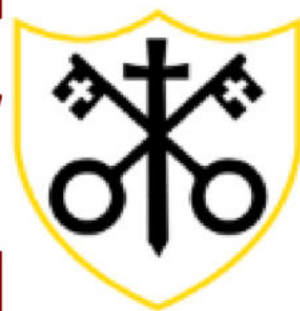




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Dear Parents and Friends,

We have finally arrived at the end of what has been an exciting, fun and eventful half term here at SS Peter and Paul. As our weekly newsletters have highlighted, SSPP is a very special place, where children utilise and share their gifts and talents. Everyday, I observe examples of children and staff working hard and showing our NED values of Never Giving Up, Encouraging Others and Being the best versions of themselves. In one of my earlier newsletters, I wrote about my commitment to making SSPP even better, I believe that every day SSPP does grow to become a beacon school where our little lights shine and I would like to thank the children, parents and staff for making this happen.

This week It was great to see so many parents arrive for their child's pupil progress meetings with teachers and I thank many of you who took the time to complete our parent survey, your voice counts and we look forward to sharing with you some of the feedback very soon.

I'm delighted this week with the increase in our attendance figures with not one but 3 classes achieving 100%. Congratulations to the pupils in St Brigid (Y1); St Joan (Y6) and St Mary (Nursery) for - extra play time for you!

During this month we have been celebrating diversity. We have had art gallery exhibitions, attended competitions, raised awareness of the importance of being inclusive in assemblies and how we can make a positive difference as a school community. Nelson Mandela once said that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world so today children and staff wore red to remind us all that racism should not be accepted or tolerated and we are all equal.

## A Harvest Prayer

For the promise of  
harvest contained within a seed, we thank you.  
For the oak tree within an acorn.  
The bread within a grain.  
The apple within a pip.  
The mystery of nature, gift wrapped for us to sow,  
We thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing half term break, do something fun as a family and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola  
Headteacher

SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD



## Important dates:

23rd-27th- Half term  
30th- Y3 Dress up Stone Age Day  
31st- Y4 Reading Workshop 9-10am (with parents and children)  
1st- Y6 Reading Workshop 9-10am (with parents and children)  
1st November- All Saint's Day Mass 10.30am (Parents Welcome)  
2nd November- Y5 Reading Workshop 9-10am (with parents and children)  
3rd November- Father Gerry visiting Nursery to talk about Baptism

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS School Target- 96%

**GOLD AWARD**  
NUR- St Mary 100%  
Y1- St Brigid 100%  
Y6- St Joan 100%

**SILVER AWARD**  
Y2- St Clare- 99.6%

**BRONZE AWARD**  
Y4 - St Maximilian- 99.1%

## Class Attendance:

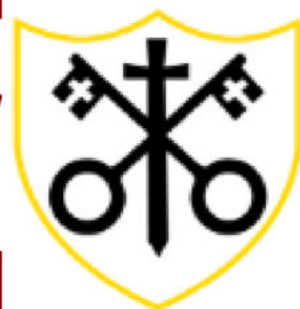
Y4 St Josephine- 98%  
Y3- St Marie- 96%  
Y6- St Daniel- 95.2%  
Y4- St Francis 94.7%  
REC- St Joseph- 91%





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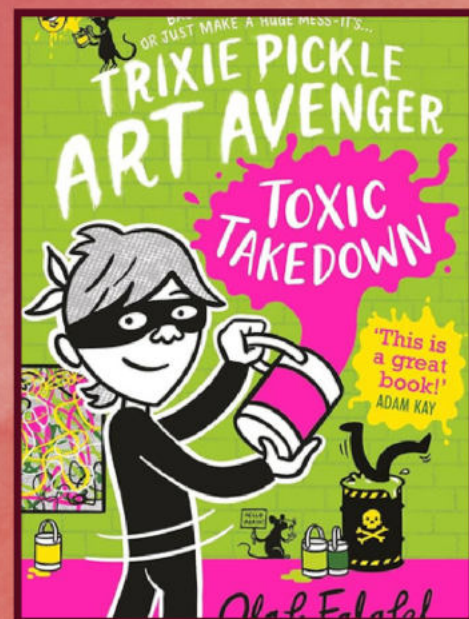
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## Reading For Pleasure

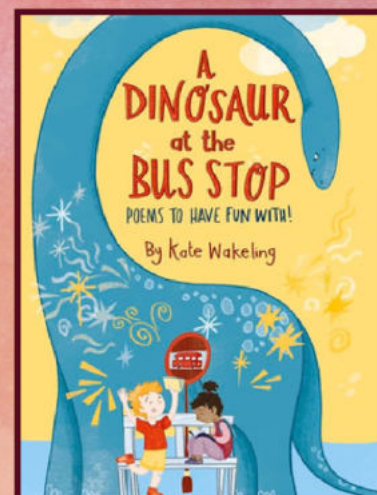
### Y3 Wimbledon Bookfest- Olaf Falafel

On Monday, Year 3 attended the Wimbledon Bookfest. They had an amazing time and spent the whole afternoon in fit of laughter! Olaf Falafel, comedian and author, spoke to them about hilarious parts of his story, and show them how to draw some of his illustrations. One of our pupils had the opportunity of asking Olaf about his favourite book! The children couldn't wait to read *Trixie Pickle Art Avenger*, and have even been practising their illustration skills since! A huge thank you to all of the staff and parents that helped accompany the children.



