



St Peter's Catholic Primary School

School Year 2025 - 2026

School Newsletter

November 2025

Dear parents

November is a special month in our Catholic calendar – a time for remembrance, reflection, and gratitude. As we honour **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day**, we take time to remember those who have gone before us and to give thanks for the examples of faith and goodness they have left behind.

In school, we continue to nurture that same spirit of faith and community. The children are growing beautifully in their learning and in their understanding of God's love. As the year draws to a close, we begin to look ahead to **Advent**, a season of hope and joyful preparation.

We are grateful for the continued support of our families and parish, and for the way everyone works together to make our school a place of faith, kindness, and learning. May this month remind us all to slow down, give thanks and keep our hearts open to God's presence in our daily lives.



Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to all who gave donations for the Foodbank! 105.8kg is our best collection yet!



Thank you!



St Peters Catholic Primary

Swale Foodbank would like to thank you for your kind Harvest donation.
The total weight of your collection was 105.8kg.

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Kayleigh Jacques
Warehouse coordinator

Registered in England and Wales.



VR Workshop



It was a joy to see the children in Key Stage 2 engaged in the VR workshops on Monday 27th October. What a great way for them to start the new term and be immersed in new learning!

It was great because all the images made it feel like you were really in Mexico.

Aidan, Year 3

I really enjoyed it because I got to see lots of creatures in different environments.

Karis, Year 4

Homework & in class learning

Just a reminder that homework is set on the class pages now so please [click on the image below](#) or visit the website to find your children's homework tasks for the week.

You will also see an overview of what the children have been learning in the photo galleries of each page too.



Safety of all

We had our first lockdown practise as a whole school; we practised a partial lockdown, where by children continued with their normal classroom work and, for the most part, stayed in their classrooms. It was only 5 minutes on this occasion.

This first practise went well with a few learning points to carry forward for staff.

We will practise Lockdown procedures at least three times a year in the same way as we run our fire alarm drills.

Thank you, also, for being so understanding of the changes that we've made to the security at the front of the school. We really appreciate your cooperation. If you enter the school site during the day, please do not allow anyone to "tail – gate". All visitors should buzz the gate and identify themselves to a member of staff before they are granted access to the site.

Staffing

Miss McAleavy said her goodbyes to the staff and pupils on Thursday. She is embarking on a new adventure supporting teenagers in an alternative provision.

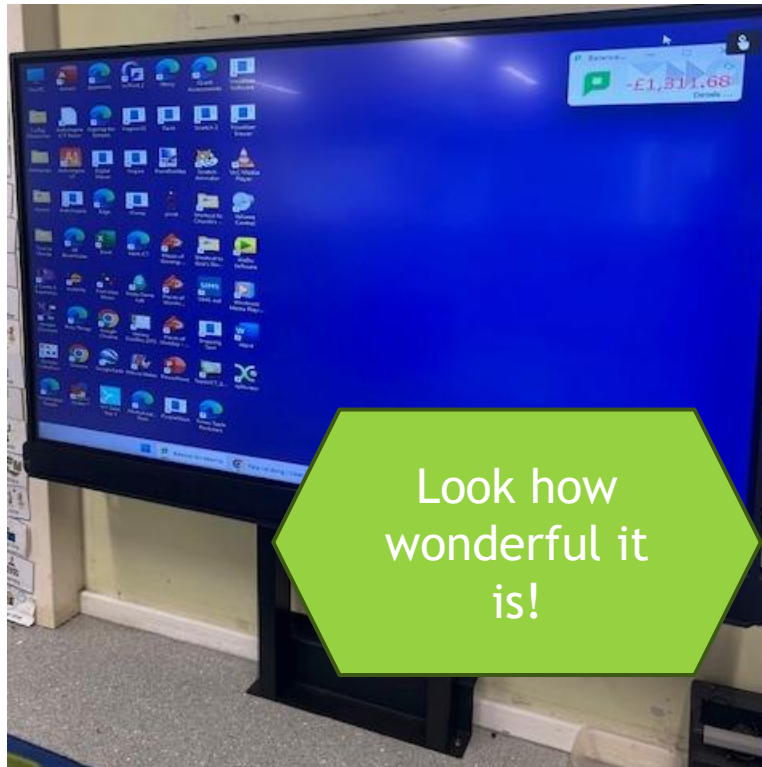
In the words of a year 5 pupil who asked what Miss Mac was leaving to do, “Ooof, that’s tough!”

