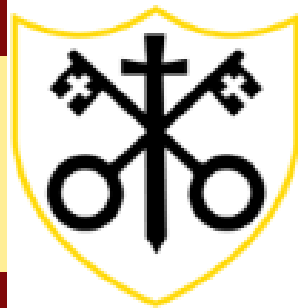


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Welcome back from Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The start of a new school year is always a time to look forward with fresh eyes to the opportunities that lay ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome back to school after what I hope was a lovely, relaxing summer break and to all of our new parents this academic school year 2023/24, we welcome you to our SSPP family. It has been a pleasure seeing the children skipping back into school this week - spending time with their friends, laughing, playing and working hard!

The children have enjoyed a host of exciting lessons activities already about HOPE (one of our school core values) and using their different talents and abilities to make a difference based around a book called 'Change Sings' by Amanda Gorman. Have a look at the photos on our Instagram pages which perfectly capture what a fabulous week we've had thus far.



Yesterday, we celebrated our Beginning of the Year Mass with our Y6 pupils leading our prayers and readings. I would like to thank Fr. Gerry for celebrating mass with us and entertaining us on the guitar with a song he had written about Loving Others. I would like to thank Mrs Rough and her little team of helpers for preparing mass.

A huge well done to some of our Y6 pupils for their resilience and perseverance in achieving their 25 metres this week as part of a top up swimming programme.

This coming Sunday is 'Education Sunday' an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. Let's hope that this year proves to be yet another successful year at our school. If this week is anything to go by, then I am sure that it will be!

With warmest regards,

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher



Important dates:

11th-14th Y6 Assessment Week

14th - Meet the Teacher Meetings 9am

15th - Meet the Teacher Meetings 3.30pm
(Please choose one of the dates above to attend)

Curriculum Booklets will be sent home to parents following these meetings.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
School Target- 96%

GOLD AWARD
Y4 St Francis- 100%

SILVER AWARD
NUR- St Joseph- 98.5%

BRONZE AWARD
Y3- St Marie- 97.5%

Class Attendance:

Y1- St Brigid- 94%
Y2- St Clare- 96%
Y4- St Maximillian- 95.7%
Y5 st Josephine- 95.7%
Y6 St Daniel- 88%
Y6 St Joan- 95.8%



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Parent Information/ Updates

New Senior Leadership team

I am delighted to welcome two new additions to our senior leadership team this year: Mrs Bimson (Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Pastoral & SENDCO and Mr Humphrey (Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum, Teaching & Learning). Both Ms Mayanja and Mrs Rough will continue in their senior leadership roles overseeing KS2 and KS1/EYFS this year.

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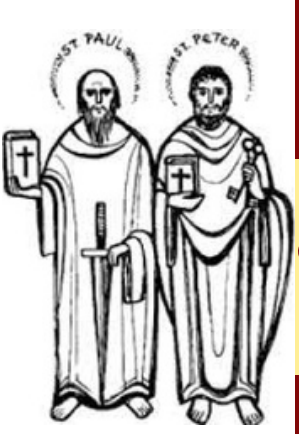
You'll notice that our newsletter is a little different to previous versions. It is our intention to create an informative and celebratory update/newsletter every week, this one being the first of the new academic year. One side will celebrate the wonderful learning taking place and the other side will be a more formal update for parents. We hope that you find it useful.

Parental Support and Involvement

We aim to ensure a caring, welcoming, lively and safe learning environment, rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and the necessity for high academic standards, where our staff and pupils flourish; fulfilling their God given potential on a daily basis.

We value parental involvement and encourage you to contribute to the life of our school. We aim to have regular coffee mornings for parents to attend and our valued and active PTA group welcomes all parents to get involved. Please come into school and see the staff or myself if you have any concerns so we can work together to support your child. Parents, you are an integral part of our school community. Your partnership, trust, and support play a vital role in our children and school's success. Whether it be volunteering, attending events, or supporting your children's educational journey at home, your involvement will make a significant impact on their growth and development. We have some fantastic fun events and opportunities planned and we will do our very best to ensure every child feels safe, valued, supported and appreciated and has a successful and happy year here at SS Peter & Paul. Our wonderful staff and I feel privileged to be entrusted in educating your children and look forward to meeting you all in school at the many events we will have taking place.





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Meet the Teacher Meetings (next week)

I look forward to seeing many of you attend one of our two Meet the Teacher sessions next week (dates and times available on pg 1.) where the links between home and school will be further strengthened and you'll find out a little bit more about what your child will be learning in the year ahead. You have all be sent a separate letter via parent mail regarding this.

Y5/6 mobile phones

Children in Y5 and Y6 only are permitted mobile phones on site, where they may be walking to and from school by themselves. This will be stored away securely in the school office upon arrival and returned at the end of the day. For safeguarding reasons, please ensure you complete the form obtained from the office to give your child permission to walk home this academic year.

School Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for how smartly dressed the children have been on their return to school - we really appreciate your support with our push on wearing the uniform correctly and children looking smart at all times. Summer uniform will be permitted until the October Half term after which time it will change to the winter uniform.

