

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents

Spring 1



Friday 16th January 2026

This week we enjoyed year Fours Assembly all about the Importance of a balanced diet.



Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Welcome back to everyone and a belated Happy New Year. Last week there was no Newsletter so this is our first one of not only of the Spring Term but also of 2026. It has been lovely to hear about the children's Christmas experiences and this week about their adventures last Friday in the snow !

Last week we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday. Thank you to our Year Four class, who on their first day back after the Christmas holidays led us in a beautiful service. Thank you to all those involved and also a thank you to our Year Three class who led us in Mass this week.

On Thursday we held a Meet the Professionals Meeting where parents got to meet representatives from the Communication and Autism Team, Occupational Therapy Team, Speech and Language, Educational Psychologist and Learning and Literacy Support. Thank you to all of you who attended. I hope you found the session useful and informative. This week you should have received a copy via MCAS of your child's / children's Term Study plan. If you have been unable to access this via the App, please contact the school office and we can provide you with a paper one.

Well done to our Year Four class who treated us this morning to a fabulous Class Assembly all about Healthy Eating. There was some fabulous singing and promoted the importance of a healthy balanced diet, which is very apt for January and our New Years resolutions.

I have included below and on the following page some information about attendance and punctuality as some parents have asked questions about taking holidays in Term Time and when they might be fined.

We have had an increased rise in the number of parents taking holidays during Term Time. Parents are **not** authorised to take holidays during the school term and the school **has** to report any holidays taken to the Local Authority. The Local Authority then may take action and Issue fines of £80 per child per parent and if it is a second offence an instant £160 per child per parent. Holidays taken during term time more than twice in Three years can lead to fines of up to £1000 and prosecution.



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ACADEMY TERM DATES 2025—2026

Autumn 2

Mon. 3rd Nov - Fri. 19th Dec

Spring 1

Mon. 5th Jan - Fri. 13th Feb

Spring 2

Mon 23rd Feb - Fri. 27th March

Summer 1

Mon. 13th April - Fri. 22nd May

Summer 2

Mon. 1st June - Fri. 17th July

ACADEMY FUND DONATIONS

Academy Fund via ParentMail (School Enrichment Funding)

This is a voluntary contribution to be paid each term which goes towards buying additional equipment and resources for your children. This can be paid via My Child At School App termly...

"St. John Paul II Multi-Academy invites parents to give annually to your school fund. A donation of £10 per term is suggested but you may contribute more if you wish."

Please rest assured that any payment you make is for our school and our children only, guaranteed!
Thank you for your support.

School Mobile Phone

Please use for urgent contact out of office hours (4.30 pm - 8.00 am):
07885 235 496



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Eat



Drink

Birmingham Local Authority Stance On Attendance :-

- **No Right to Term-Time Leave:** Parents do not have a legal right to take children out of school for holidays.
- **Exceptional Circumstances Only:** Leave is only granted for truly exceptional situations such as family illness, bereavement etc, not for cheaper holidays or family visits.
- **Fines & Legal Action:** Unauthorised absence can result in penalty notices (fines £80 per child) and, for repeated offenses, prosecution with significant fines or other legal actions. Both parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly. Penalty notices are issued to parents separately for each child. If issued with fines, both parents are required to make payment for their own penalty notice. For example, if there are 2 parents and 2 children, 4 penalty notices will be issued.

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Lateness

If your child's attendance is **below 90%** this is classed as a **Persistent Absence** and will result in contact from school and in some cases referrals being made and potential legal action been taken by the Local Authority.

Punctuality and attendance are of vital importance. The school day starts from **8.40am** and all registers are taken at 8.50am. **Anyone arriving in the classroom after 8.50am will be marked late.** It is important for all of the children that they have a prompt start to lessons and do not miss any of their learning time. In KS1 phonics starts at 8.55am and there are a number of children who are missing out on these lessons as they are continually late for school. This then impacts on those children's attainment as they are continually losing learning time. Five minutes late everyday corresponds to three and half days lost learning across the year. Lateness also impacts on the children's well being and causes upset for them when they are late into class not knowing what is going on.

I hope you have found the information included in the Newsletter useful. Lets all make a big effort this Year to improve our attendance and punctuality. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Calvert-Lyons

NEWS

We will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **Start and Finish Times**—Children can be dropped off from 8.40am when the school gates open. They must be in their classroom for registration by 8.50am (which is when the school gates close). Any child arriving after this will be marked late and parents will need to sign them in using the monitor outside the school office. The school day finishes at 3.20pm Monday to Thursday and 2pm on a Friday. Children who are not collected on time will be sent over to Leading light club and parents will be charged.
- **Dogs**—Dogs are not to be brought onto school premises at any time.
- **Celebration Assembly**—You will be notified if your child has been awarded writer of the week and star of the week and will be invited into school to attend the assembly. Parents are not invited into school for completed reward charts or outside achievement awards due to lack of space.
- **Photographs**—A polite reminder that **no photographs** are to be taken during Celebration Assembly or anywhere on school premises. We have a strict policy to safeguard all of our children. Thank you for your co-operation with this.
- **Food Bank**—A reminder that any parent that would like to access this service or who may need some financial support can contact the school on our confidential email address: family@ssptrpl.net
- **Operation Encompass**—SS Peter & Paul is an Operation Encompass School, working closely with West Midlands Police to identify and support victims of Domestic Abuse. We remain vigilant and urge anyone suffering domestic abuse to contact the school or Police for help.
- **Birmingham Local Offer**—This link to Birmingham's Local SEN offer website provides information and support for families with children who have any special educational needs or disabilities. Take a look. www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk
- **SENCo**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SENCO drop in morning on Friday 23rd January at 9am. Please contact the school office if you require an appointment. If you have any SEND concerns regarding your child please contact Mrs Calvert -Lyons on the SENCo email which is senco@ssptrpl.net
- **Children's Liturgy**—This takes place every Sunday at 9.30am Mass and is available to all primary aged children. This group is run by volunteer parishioners who are all DBS checked. All children are welcome.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Mass Dates

