

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 6th May 2022



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Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear parents, carers, pupils and friends of St Peter's,

Although the summer term brings us warmer weather and longer evenings, it is one tinged with emotion as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13.

Today, Mr Stowe delivered a funny, nostalgic and poignant celebration assembly to Year 11. It was lovely to look back with pride at their journey over five years at St Peter's. Next week, on Tuesday 10th May, we will be celebrating their time here with a very special Mass. Fr Austin Hughes will be joining us as we share the eucharist and ask for God's help during the forthcoming days, weeks and years.

Mrs McHale is currently preparing a special celebration for Year 13 and we are also looking forward to a special mass with our oldest pupils soon.

It is fitting that in John's gospel on Sunday, Jesus talks about his pride of his flock how they will 'never be lost'. That is how the staff of St Peter's feel about the pupils who are about to embark on their final week of lessons before they start their exams.

We all wish them the best of luck with their revision and have them in our prayers.

Alaine Murphy

Year of the Word



"Here is the light you will
reveal to the nations"
Luke 2:32

Mass times in our Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)
[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)
[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church](#)
[Olton Friary](#)
[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church](#)

NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe programme

For more information about the NSPCC's updated Speak out. Stay safe. programme and the resources available for schools and carers/parents, please see the attached documents.

[NSPCC-Speak out-Stay safe-programme.pdf](#)

[Carer-Parent Resources.pdf](#)

[SOSS online programme - one-page content summary v2.0 - FINAL.PDF](#)

Poetry Competition

The standard for the spring poetry competition this year was incredibly high! We were blown away by the quantity and quality of the entries. However, the three winners demonstrated a beautiful understanding of imagery, structure, and a sense for the season: congratulations to Connor O (year 7), Ava M (year 8) and Conrad H (year 9).

Keep writing, St Peter's!

Miss Sudworth

Year 9 winner

What is Spring? – Conrad

Birds are singing
Flowers are blooming
Snows are melting
The darkness of the winter has gone
And the sun is brighter than ever before
This, is Spring.

Sitting below the trees,
All I can hear is
The life of the Earth
From the sound of the birds
To my own breath
This, is Spring.

Year 8 winner

Spring – Ava

Oh what a long winter it has been,
I never thought spring would be seen,
The snow has left us till' next year,
We can all now celebrate with one big cheer.

The temperature soars like a bird in the sky,
So joyful, so blissful, the ground is dry,
The daffodils and flowers begin to rise,
Clouds and rain, replaced with blue skies.

Year 7 winner

Spring – Connor

Awaken ye who slumber.
Throughout the winter night, a once
Bright flame suffering cold and plight.
Awaken, I tell you, awaken.
The sky is now so bright.
Once a faint wind, now fully remembered,
Growing through soil, sand, dirt and mud.
I hear a pleasant whistling so small but yet so bright.
Awaken, I tell you, fertile lands and
Grow us crops anew.
Listen to drip drip drip of early morning dew.
Its only there for a couple of months.
Remember this.
Spring is calm, spring is fresh,
Spring brings life anew.

The sun is shining warm and bright,
Providing us all with that little extra light,
Colours of contentment fill the air,
Yet until the summer comes, the wind is something we'll
have to bear

The grass is green, the flowers bloom,
No-one expected spring this soon,
The butterflies and bees all buzz around,
Creating what we've come to know as the spring sound.

16-19 Bursary Fund- For pupils in Sixth Form, please follow this link for information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund. [Pupil Finance - St Peter's Catholic School In Solihull \(st-peters.solihull.sch.uk\)](http://st-peters.solihull.sch.uk)

Support following the current crisis in the Ukraine [How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine: tips for parents and carers - Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

Summer Term Extracurricular Activities 2021-2022

	Drama Studio D1.5	Music Room D1.1	Field	Other
Tuesday 15:00 – 16:00		Musical Theatre Group 3:00pm to 3.45pm	Girls Football KS3 Rounders	KS3 STEM Club J1.2
Wednesday Lunchtime				School Food Champions Y7 & 8 in M1.2
Wednesday 15:00 – 16:00		Year 11 Music	KS3 Gaelic Girls	KS3 Coding Club in room B2.7 International Committee KS5
Thursday Form		Choir Practise 08:30 – 09:05		
Thursday 15:00 – 16:00		St Peter's Vocal Group 3:00pm to 3.45pm Band Practise 3:00pm – 3:30pm	KS3 Rugby KS3 Cricket KS3 Girls Athletics KS3 Boys Athletics	Food Club G1.2
Friday 15:00 – 16:00	KS3 Drama club			

2022/2023 Term Dates and Inset Days

Autumn Term 2022

INSET Days – Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September

Term starts – Wednesday 7th September

Half term – Monday 24th to Friday 28th October

Term Ends – Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

INSET Day – Tuesday 3rd January

Term starts – Wednesday 4th January

Half term – Monday 20th to Friday 24th February

Term Ends – Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

Term starts – Monday 17th April

(*May Day – Monday 1st May*)

Half term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Term Ends – Friday 21st July

INSET Days – Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July

Nuts in School

We have a number of children and staff in school who have severe nut allergies which can also be airborne and therefore we cannot allow any nuts of any kind on school grounds. Please take special care as nuts can be hidden in many items such as cereal bars and chocolates. We appreciate your co-operation with this.