

Tune

In

On

Tuesday

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 %	94.71%	95.91%	93.95%	94.18%	92.21%
Attendance Superstars for last week		3HY with 98.87% 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>

Church Services—we have decided, after careful consideration, to only hold a Church service at the end of term for all pupils and staff rather than hosting multiple services for families.

Instead of inviting families into church, each class will record a service to share on Seesaw at home. This will include the prayers, reading and carols that were planned for our family service but can be enjoyed together at a time to suit you.

We will be sending out a 'Microsoft forms' later this week and ask that you return this promptly so that we have permission to film, record and share the service with your child's class on Seesaw.

Please do keep an eye on the church and school notice boards for details of services that may be taking place at St. Peter's Church during the festive period. Details of Worcester Cathedral services are also in the school noticeboard.

Parent Voice—my sincere thanks to the small group of parents who attended school on 24th November for our first informal 'Parent Voice' meeting. I've shared some very interesting chat with a cup of coffee and a biscuit about diversity resources and the PSHE and RSE curriculum. We also heard some interesting suggestions about communication regarding future learning and the ETIOT. I hope to see more parents in the Spring term. The date for the next meeting will be Wednesday 26th January between 08:35 and 09:30.

Mrs O'Keeffe-Pullan**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!!

School closure procedure in the event of extreme weather – with the onset of colder weather, please be reminded of the school's procedure if the school is closed due to extreme weather.

- A decision will be made by 7.00am at the very latest as to whether the school will open.
- You will receive a text message informing you that the school is closed.
- The school will be officially closed through the County Council System which will lead to the announcement on local radio stations (Hereford & Worcester 104 FM/Free Radio 102.8FM) and Worcestershire.gov.uk. A message will also appear on the school's website.
- A notification will be sent by text and put on the website later as to the arrangements for the following day as soon as they are known.

Panto Trip—All the children who attended the panto today had a wonderful time. The theatre have commented how well behaved the children were and what great ambassadors they are for St Peter's.



Free School Meal vouchers will be provided to eligible pupils for the Christmas break. These will be funded by the local authority via the Covid Local Support Grant. The vouchers will be sent via email week commencing Monday 13th December.

School Choir—Thank you to everyone who supported the choir performance in Droitwich Library last week. The Christmas carols were enjoyed by all and a great way to start the Christmas season!

Spring Term 2022 Clubs – the closing date for payments is tomorrow, Wednesday 8th December 2021. There are a very small number of spaces still available on Athletics, Basketball and Judo. A confirmation text/email of any club bookings will be sent to you by Wednesday 15th December 2021. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Tuesday 14th December - RVW Opal Class Cosy Day. As a reward for filling their class jar RVW children can come into school wearing cosy clothes/pyjamas and bring in a small teddy of their choice. Please wear normal footwear, no slippers. Thank you.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at St. Peter's!! We are delighted with our Christmas Tree, kindly purchased by St Peter's PTA.

Updates from the Rivers CofE Academy Trust

Influential visitors commend our curriculum

Over recent weeks, we have welcomed the Minister of State for School Standards - Robin Walker, the Regional Schools Commissioner for West Midlands - Andrew Warren, our Patron - Professor Mick Waters and Green Party Councillor - Cllr Louis Stephen.

These visits have been a great opportunity to share our innovative curriculum with prestigious and influential people in education and to celebrate the work taking place across our family of schools.

Each one has commented on how the curriculum is focused on helping children to develop the skills and knowledge they need for future lives.



Appointment of Chair of Trustees



We are pleased to announce that Caroline Hoddinott OBE was formally appointed Chair of Trustees on 13th October 2021.

Caroline has a wealth of experience and expertise working in education and was honoured with an OBE for services to Education in 2020.

As Chair, Caroline takes the lead in ensuring the effective functioning of the trust board and along with the members and trustees holds the executive to account for the standards of education and pupil outcomes.

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PTA Christmas Raffle 2021! - The Christmas Raffle is back again, and we have some great prizes available!

Only £1 per ticket, available from <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BJKU> - please share the link with friends and family!



St. Peter's PTA are meeting online this evening, Tuesday 7th December, at 7.30pm. Please do join us to hear all about current PTA fundraising initiatives! Follow the link to join: [St. Peter's PTA Meeting 07.12.21](#)

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.

Countdown to Christmas

Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar. It means 'coming' and it's all about preparing for Christmas Day.

Advent starts on the Sunday nearest to 30th November. So in 2021, it started on Sunday 28th November and will run until Friday 24th December. Many Advent customs involve counting down the days until Christmas begins. Some churches have an advent wreath with five candles, one for each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day and one for Christmas Day itself. Sometimes Christians will have their own Advent candle which they'll burn at home. Many people who aren't Christians also look ahead to Christmas by having an advent calendar. They often have a chocolate for each day in December until the 25th.



Can you think of 24 Christian symbols to put behind the doors of your Advent calendar as you countdown to Christmas?

 No white Christmas in Rwanda, but 30 white rhinos instead	 International Civil Aviation Day
30 white rhinos – 19 females and 11 males, some adult, some younger were loaded into an aeroplane in South Africa and flown to their new home in Rwanda. The organisers of the move hope the rhinos will be able to settle in the new area, and that their numbers will grow. There are only about 18,000 of them left. They don't naturally live in Rwanda, but researchers hope that by giving them a new protected area to live in, they can help increase their numbers.  	 International Civil Aviation Day is aimed at creating awareness about the importance of civil aviation in connecting the entire world and their contribution to the economic and social development of countries. As well as transporting white rhinos, can you think of how else aviation helps the world? 