Thur. 22nd Jan—Y6 Confirmation 7pm
Thur. 29th Jan— Y6 Mass
Thur. 12th Feb—Y5 Mass
Sunday 22 nd March- Y1/Y4 Mass
Sunday 14 th June- Y2 Mass
Sat. 20th June 9.30am— Y3
Holy Communion

Other Events

Wed. 21st Jan—Y6 Retreat day at Edmund Campion
Fri 23rd Jan.—Early Help signposting
Coffee Morning
Tue. 27th Jan—KS1 Animal Man visit
Tue 17th March—Parents Evening
Wed. 18th March—Parents Meeting

Assemblies

Fri. Feb 13th 9.10am—Y3
Fri. Mar. 27th 9.10am - Y5
Fri. Apr 24th 9.10am—Y2
Fri. May 22nd 9.10am—Y1
Fri. June 19th 9.10am—Reception
Tue. July 14th 1.30pm—Y6

TRAINING DAYS

Monday 23rd February

Monday 13th April

Monday 1st June

Friday 3rd July—MAC Training Day

AFTER SCHOOL

Tuesday - Football Yr 5 & Yr 6 3:20pm-4:20pm
Thursday—Girls Football 3.20– 4.20pm
Friday— Football Yr 3 & Yr 4 2pm-3pm

- **P.E. Kits**—Children should only wear plain **black** tracksuit bottoms and tops, with a pair of black shorts and the t-shirt colour of their house team.
- **Water Bottles**—Please ensure that all children have a labelled water bottle in school every day. These are to be filled with water only. Squash is not permitted in school.
- **Earrings**—a reminder that earrings are **not allowed** to be worn in school and children will be asked to remove them if they are wearing them. Children are permitted to wear plastic retainers in their ears.
- **Uniform**— Please ensure that children are wearing sensible shoes. These shoes must be black. **Children are not permitted to wear trainers**, unless it is their PE day. Please ensure all uniform is labelled.
- **Hair**—A reminder that **all long hair should be tied back**. Large hair bows and head bands are not permitted, hair bands and ties should be kept simple. Fashion hair cuts and lines shaved into hair are also not allowed. Please refer to the schools uniform policy or ask at the school office if you are unsure.

Bookworm

**Leila Saad, Naila Mohammed, Roma Brannon,
Tashay Byfield, Leo Outs**



Writers of the Week

Reception -

Year 1 - Raphael Marynowski

Year 2 - Olivier Bak

Year 3 - Leonard Kmiec-Stoklosa

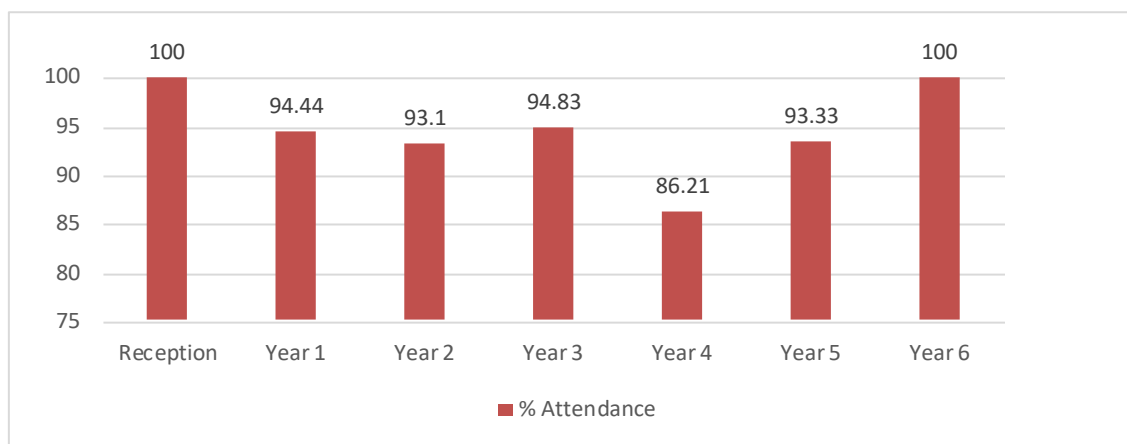
Year 4 - Harry Reilly Brown

Year 5 -

Year 6 - Alexander Jagers



Attendance this Week 93.73%



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



***Laura Kimble, Alexander Jaggers,
Mary Adediran, Oliver Grajoszek-Leszczynski***

‘STARS OF THE WEEK’

Congratulations to these children for being awarded Star of the Week:

Reception - Kamran Webb
Year 1 — Betrice Rudeniece
Year 2 — Caleb Coote
Year 3 — Zeeva Gohar
Year 4 — Amelia Rose Wiseman
Year 5 — Teddy Murphy
Year 6 — Jacob Dudley



House Points

St. Peter - 217
St. Paul - 174
Our Lady - 146
St. Joseph - 108

**Congratulations !!!
St Peter's Weekly Winners**

The SEND Local Offer website - support, information & advice for SEND, all in one place



www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk



BIRMINGHAM
CHILDREN'S TRUST



Dinner Rota

Monday	3	4	5	6
Tuesday	4	5	6	3
Wednesday	5	6	3	4
Thursday	6	3	4	5
Friday	Alternate order in each week			

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