We wish her lots of luck in this new venture and we are sure she will very quickly become a firm favourite of the young people and will bring the smile and enthusiasm that she’s shared with us!

Good Luck!
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New technology

We are very grateful to the PTFA for raising the funds to be able to buy a new whiteboard for the EYFS classroom. It has a beautifully clear screen, it's height is adjustable and the sound quality from it is also great.



Over the past 6 months, we have used two lots of funding to upgrade laptops. We now have 2 sets of 16 shiny, Windows 11, laptops which are being shared between year 3 and 4 and 5 and 6. We are sure the children will take great care of these laptops so they last us for many years to come.

Great Athletes - sponsored event

Thank you to all who sponsored the children to complete the Great Athletes event last month.

We are delighted to inform you that we received a voucher for

£874.55

to be spent on new sports equipment!

Our P.E. lead, Miss Hammond will enjoy adding to our supplies to enhance P.E. lessons and lunchtimes too.



Trips and Events

Our school budget continues to be very limited with only glimmers of hope like the Young Athletes event to boost our funds.

Please do ensure that, if you have the means, you pay for the events and experiences that we book for the children to engage in, such as the VR workshops, the Circus and any upcoming trips.



New starters September 2026!



**ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
West Ridge, Sittingbourne, ME10 1UJ

RECEPTION TOURS FOR 2026 STARTERS



ST PETER'S IS A HAPPY SCHOOL...
..where pupils are nurtured and achieve well!



PUPILS SAY...
.. teachers are kind and patient.



ALL PUPILS AND FAMILIES...
.... are welcomed, cherished and supported regardless of faith or belief.

Come and meet our wonderful pupils and staff!
Small group tours during the school day in October and November
Open evening on 19th November 2025 - 6pm

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK

📞 01795 423479 🌐 <https://www.st-peters-sittingbourne.co.uk/>

Tours have gone really well so far, this year. All the original dates are booked up but we have a few more up our sleeves for families who missed these.

Your children have been an absolute credit to you as we've walked around the school.

If you know parents who are looking for a school place for their reception aged pupil, in September 2026, please point them in our direction.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 3 rd November	4:15pm - Mastering Number Workshop (Years R - 2) Online - invitation to follow
Tuesday 4 th November	9:10am - Year 2 Mastering Number Live Lesson (Parents welcome)
Wednesday 5 th November	9:10am - Year 1 Mastering Number Live Lesson (Parents welcome)
Thursday 6 th November	9:10am - Year R Mastering Number Live Lesson (Parents welcome)
Friday 7 th November	2:45pm - Year 6 Class Assembly (Remembrance Wreath Laying) All parents welcome
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day - Non uniform for £1 donation - spotty/Pudsey/normal clothes. 2:45pm - Year 5 Class Assembly
Wednesday 19 th November	5pm - Year 6 School Journey Initial meeting - Online - invitation to follow 6pm - Prospective Parents Reception 2026 Meeting
Thursday 27 th November	EYFS and Year 6 Height & Weight Assessment - NHS Led

Check the
calendar for
more dates
[here.](#)

Advent and Christmas preparations!

Date	Event
Thursday 4 th December	9:30am - 5pm - Highsted Jamboree - some choir members to be invited TBC
Friday 5 th December	8:30am - Family Advent Reflections - 15 minutes 2:45pm - Year 1 Christingle Service
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas around the World Day
Friday 12 th December	8:30am - Family Advent Reflections - 15 minutes
Monday 15 th December	10am - EYFS & Year 1 Nativity - parents and families welcome 2pm - EYFS & Year 1 Nativity - parents and families welcome
Tuesday 16 th December	1:30pm - Santa/Christmas Walk for Wisdom Hospice - details to follow - helpers needed please
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (no obligation) Christmas Dinner Day 4pm - Year 2 carol concert (At The Sacred Heart)
Thursday 18 th December	9:30am - Rock Steady Concert 1:15pm - Family Trust Christmas Show (pupils only)
Friday 19 th December	9am - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Service in school - parents welcome 9:30am - Key Stage Two attending 10am mass - helpers needed please 2pm - Term ends - all children should be collected

