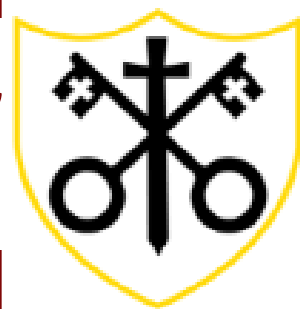




# SS Peter & Paul Newsletter

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 VOLUME 2



Dear Parents and Friends,

It will be hard to express in words what a joy it has been following another great week in school. Children are continuing to get used to new rhythms, routines, faces and spaces, but there still remains a consistent level of excitement and enthusiasm from our fantastic children. They have bounced in and, in some cases, are still bouncing on departure. I hope that they are sharing their news of what they have been learning and enjoying each day.

In the Church's liturgical calendar, we remain in ordinary time and this week our Nursery pupils (St Mary) celebrated the birthday and feast day of our Mother Mary. Y4 have also been celebrating their different cultures today to mark the end of their whole school book studies.

My thanks to all who were able to our warm and informative Meet the Teacher sessions held yesterday and today for Reception to Y6 parents. We hope you found the information useful, as well as the opportunity to connect with class teachers. All information including any handouts will shortly be made available to you. Please do take a moment to read the the curriculum booklets.

In Monday's Assembly, which was a reflection on Education Sunday, we were joined by a very familiar and special guest, Banji Alexander to launch a brand new Performing Arts School we will be hosting every Saturday between 9.30-12.30. If you are interested please complete the form attached to the flyer sent out earlier this week. We have 15 bursary (non-fee paying) places available for our Pupil Premium pupils, if this is something that interests you.

With best wishes for a sunny and relaxing weekend,

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola  
Headteacher



*Lord Jesus,*

*We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.*

*Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.*

*Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.*

*Open our hearts and mind to new friends and new teachers.*

*Amen*

## Important dates:

**18th- Y6 Bikeability**

**20th- Y5 Liturgy 9-9.30am  
(Parents Welcome)**

**20th- Prayer leaders trip to St Georges's Cathedral for Mass**

**22nd KS2 Cross Country (for selected pupils only)**

**27th Y1 Liturgy 9-9.30  
(Parents welcome)**

**28th- Reception Parents  
Phonics Workshop 9-9.45am**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS School Target- 96%

**GOLD AWARD  
Y2 St Clare 99.4%**

**SILVER AWARD  
REC- St Joseph- 98.5%**

**BRONZE AWARD  
Y5- St Josephine- 98.4%**

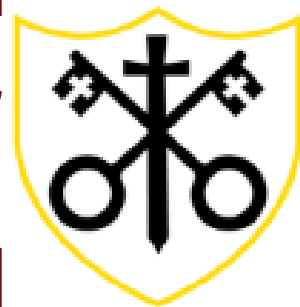
### Class Attendance:

Nur- St Mary- 95.5%  
Y1- St Brigid- 96.1%  
Y3- St Marie- 94.1%  
Y4 St Francis- 96.2%  
Y4- St Maximillian- 96.2%  
Y6 St Daniel- 96.8%  
Y6 St Joan- 97.6%



# SS Peter & Paul Newsletter

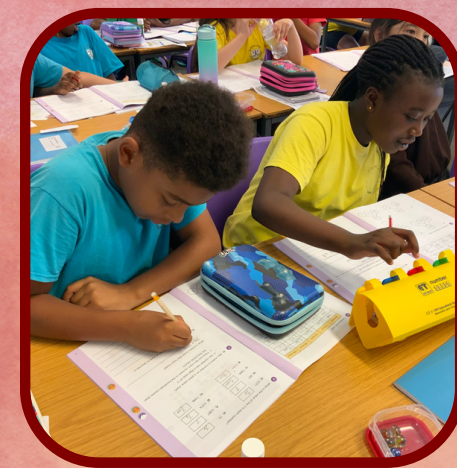
FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 VOLUME 2



## Class Liturgies & Masses

You are welcome to attend any of our masses or your child's liturgy as this is an important part of our ethos and Catholic life of the school. All class liturgies will begin at 9am in the school hall and finish at 9.30am. All masses will begin at 10am and finish at 11am. Please see below for the upcoming dates this term:

- 20th September- Y5- St Josephine (International Day of Peace)
- 27th September- Y1- St Brigid (New Beginnings)
- 4th October- Y2- St Clare (The Rosary)
- 16th October- Harvest School Mass
- 1st November- All Saints Day School Mass
- 8th November- Y6- St Joan & St Daniel (Remembrance)
- 22nd November- Y3- St Marie (Judaism)
- 4th December- Y4 St Francis & St Maximilian- Advent service
- 19th December- Y5 & Y6 Carol Service, 6pm
- 21st December Whole School Christmas Mass.



