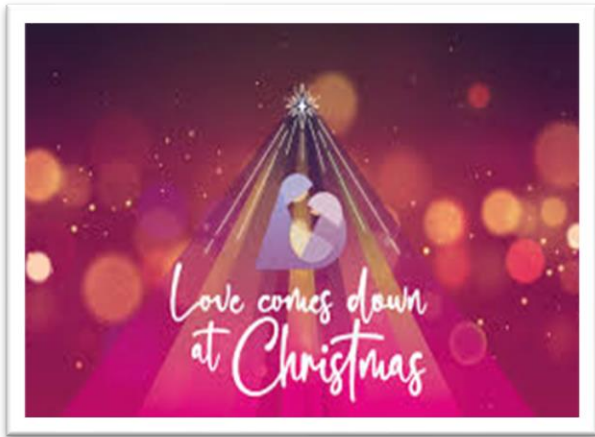




Loving and learning together, with Jesus

Advent



Advent begins this weekend and today we had a very special Mass to mark the beginning of Advent.

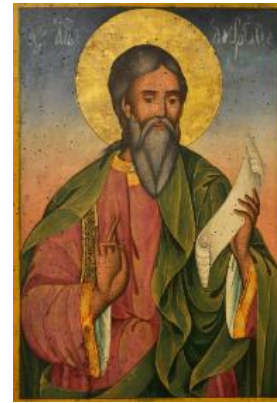
Next week the children will take part in an **Advent Trail**, led by our Year 5 children.

On Sunday, our Year 4 children will be taking part in Mass at the Most Holy Redeemer, we look forward to seeing you all there. The staff and children have worked hard to prepare the children for this special Mass.

Pray as you Stay

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This morning the Junior Disciples led us once again in prayer. This time, their focus was one of our school saints - Saint Andrew.



The Junior Disciples reminded us of Saint Andrew's close link to Saint Peter, as his brother, fellow fisherman, and fellow apostle. We were called to be like Saint Andrew and spread the word of the Lord.



We look forward to welcoming families again for our next Pray as you Stay event soon.

SUBJECT LEAD GEOGRAPHY



Geography is a fascinating field of study, and by learning about it, we can gain a global perspective. At St. Peter's we have a rich and broad curriculum which helps the children appreciate the diversity of our world and our place in it, as well as gain a deeper appreciation for the environment. It is a great subject which can be explored further at home and in our local area. Here are some ideas which can help extend your child's understanding of Geography and its importance.

*"Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future. What could be more important than that?"
Michael Palin*

Geography Scavenger Hunt

Create a list of geographical features, such as a hill, pond, or types of trees, and see if your children can find them in the neighbourhood.

Map Race

Draw a large map of the world. You can then call out the name of a country, state, or capital city and ask your child to run to the correct location on the map. Bonus points if they can give you a fact about it!

This is a practical geography activity that will help them quickly identify different parts of the world.

Globe Toss

Either get an inflatable or draw a map onto a beach ball. Then, toss it back and forth to each other and correctly identify the location your hand touches when you catch it.

It's a lot of fun and a way to test your child's knowledge of geography.

Weather Station

Setting up a weather station can help children learn about climate and weather patterns.

They can observe changes in temperature, wind direction, and rainfall, and then record their observations.

If you are going away over the Christmas period maybe you and your child could plan the route and locate where they are going on a world map?

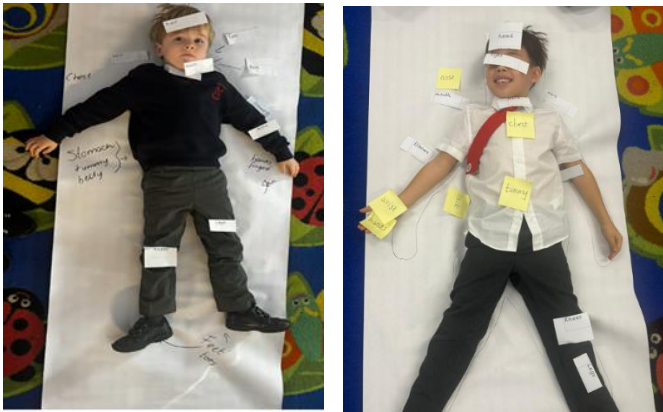


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KS1

Science

Year 1 have been learning about the different parts of the human body.



