

SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



Term 4 7th March 2025

Year 3 Assembly



Well done to our wonderful Year 3 children! They led a super assembly last Friday all about Saint Carlo Acutis who is known as 'The first saint in blue jeans'. He was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents. While he was growing up he loved to attend Mass and he spent a lot of time praying and thinking about how he could be a better person. Carlo enjoyed using his computer to play video games, however he decided to put his computer skills to good use and at age 11 he built a website to educate

people about the Eucharistic miracles. Tragically when he was a teenager he was diagnosed with leukaemia and he sadly passed away on 12th October 2006. On 27th April this year Carlo Acutis will be canonised - made a Saint and will be the patron saint of the internet. It was lovely for the children to learn about a modern saint whom they could relate to.

The children told Carlos' story beautifully and at the end of the assembly they treated us to some very joyful singing.



Carnevale and Shrove Tuesday Celebrations



At lunchtime the children were served delicious pancakes and afterwards we gathered in the hall to hear all about Carnevale and how it is celebrated in Italy. Alice and Sara's mum kindly came to school on Tuesday to tell us how Shrove Tuesday is celebrated in Italy. We learned that the origins of this event can be traced to Ancient Greece and



Rome. These days, Italians celebrate with parades, masks, confetti, music and dancing. The children made their own beautiful masks and wore them as they threw streamers to celebrate!



Ash Wednesday



GIVE

ACT

PRAY

We marked the beginning of Lent this week in school with Father Colin celebrating Mass for us on Ash Wednesday. Well done to Year 5 for their wonderful reading during Mass. The children received ashes to mark the first day of Lent which is a particularly holy time of year for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk again this year in school. Look out for sponsor forms coming home and please give generously if you can. With aid budgets being cut across the world, charities such as CAFOD will need to play an increasingly important role in supporting the poor and vulnerable.

World Book Day



The school was full of many wonderful book characters on Thursday 6th March to celebrate World Book Day! The children and their parents and teachers went to great efforts to dress up and bring in their favourite books to share with each other. KS1 enjoyed a book hunt in the hall and we had some very special guest readers, including children from different classes, reading books in different languages. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to visit and read to the children. They always enjoy listening to the stories.



Every child has received a book token which can be exchanged for a special book or it can be used to obtain £1 discount on the book of their choice. The books are available in book shops and large supermarkets until the 23rd March so make sure you secure your copy.



EYFS Farm talk

Alanna visited EYFS to talk about when she lived on a farm in Australia. EYFS are currently learning about farm animals as their topic and enjoyed listening to her talk about her jobs on the farm, feeding the animals and taking care of them. In Australia they have to deal with snakes as well- fortunately we don't have that problem in the UK. Thank you, Alanna!

Forest School

Forest school is now up and running. Year 3 are completing their sessions during March and Year 4 will be next starting at the end of April. The children are enjoying the activities which include den making and building fires. The weather this week has been perfect and the children loved learning outside with their friends in the spring sunshine. Thank you to Mrs Gladman for working so hard to make it a success.



PTFA

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Thank you to our amazing PTFA, and especially Luana Gaddeo-Brownrigg, who are working hard to help our school community. We are all looking forward to the Bingo night tonight, which was sold out. I am sure it is going to be a great evening. Thank you for all your support.

The PTFA have lots of plans for the next few months so please support them in what ever way you can. The funds raised this year will go towards redesigning the KS1 playground.

Fifty Years at Aberdeen Road



This summer the school will be celebrating 50 years on the Aberdeen Road site. The school was previously based at the old Pro Cathedral and when the Cathedral was moved its current location in Pembroke Road a new school was built in Aberdeen Road.

If you have any stories or knowledge of the old school it would be lovely if you could share them with the school.

We will be marking the occasion during June and will let you know the arrangements nearer the time.

School Uniform



Thank you for sending your children into school with the correct uniform. Children should not wear long sleeve T-Shirts under their polo shirts. If they are cold they should wear the school sweat shirt. Summer uniform should not be worn until term 5.