Hot weather

You will have seen the weather forecast for this week and we are due for some unseasonably hot September weather which peaked at 31 °C on Wednesday. Please ensure your children are protected with sun cream, wearing a sun hat, and to always keep hydrated with a bottle of water.

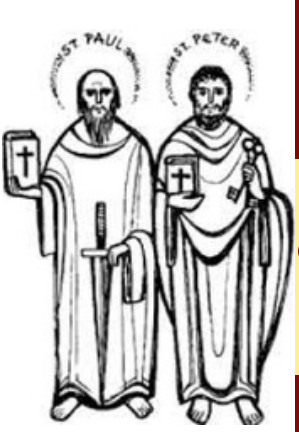
Wraparound Provision- The Cedars

Our Wraparound services (both breakfast and afterschool club) are available to all year groups including Nursery from this week. After reviewing the charges we have made this more cost-effective. Charges will now incur for late collection (£5), please see charges below:

- Breakfast club- 7.45-8.45am £5
- After school club- 3.30-4.30pm- £5;
 - 4.30-6pm - £6
- After school club- Full session- £10

Please make enquires at the front office or contact the school via email- office@sspp.merton.sch.uk





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Reading Volunteers needed

It's a brand new year and we have brand new plans. One of our school priorities this year is to build a culture of reading for pleasure and continue to raise reading outcomes following our strong SATS results.

We would love to recruit a group of parent volunteers to help us open our well-stocked school library during the school day.

We are looking for a team to supervise the library during lunchtimes, become a reading buddy, help sort books and keep our library a top place to spend time on a rota basis.

If you are interested and think you would like to be a part of this team we would love to hear from you.

Please can you email the school office stating reading library volunteer. office@sspp.merton.sch.uk.



Extra curricular clubs

We will be running a number of extra-curricular clubs this term. Starting next week will be our Skating club and brand new comic club. Please book these directly with Mr McKenzie via the website- www.nikcarl.com.

The following week we will begin: Netball, Cheerleading, Sewing and Multi-Sports. These will go live mid next week on Parent Pay. We were very fortunate to be able to run clubs for free last year, however with by charging a small fee we can begin to offer a greater range of clubs. If your child is Pupil Premium or you feel you may have financial difficulties please speak to the office to discuss what your child will be entitled to.



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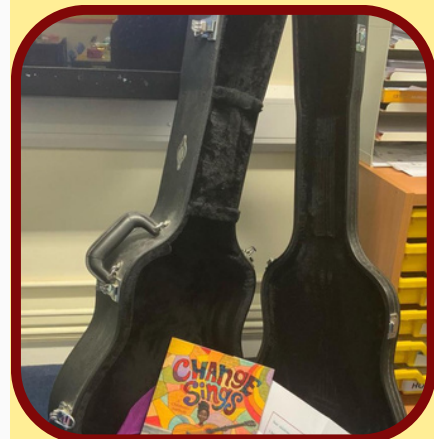
And Finally, You may be aware from media coverage that the government has asked some schools to close or partially close due to the confirmed presence of RAAC in their school buildings.

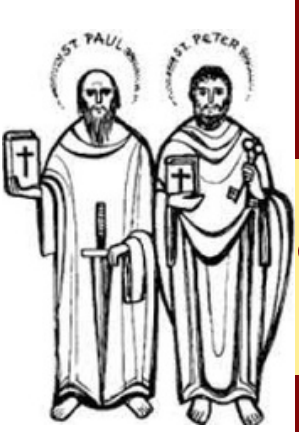
I am pleased to confirm that our school has not been affected. Following building surveys carried out on 16th August 2023 by Faithorn Farrell Timms, there is no reason to believe that RAAC is present on the school site.

I hope that this provides reassurance.

Kind regards

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher





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Message from Assistant Headteacher- Mrs Bimson

Starting school can be an exciting time for children and parents, it can also bring along a host of emotions, worries and some challenges for your child and you as parents. Our NHS Education Wellbeing Service will be running a webinar for early years and nursery parents on Monday 11th of September and again on Tuesday 12th of September. It will focus on starting school and hopes to provide parents with a deeper understanding of child anxiety and some practical advice for managing this transition. Parents can sign up for free (and explore other webinars being hosted by the service this year) please see the poster below for further information.



FINDING YOUR FEET: CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND STARTING SCHOOL

Starting school can be an exciting time for children and parents - it can also bring along a host of emotions, worries and some challenges for your child and you as parents.

The Wellbeing Team in Schools hopes to talk you through some common anxieties and worries that many children and parents will go through, and provide different ways you could approach some of these challenges. It will be drawing on child development and cognitive-behavioural ideas and hopes to be practical and engaging.





South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust



DATE / TIME

Monday 11th September 12.30-1.30 pm
Tuesday 12th September 12.30-1.30 pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[Click here to book](#)





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Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools: support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,
Amen.