

## Love Learn Live



Our theme for worship this half term are the Values of Service and Generosity

|                                     | EYFS   | Year 1                      | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance %                        | 90.97% | 85.42%                      | 94.87% | 94.81% | 95.37% |
| Attendance Superstars for last week |        | 2EL with 98.33% attendance! |        |        |        |

Green (97.0% and above). Orange (between 95.5% and 96.99%). Red (95.49% or below). Attendance Superstars—Every week we will publish the attendance for year groups and the whole school for the previous week.



Keep up to date with what's happening!

St Peter's PTA are on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stpetersdroitwichpta>

St Peter's are on Twitter <https://twitter.com/stpfdsdroitwich>



### Whole School Party Day

#### Thursday 16th December—

Children are invited to wear party clothes if they wish (they will still have outdoor play so please ensure they wrap up). Santa will be visiting school during our party day!!

**Staff changes**—We have a number of changes to our staffing after Christmas.

- After returning from maternity leave in September, Mrs Lewis has decided to leave her post at St. Peter's. We wish Mrs Lewis and her young family all the very best for the future.
- Mrs Adams will be continuing to teach for one day in 4NT, one day in RJG and one day in 2CS.
- Mr Simpson will be leaving St Peter's at Christmas to take up a post in another school. Mrs Griffiths has been appointed and will be joining Year 4 in January 2022. We wish Mr Simpson the best of luck in his new role.

**Collective Worship Service** will be sent out at the end of the week where Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children will have had the opportunity to sing carols and listen to Christmas readings and prayers (EYFS have previously had their nativity extract sent to them).

**Home Learning**—Please ensure that you are able to access Seesaw. If you have any issues, please see your child's class teacher or call the office before the end of term. There is a forms link [here](#) for any families who have issues regarding internet connectivity or access to devices. Please only complete and submit a form if you would need support from school if your child has to access home learning.

**Covid Update**—We are currently reviewing our risk assessment, measures and contingency plans for learning in advance of our return to school in January. The Government have today released further updates regarding contact, testing and isolation. The situation is once again changing on a daily basis. As before I urge you to be patient flexible and understanding as we respond to the fast changing situation and the government current guidance. Please assume unless you hear from me that all children will return to school as normal on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Mrs O'Keeffe-Pullan



We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Supporting children's independent skills** –over the Christmas break, we politely ask you to support your children so that they can do the following independently at school:

- Sit at a table and use a knife and fork and be able to cut up their own food. Please see the attached NHS [information sheet](#) for some useful tips.
- Help your child to zip their coats independently. Please see the NHS [attached sheet](#) for hints and tips.

Many thanks for your support.

### Message from St. Peter's PTA

If you are doing a spot of Christmas shopping on Amazon, please consider supporting St. Peter's PTA through Amazon Smile! It's simple to use and Amazon will make a donation to the PTA, at no additional cost to you! Please visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select St. Peter's Droitwich C Of E Academy Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Find out more about [Amazon Smile](#).

The 2021 PTA Christmas Raffle has now closed. Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a ticket! The prize draw will take place on Wednesday 15th December and winners will be notified via email. Good luck!

The PTA would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





# Christmas Treecycling

Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th & Friday 7th  
January 2022

Let us collect your real Christmas tree from  
your door & we will take it to be recycled

**Areas we are covering:**

WR1, WR3, WR4, WR5, WR7, WR9, WR10  
B60, B61, Redditch - B96, B97  
Barnt Green, Alvechurch, Inkberrow, Feckenham and the villages  
local to the charity: Crowle, Upton Snodsbury, Broughton Hackett,  
White Ladies Aston and Drakes Broughton.

Last day for bookings: Monday 3rd January at 12noon

Minimum donation of **£5.00** per tree for us to collect your  
Christmas tree, an additional donation on top of this would go  
directly towards our fight against childhood cancer.

Registration for bookings will open on the 1st November 2021.

The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust is working to  
raise awareness of childhood cancer and the signs &  
symptoms with which it may present. We produce  
educational resources for parents & clinicians, provide  
support to families & fund research into rare solid  
tumours of childhood.





Grace Kelly  
Childhood  
Cancer Trust

Registered Charity Number 907953

Register your tree online at [www.gkcct.org/treecycle](http://www.gkcct.org/treecycle)  
or phone us on 01905 885777



# What's happening in the world today?

We encourage children to read this together with their adults at home to develop their understanding of current news items and topics for discussion. We have included links to the UN Sustainable Development Goals against each story, which will help the children to see how they can have a positive impact in the wider world.

## Tracking Santa's journey across the globe

During the festive season, millions of children count down the days of December and go to sleep on Christmas Eve, excitedly awaiting the delivery of their Christmas gifts from Santa Claus.

Thanks to modern technology, children (and adults) can follow Father Christmas' journey across the globe on 24<sup>th</sup> December, using the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD).

Father Christmas' journey always begins in the South Pacific, with his first stop to the Republic of Kiribati. He then travels west, delivering presents to those in New Zealand and Australia, followed by Japan. Santa then carries on his journey to Asia, Africa and Western Europe, concluding with Canada, the US, Mexico and South America.

Here is the link to the NORAD tracker which also includes games, music and stories for the days leading up to Christmas - <https://www.noradsanta.org/en/>



### What do you get an elephant for Christmas?

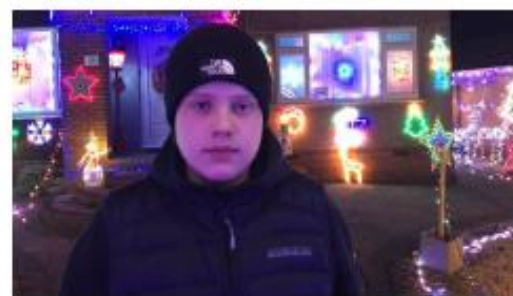
Giant ear muffs?  
A life supply of peanuts?



It looks like the animals at Belfast Zoo made it onto the nice list this Christmas, after some special deliveries were made early by festive zookeepers. The two rescue elephants at Belfast Zoo, made short work of their gifts which were boxes stuffed with hay, apples and carrots.

### Lights display earns boy BBC Radio 1 Teen Hero award

Jake, aged 14, who puts up Christmas lights every year in memory of his sister has been named BBC Radio 1's Teen Hero.



The display at Jake's home in Bristol includes lights that belonged to his sister. So far he has raised £5,558 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

To celebrate his achievement, Jake got to help present the Radio 1 breakfast show and was invited to Kensington Palace to visit Prince William.