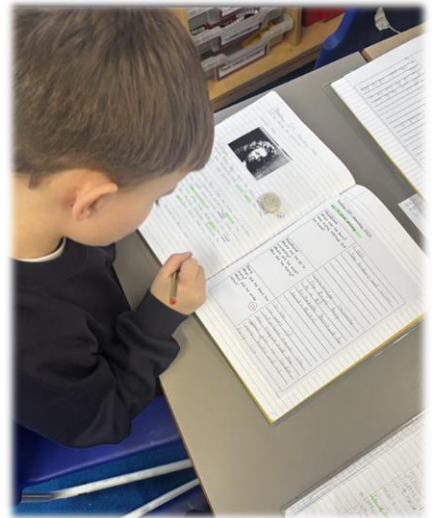
CURRICULUM IN ACTION

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In Year 1, the children have been developing their dance skills in our PE lessons.



The children in Year 2 have been learning about Samuel Pepys in their History lessons. They have been developing their writing skills using this new knowledge.



FOCUS ON LEARNING

“Words for Life”

At St Peter's, from EYFS to Year 6, the children enjoy engaging in a variety of different texts and genres.

As part of our commitment to strengthen the children's reading fluency and comprehension, we use the St Peter's Reading skills to question the children's understanding of what they have read. We want all our children to love reading and become lifelong readers.

Research suggests not only is reading pleasurable, but it builds brains, fostering early learning and creating connections within the brain that promote language, cognitive, and social and emotional development.

Did you know?
Children who were read to regularly by their parents at age five performed better in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who were not helped in this way.

Building Blocks

Text layout/language/features/functions

Grammatical feature and their impact

Word classes and their meanings

Sentence structure

Punctuation for effect

Fact Finders

Retrieve factual evidence

Direct retrieval

Ordering events and sequencing stories

Scanning

Summarising

Skimming

How to CHOOSE a book!

Look!
Browse the bookshelves – it's a good idea to have a good look at the books.

Check out the COVER!
Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?

READ the blurb!
The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it make you want to read it?

Think about the GENRE
This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?

TRY it out
Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.

The RIGHT One
Use the five finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word you don't know count one finger. If you get to five the book is likely too hard, so put it back and try another one.

ASK
...the school librarian, teachers, parents and your friends to recommend a book!

National Literacy Trust

Love our Libraries

Dig Deeper

Predicting

Inferring

Identifying the character motives

Picture Painters

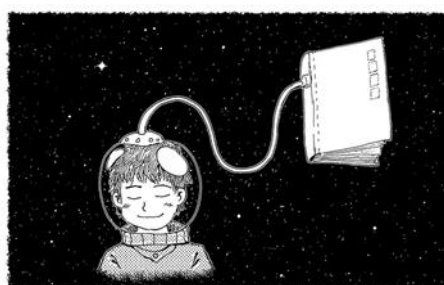
Word meanings

Synonyms

Atmosphere and mood

Figurative language

Meaning of language beyond the literal



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

SEND parent workshops



During parents evening, I will be delivering SEND workshops. There will be a specific focus on ADHD and Autism but lots of what will be covered is transferrable to other areas of SEND. I will be sharing techniques and strategies we use in school and how they could be used at home. The workshops will start at 4:30pm and will run for approx. 45mins to 1 hour, on both Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February. If there is a specific area of SEND you would like support with, please contact me via the school office.

I hope you can join us.
Miss Tucker

Mental Health Week - 3rd - 9th February 2025

We are looking forward to celebrating Children's Mental Health week 2025 which takes place Monday 3rd - 9th February. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'.

Our Mental health Ambassadors have been busy thinking of ideas and getting ready to celebrate this very important week. They have some wonderful things planned to share with all our children in St Peters!

Please see the attached link <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> for more information about support for Mental Health and recognising this important week.

Keep watching this space in upcoming newsletters as we share some of our exciting Mental Health events with you. You can take part in this at home too, so please do take some time to explore this year's themes and resources on the above website. Please do share any achievements with us as we celebrate and connect through Children's Mental Health Week 2025.



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.



TV Appearance

We are very excited to announce that one of our parents (Mrs Bruno-Hardy) will be appearing on Gladiators UK on Saturday 22nd February – We wish her the very best of luck... Contenders Ready!!!



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.

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.

