

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022



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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](#)

Message from Mrs Murphy

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

Well, that first week has flown by! With our lovely Ash Wednesday services, Year 11 and 13 mocks, World Book Day, pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, visits from Challenges Abroad and the Kenelm Youth Trust, the CAFOD Walk Against Hunger appeal and the Drama trip to the National Theatre, it has been action packed!! And there's more to come next week! It was lovely to see all our pupils return, rested and raring to go, on Monday. However, as a Catholic School, we always must think of others less fortunate than ourselves. I will end my message to you with this prayer for those suffering in Ukraine. Please let us know in school if your family has been affected by the dreadful events of this week.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

Alaine Murphy

COVID-19 Testing

Please continue to test your child using the lateral flow testing kits twice a week. Then report the result to the [NHS](#) and [school](#), using the links provided. If your child shows any symptoms, please take them for a PCR test.



Faith is our Foundation

Office for National Statistics (ONS) Antibody Testing

St Peter's have randomly been selected as one of 180 schools nationwide for COVID-19 antibody testing for all pupils. Please find attached an information sheet and letter regarding giving consent for the testing. If your child is Years 7-11, you will need to provide consent on their behalf. Sixth Form pupils will need to provide their own consent. We are awaiting confirmation of the date this testing will take place, but it is likely to be in March. ONS are hoping this testing will play a vital part in supporting any data the Government require regarding antibodies towards COVID-19.

Take your family to Church this Lent

Cardinal Vincent has filmed a short video message for children and young people to encourage them to get their families back to Church this Lent. In his message Cardinal Vincent says *"When you go home, please tell your family that I have spoken with you today. Please tell them what I've said. Please ask if it would be possible for you to go together to church, to Mass this Lent, in preparation for Easter. I would love you to do that, because you see, when you go into the presence of the Lord, into the House of God, which we also call the Gate of Heaven, there is so much for you to receive, and then there is so much more for you to give."* A copy of the text and the video are available here [Cardinal to school pupils: Take your family to Church this Lent - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pupils: Take your family to Church this Lent - Catholic Bishops' Conference)

Coding Club

Our coding club continues to be very popular at St Peter's with pupils from year 7 up to year 10 attending to practise their programming skills and get creative with a computer. The club runs every Wednesday 3pm till 4pm and is open to any ability whether an absolute beginner or a seasoned pro. The club gives our students the creative freedom to design and develop any programmes they wanted to using any language they like and hopefully produce the next Grace Hopper, Ada Lovelace or Bill Gates.



The pupils have the opportunity to use the Micro:Bits to code digital outputs. Getting Cozmo The Smart Robot to follow their instructions or developing their own games or apps in Python. A few of the group are currently developing their own revision app for Science and English to help pupils prepare for any upcoming exams they might have.

Year 11 and Year 13 Drama exams

The week before February half term, the Year 11 Drama GCSE pupils and the Year 13 Drama A Level pupils performed their last performance. Both classes were taking their Component 3 exam, which is 20% of their final grade and marked by an AQA examiner. On Wednesday 16th February, GCSE pupils performed extracts from BU21 by Stuart Slade, Girls Like That by Evan Placey and Find Me by Olwyn Wymark and were absolutely fantastic. Ms Rai was incredibly proud of the progress and skill every single pupil showed. On Friday 18th February, our Year 13 pupils performed an extract of The Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman and Tectonic Theatre Company, a very moving play about a homophobic murder in the USA in the 90s. There was not a dry eye in the house as our actors handled this sensitive material wonderfully. They did Ms Rai, Miss de Vos and themselves proud.



Allergies

Reminder to parents of pupils with allergies: parents must ensure that their child carries 2 autoinjectors on their person at all times.

Also, it is parents' responsibility to replenish allergy medication in school. Please contact the School Nurse to arrange replacement of this medication.

Parent webinars – county lines and criminal exploitation

PACE is offering parents and carers the chance to join interactive webinars where they can learn from a panel of experts what criminal exploitations is, how to spot signs it may be happening to their child and how to seek help. The webinars will help parents and carers to:

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk
- Learn how offenders groom and exploit children

South Webinar, 16th March, 7:00 – 8:30pm

For more information and to register, go to <https://paceuk.info/for-parents/parentwebinars/>.

Year 8 Match Report

St. Peter's maintained their unbeaten record when they played George Dixon School in the Quarter Finals of the Birmingham Schools Cup. In very heavy conditions, St. Peter's dominated the early exchanges and took an early 2-0 lead. However, a couple of defensive errors were punished resulting in the scores being level at half-time. The second half started in a similar vein to the first half and, following a great strike from Joe P, St. Peter's then took control of the game, scoring a further 5 goals to run out comfortable 8-2 winners.

Careers Convention

St Peter's Careers Convention Thursday 24th March 6pm-8pm More details to follow- for years 9 through to 13. Over 50 businesses, apprenticeship providers, universities and public sector in attendance.

Walk Against Hunger - CAFOD

St Peter's Catholic School

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Parish Academy Community

Help stamp out hunger, one step at a time.

Join the challenge... to walk 200km this Lent and help stamp out hunger, one step at a time. It's 5km a day...your way...every day!

St. Peter's Challenge- Can we walk from St. Peter's to the Vatican and back again...? 4050 km in total (5,788,058 steps!) as a school community.

If you would like to take part you will need to screenshot your steps and email walkforhungercafod@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

To donate - <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/olass>



FAMILY Boxercisen

For adults and children with disabilities and neurotypical siblings

Autism Friendly Workshops

Accessible activities for people with additional needs to develop strength and focus, reduce social anxiety and build confidence. It's designed to support families to be more active together and enjoy a variety of targeted and fun activities including sparring, weight bearing, coordination and agility. Age 5+

£6pp if booking before starting date, £7pp thereafter
1 adult must take part per family, term time only
Online session Tuesday 5pm, £10 per session

LIMITED SPACES

JOIN US!

MONDAYS 5-6pm
Shelly Farm Community Centre,
Farmhouse Way,
Solihull, B90 4EH

THURSDAYS 4.30pm
New Life Baptist Church,
80 High Street,
Kings Heath, B14 7JZ

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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 \(st-peters.solihull.sch.uk\)](#)