PE

Year 2 have been developing their running skills.



LEARNING IN ACTION

YEAR 3

This week in 3B we have been busy doing the following: -



Maths – swap swap keep - true or false



BHM inspired garden renovation



Music – Glockenspiels



RE – Finding quotes in the Bible

This week 3A have been learning how to 'skim and scan' a text in order to retrieve relevant information. The children are really enjoying the class text which is called 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear'. The book is about a magical adventure involving rabbits and strange creatures called the Gorm.....



YEAR 4

After planning and leading our class prayer, Year 4 decided to create their own artwork to celebrate Mary as we lead up to the time of Advent.



"I painted a picture of Mary, I painted flowers around Mary because she is Jesus' blessed mother. I drew God looking down on Mary to show he had blessed her."

Nina



YEAR 5

In Science, we conducted an experiment with fruit to see the relative size of our solar system's planets in relation to the sun. It took up almost two thirds of the playground and gave us a good idea of how far away each planet is from the sun!



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

Coffee Morning with an Occupational Therapist

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

December 11 - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

SNAP are holding a coffee morning with OT Aaron Preston who will be on hand to answer any questions, give some informal advice and help wherever he can with anything OT related.

Register your place via the SNAP website.

<https://www.snapcharity.org/event/coffee-ot-december/>

ONLINE WORKSHOP

Please follow the attached link for an online two hour workshop. It is designed to support parents and carers in understanding autistic overwhelm, meltdowns and shutdowns.

Date and time

Fri 13 Dec 2024 10:00 - 12:00 GMT

Location: Online

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-autism-hub-overwhelm-meltdowns-and-shutdowns-tickets-1052885698467>

SEND SESSIONS



£8.95 per child Adults Free

Designed for children with special educational needs and disabilities, our SEND sessions provide full use of all the facilities.

Brothers, sisters and friends are all welcome to join in the fun at this time with the freedom and comfort of knowing that the time is suited to them.

Scan to Book

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Cairo (Year 6) who recently passed his Martial Arts exam and received his first yellow stripe belt.



Sporting Achievements



Well done to the KS1 children who recently took part in a gym trail morning at Billericay School. They had to use lots of different skills to complete it and work as a team. You all did amazing!

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Elms Nursery and Garden Centre who have very kindly donated the Christmas Tree for the school this year.

The Elms Nursery & Garden Centre, Hardings Elms Rd,
Crays Hill, Billericay, CM11 2UH
<https://theelmsnursery.co.uk/>



VACANCY

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors play a key role in the school, working as a team to provide support and challenge, and ensuring every child receives the best possible education. No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

If you are interested and would like some more information, please contact the school office via email by Monday 9th December.

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 18 months 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.

Gingerbread Bethlehem: Saturday, 14th December:

We would love to invite you and your children to come to the Parish Hall on Saturday 14th December, between 11am and 1pm, to decorate gingerbread houses, one house per family. We need lots of families to take part as we are recreating Bethlehem. The houses will be collated after the decorating is done and displayed in the parish hall for all to come and see on Sunday 15th December after the 11am Mass. After the display you can take your house home.



If you're interested in taking part, please contact

kristindefreitas@brcdt.org so that we can ensure there are enough houses for everyone. A donation of £5 will cover the cost of sweets and the gingerbread house

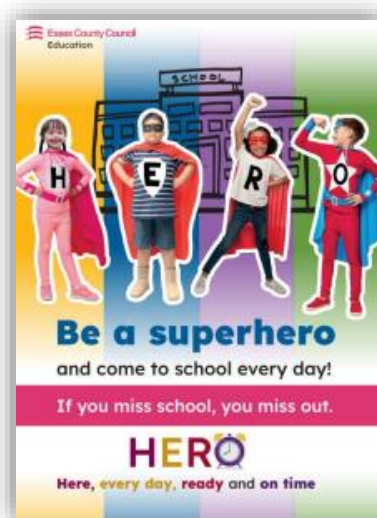
Attendance

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.



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.