



St Peter's Catholic Primary School

School Year 2025 - 2026

School Newsletter

October 2025

Dear parents

What a wonderful, positive start to the term we have had.

When I walk round the school, I see children engaged in purposeful learning with their peers and I see good manners and cheery smiles too!

Please take a few minutes to read through the newsletter, it does contain important information. 😊

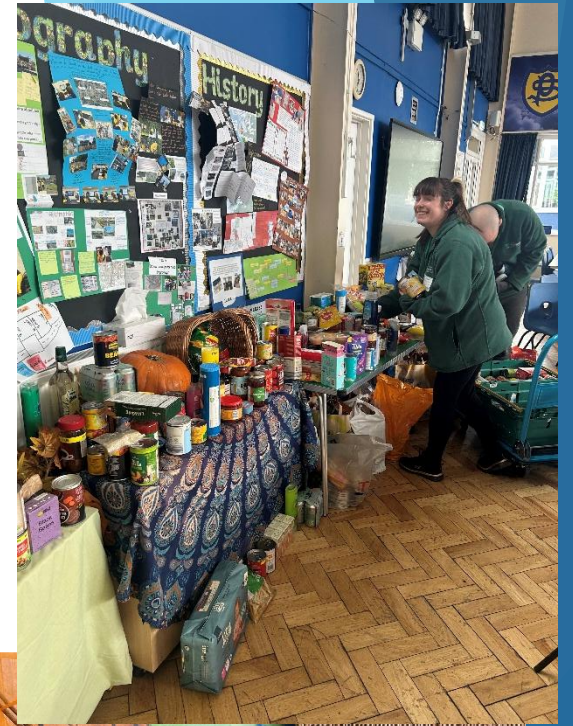
Thank you

Mrs Vedamuttu



Harvest Festival

This year's liturgy team did a wonderful job of leading us through our Harvest Festival. The generosity of our community is always overwhelming and we thank each and everyone of you for supporting the Swale Foodbank in this way. It was really well attended too, so thank you to the parents and families who were able to make it.



MacMillan Coffee Morning



**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

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Thank you to all who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning.

**Total raised so far is
£250!!**



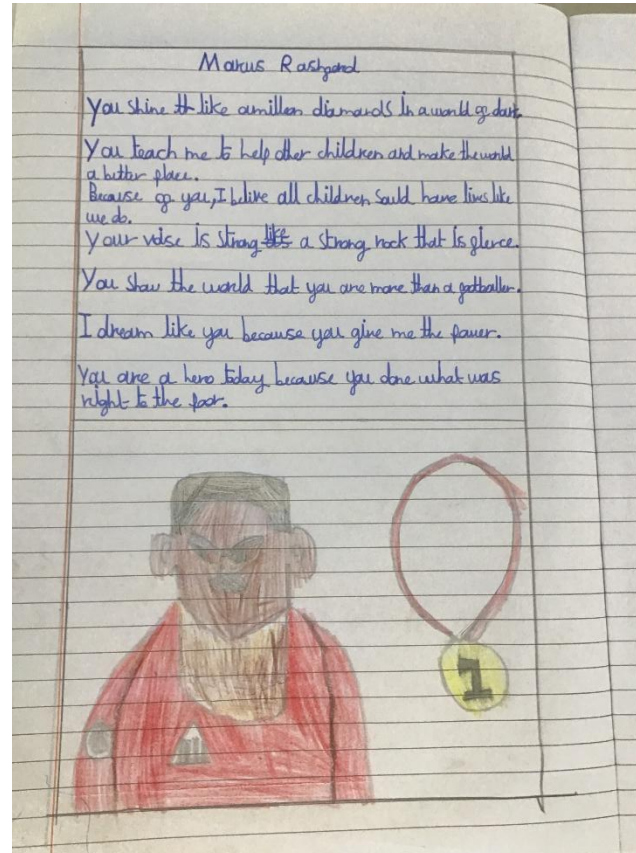
The Jubilee Year of Hope

On Monday, we welcomed Mrs Whittle, the CEO of KCSP, who brought the Jubilee Year of Hope Candle to St Peter's. Mrs Whittle was asked by the Archbishop of Southwark to take the candle on a Pilgrimage to all the catholic schools in Kent and Medway. Her journey began in January and finished with us, school number forty - one, this week! It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs Whittle to the school along with two other representatives from KCSP.



Black History Month

We have started our Black history month work by welcoming Ghanaian artist, Kwame to our school. The children each created a beautiful piece of work under his guidance. Children also read and listened to poetry by black authors and learnt about and reflected up on the work of influential people such as Marcus Rashford.



Homework & in class learning

Just a reminder that homework is set on the class pages now so please follow 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.



Lockdown Practice

As part of our ongoing commitment and statutory responsibility to keeping all children safe and well at school, we will soon be carrying out a short lockdown practice with the pupils and staff.

This is similar to the fire drills we do regularly and is simply another way to make sure everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event that we need to stay safely inside the building.

We want to reassure you that this is not in response to any specific concern—it's just good practice - and part of our wider safety procedures. The drill will be explained to children in a calm and age-appropriate way, focusing on the idea of staying quiet and still indoors, just like we do during a fire drill but without leaving the classroom.

Our aim is to make this feel routine and non-alarming, so children understand it's just another way we look after them. Staff will guide the process gently, and there will be time afterwards to answer any questions the children may have. The children will be advised that the fire brigade or police have told us that we must stay in our classrooms due to smoke travelling in our direction or similar. For now, our practices will not suggest intruders or danger to the community due to the behaviour of an individual/group.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about how we approach safety drills, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school a safe and happy place for all.

Staffing

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Barden and Mrs Forder over the summer holidays. We wish them well in their new ventures.

Following a thorough recruitment process, we have appointed a member of staff to work in a key stage two classroom and to work over lunchtimes too. We await appropriate safeguarding checks to be completed and I will introduce the new staff member's name with you once they have started with us.

New starters September 2026!



**ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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**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

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It may be hard to believe, with the number of houses being built in the Sittingbourne area, that admissions numbers are a worry for us but they are!

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. We would love to be the first choice of at least 30 little ones next September.

Whilst our Catholic values are at the core of all we do, families do not have to be Catholic to get in.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 14 th October	3:30pm - 6pm Parent Consultations (Please ensure you have booked)
Wednesday 15 th October	3:30pm - 6pm Parent Consultations (Please ensure you have booked)
Friday 17 th October	Children, staff and parents invited to Wear Red for the day to "Show Racism the Red Card" 2:30pm - Showcase of Learning 3:25pm - End of term 1
Monday 20 th October - Friday 24 th October	Half term
Monday 27 th October	VR Workshops (History Focus) Years 3 - 6. Please log on to ParentPay and pay for this event if you can
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	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

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