### KS1 Wimbledon Bookfest - Kate Wakeling

On Friday, Year 1 and Year 2 also visited the Wimbledon Bookfest held at Wimbledon High school to see the Author, Kate Wakeling talk about her new book *A Dinosaur At the Bus stop*. Thank you to our many parent helpers without you this trip would not have been possible.

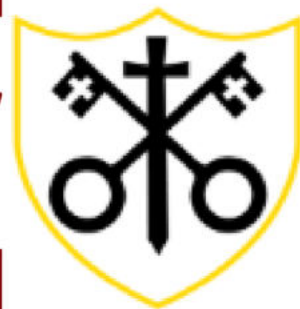






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## Curriculum News

### Y6 Benin Kingdom British Museum Trip

Year 6 took a trip this week to visit the British Museum as part of their topic finale! They attended a museum workshop with a historian on life in Ancient Benin Kingdom. Year 6 used this as an opportunity to recall what they had learnt about the Edo language, the role of the King (Oba) and the importance of animals to their culture.



### Reception- Funny Bones

Reception children have been reading *Funnybones* by Janette Ahlberg. The book follows a family of silly skeletons who live in the dark, dark cellar of a dark, dark house on a dark, dark hill. This charming story did not just take our children for an adventure but they had a chance to learn their body parts. They finished their topic with a hilarious skeleton dance that you can watch on Instagram.



### Year 5 Japan Day

Year 5 celebrated their Japan day dressed as ninjas and Japanese geishas. Children had a jam-packed day of making origami creatures, painting the famous Kanagawa Great wave and later on exploring the physical and human features of Japan. Well done Year 5, it looks like you had a lot of fun!

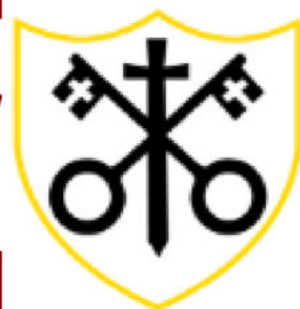






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## Change Sings Art Gallery Exhibition

As a whole school project based around the book *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman at the beginning of the year, teachers and pupils collaborated on how they could showcase their learning. Whilst studying the book, children wrote poem and through PSHE discussed how they could work together for a better world. The result was a series of mini galleries put together by each year group taking a particular theme of: care, unity, hope. The gallery will still be available after half term if you missed out and would like to see your child's work on display. A huge thank you to all of the staff and pupils and the lovely Mrs Mako.

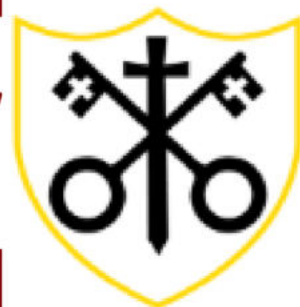






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## Catholic Life of the school

### Harvest Festival

On Monday we celebrated our Harvest Festival Mass with Father Stephen. We were reminded that this is a time for us all to give thanks for the world we live in, which provides us with all our food. It is also a time to help those who are not as 'food rich' as ourselves. I would like to say a huge thank you to our families for your generous donations this week. Your gifts were donated to the Dons Local Action Group by our Faith in Action team which will go on to help to many families. .

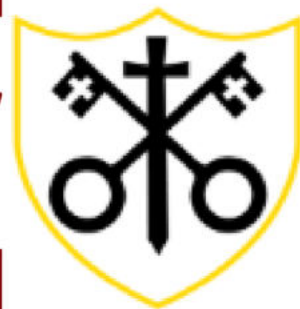






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## SS PETER AND PAUL PARENTS COFFEE MORNING



Wellbeing  
Support Service  
NHS In-School

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

Coffee Morning Topic:

### Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School

JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 9AM - 9:45AM

- Focuses on learning what emotion regulation is and how to support the development of emotion regulation in children
- Discusses the zones of regulation
- Gives tips and strategies on how you help your child with their emotions

Provided by our NHS-in-School Education  
Wellbeing Service

## Thank you

We greatly appreciate all the parents who attended the workshop on Wednesday 18th about **Building Confidence through the Primary Years**. We had incredible feedback from the parents and looking forward to holding more workshops in partnership with the Merton Educational Wellbeing Service. Please see the flyer for our next workshop on **Wednesday 8th November on Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School**.