All children should wear black shoes for school, **not trainers**. Trainers are to be worn for PE only and are not for everyday use.

The PE kit is a white T-shirt, preferably with a logo, and blue shorts or blue jogging bottoms and should be in school every day.

If you require any additional items of uniform we would encourage you to buy it pre-loved from the PTFA. This saves you money and saves our planet.

Shoulder length hair should be tied up and hair should be off the face and secured with a small band or blue ribbon.

If your child wears glasses please make sure the class teacher knows and that the glasses come into school each day.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

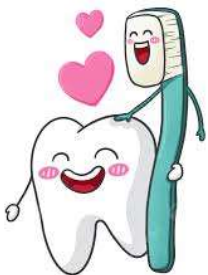
The Course commenced on the 25th February and we celebrated the start of their journey with the children on Monday following their induction Mass on Sunday 2nd March. The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on the 21st June.

SEND Tea Afternoon



This term will be holding a SEND parent tea afternoon on the 12th March from 2pm to 3.15pm. This meeting is open to all parents/carers and are a way to talk to other parents/carers and to Miss Walker about issues around SEND.

Big Brush Club



Big Brush Club are hosting several **live oral health improvement webinars** for parents/guardians. These sessions will provide valuable information on **how to support children aged 0-11 years to have the best oral health start.**

During each session there will be two dental care professionals presenting and on hand to answer any questions you might have throughout the webinar. We do not require any cameras or microphones to be used, however there will be a chat box to ask any questions you might have throughout.

Parent Oral health improvement webinars:

Thursday 20th March at 7pm – Parent/Guardian

- <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fc918f1d-1937-4dd6-8caf-876b2e17c4da@11f187f2-a328-4d92-a1f2-a711ff09055d>



School Nursing team

The school has arranged for the School Nursing Team from Sirona (NHS) to visit the school for parent/carer sessions once a term. These sessions will usually be on the second Tuesday of each term from 9am-10am. The planned dates for the rest of the year are: 06/05/2025 and 10/06/2025. The sessions will consist of allotted slots which will be 1:1 with the school nurse (Nicky O'Leary). We expect these to be 15 minutes long, but if demand is high they may be shorter.

If you have a concern about your child and would like to arrange to see the School Nurse please contact the school office. **You do not need to tell us what your concern is**, just that you would like to see the School Nurse.

More information about the School Nursing Team can be found on the link below:

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/>



Clubs for Term 4

Please find the list of clubs on offer for term 4. If your child is not signed up to an activity and wishes to join please contact the office to check availability.

Monday	Year 3 Gymnastics Years 5 & 6 Coding Club (provided by Code Pi, paid activity)
Tuesday	Year 5 Invasion Games Year 4 Dance Year 2,3 and 4 Craft Club
Wednesday	Years 1-2 Dodgeball - Finish time 4:15 (provided by U-Sports, paid activity)
Thursday	KS2 Lunchtime Choir Year 6 Gymnastics
Friday	Year 1 Multiskills Year 5 & 6 Hockey

Term Dates 2024/2025

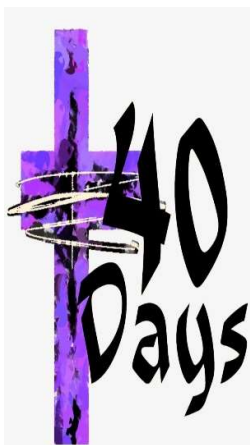
Term 4 Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April 2025

Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Inset days for 2024/2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025



Loving God,
Open our ears to hear the cries
of our sisters and brothers
and of the earth, our common home.

Open our arms wide
to reach out with compassion
so that all distance vanishes.

Open our hearts to share your love
and our hope of a world
where no one is beyond reach.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.



Bristol Family Hubs



Here to help every family
in Bristol



If you are a parent or carer of a child under 19 years old (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities), then Family Hubs can help you with information about:

- health
- education and childcare
- wellbeing and mental health
- play groups
- peer support
- relationships

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