## Important Messages

### No Jewellery Please

A reminder that it is school policy that no jewellery is to be worn by children only small studs. This is due to health and safety considerations. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before children come into school on their PE day.

### Uniform & Lost Property

Please ensure all items of your child's uniform including PE kits are clearly labelled with their name. This includes hats, coats, water bottles, bags and lunchboxes to avoid them getting lost. A lost property box is located in the small Cricket Green playground.

### Nut Free School

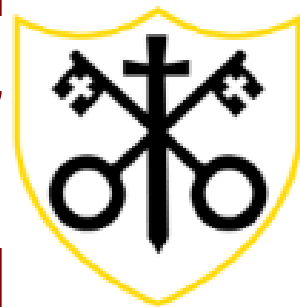
Please remember we are a nut-free school and this means no nuts permitted in packed lunches. This also includes muesli bars and peanut or chocolate spreads that contain nuts (e.g. Nutella).





# SS Peter & Paul Newsletter

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 VOLUME 2

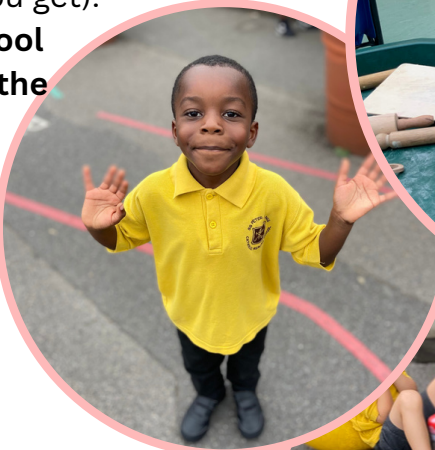


## Free School Meals

A reminder that the eligibility for free school meals is if parents (s) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based job-seeker's Allowance
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on- paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit- of you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

**To apply please complete the 'Free School Meals' Application form available from the school office.**



## Parent Forum

**Would you like to get involved in school life?**

Parent Forums are informal meetings where parents come together to raise issues, be consulted on school policy and give their views. We are looking for more parents reps to join our existing team. We would like to have two per year group. If you are interested please email Mrs Bimson

[office@sspp.merton.sch.uk](mailto:office@sspp.merton.sch.uk)

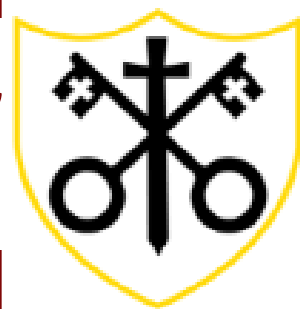
Thank you in advance for your support.





# SS Peter & Paul Newsletter

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 VOLUME 2



## Please join us for our monthly.... Coffee Mornings

All parents/carers are welcome to join us for a coffee one Friday each month. Each session will have a short presentation which will include different strategies, support and information on how to support your child's learning.

The sessions will be fun and informal. There will be lots of time to ask questions and share experiences.

Dates:

Friday 29th September  
McMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th October  
Friday 24th November  
Friday 15th December

Time: 8:50-9:30

Location: Music Room

Please wait outside the music  
room (near year 3 and 4)

These sessions will  
be run  
by Mrs Bimson

No need to book  
just turn up.

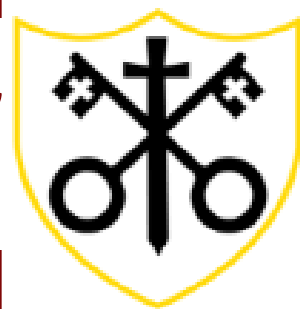






# SS Peter & Paul Newsletter

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 VOLUME 2



## Merton Music Foundation FREE trial sessions

On **16th, 18th and 20th September** we are going to be hosting **'Come and Play'** sessions at our South Wimbledon Music Centre. In these sessions children who already play an instrument, or who enjoy singing can come and try out an ensemble, free of charge. We hope this will lead even more children across borough creating, performing, and enjoying music with their peers.

More information can be found at [mmf.org.uk/comeandplay/](https://mmf.org.uk/comeandplay/)

## Step into Music (Music classes for 0-7's) free trial - 23rd September

We are holding free trials across all our Step into Music programme on Saturday 23rd September. This programme has a range of courses for children aged between 0-7, to kick start their music journey.

More information can be found at [mmf.org.uk/stepintomusic/](https://mmf.org.uk/stepintomusic/)

For both trials, parents/guardians **MUST** register in advanced to attend.