If you would like to sign up please  
email Mrs Bimson on:

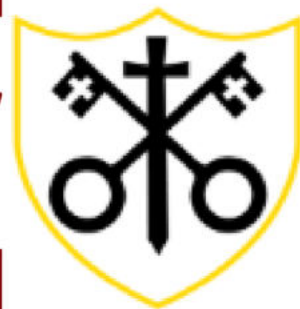
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**PETER  
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WOLF**

THE ANIMATED FILM  
WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 2023 AT 1PM, 3PM & 5PM  
REGENT HALL, 275 OXFORD ST. LONDON

ALL PROFITS TO BENEFIT UK MUSIC MASTERS -  
EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO REACH THEIR CREATIVE POTENTIAL

FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.MUSICMASTERS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.MUSICMASTERS.ORG.UK)

## ENJOY A MUSICAL DAY OUT WITH A SPECIAL 10% DISCOUNT FOR MERTON CHILDREN

Come and watch 'Peter & The Wolf' – the Oscar-winning stop-motion animation, set beautifully to Prokofiev's famous music. Stuart Hancock will be conducting St Paul's Sinfonia live on-stage in front of the big screen, and the film's director, Suzie Templeton, together with some of the actual puppets that star in the film, will be there as part of the extended introduction section.

the performance will open with an exclusive preview of Kensuke's Kingdom – the new animated feature film adaptation of the Michael Morpurgo book, with stuart hancock's orchestral music performed live.

All profits from the event will benefit the excellent music education charity. Music Masters - <https://musicmasters.org.uk> - empowering children to reach their creative potential through music, no matter their background.

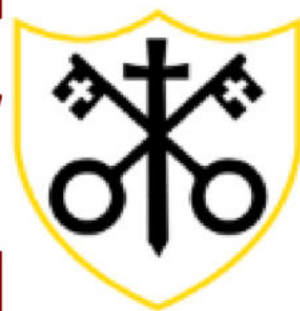
use the promo code "MERTONPETER" to get a 10% discount on ticket purchases here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-the-wolf-live-tickets-706749666277>





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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

### Changes to Y1 and Y2 Drop off and Collection

After the October Half term, children in Y1 and Y2 will no longer be entering the school from the school hall. Y2 children will access their classroom next to the school for drop off and also be collected from here also. Similarly with Y1 parents will drop off pupils at the Reception entrance (Mitcham Park gate) and collect from the classroom by walking around the footpath towards the KS2 playground. Unfortunately we have had to make this decision due to safeguarding reasons with parents entering school premises without permission.

### Illegal and irresponsible parking

We are constant receiving complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside the school gates. Examples include parking on pavements, causing obstructions, blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines, and allowing children to exit vehicles whilst stopped on School Keep Clear 'zig-sags' or in queuing traffic. There have been recent incidences of abusive and threatening behaviour by parents and carers towards law enforcement officers in front of pupils on the way into school. This behaviour and standard of driving and parking are wholly unacceptable and most important put your children's safety at risk. I have requested for there to be a regular parking warden and the police to frequent our school street to avoid this in the future.

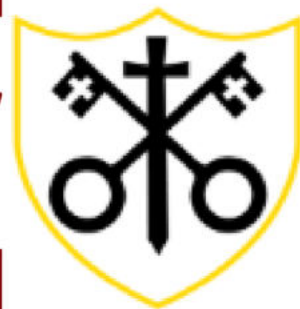
If you don't have any other options and do need to use a vehicle to drop your child off, then we request that you allow extra time for your journey in order to drop off safely and legally and park further away from the school if you are at all able.





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## THE SCHOOL MENU IS CHANGING FOR NEXT HALF TERM-

SS Peters & Pauls Autumn/ Winter 2023/ 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>						
30/10/2023 20/11/2023 11/12/2023 15/01/2024 05/02/2024 04/03/2024 25/03/2024	Option one	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beef Burger with Toppings and Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Tomato & Arabiata Pasta	Courgette & Potato Layer Bake	Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Five Bean Chili with Rice	Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Winter Roasted Vegetable's	Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables	Peas Cauliflower	Roasted Carrots Green Beans	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Freshly Chopped Fruit Medley	NEW Jam and Coconut Sponge	Oaty Cookie
<b>WEEK TWO</b>						
05/11/2023 27/11/2023 18/12/2023 22/01/2024 19/02/2024 11/03/2024	Option one	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Chef Shipa's Chicken Karma with Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Middle Eastern Chicken with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Roasted Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Burger in a Bun and Potato Wedges	Vegan Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Guesadilla with Rice	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato Guiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Mediterranean Vegetables	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Green Beans Cauliflower	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	NEW Carrot Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Fruit Medley	Chocolate Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b>						
13/11/2023 04/12/2023 08/01/2024 29/01/2024 26/02/2024 18/03/2024	Option one	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato French Bread Pizza	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishcake with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Cheese & Pepper Whirl with Jacket Wedges	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Winter Veg Slice, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn BBQ Baked Beans	Broccoli Cauliflower	Carrots Cabbage	Winter Mixed Vegetables	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Iced Sponge	NEW Chocolate Orange Cookie	Fruit Platter	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	NEW Melting Moment Biscuit
<b>MENU KEY</b>		Added Plant Power          Wholemeal          Vegan          Chef's Special				
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection		<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.				

### School Dinners

Please take note that the school dinner menu is changing after half term. We hope you enjoyed tasting samples of some of the meals prepared for pupils during your recent visit to the school for parents evening. Should you have any queries regarding school dinners please do not hesitate to contact the school office on [office@sspp.merton.sch.uk](mailto:office@sspp.merton.sch.uk)

