

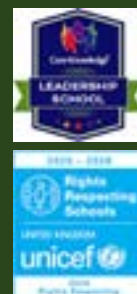
We are growing to be

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NEWSLETTER

4th September 2026



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



As we begin a new school year together, I am delighted to welcome all our pupils, families, and staff members back to St Peter's, and to extend a particularly warm welcome to those joining our school community for the first time. A new school year always brings excitement and opportunity: opportunities to learn, to grow, to deepen our faith, and to strengthen the relationships that make our school such a special community.

We begin this year with much to be thankful for. Last year was an extraordinary one for St Peter's and provided many opportunities to celebrate the work of our pupils and staff. Early in the year, we received an extremely positive letter from Estyn following their Interim Visit. This was followed by our Section 50 inspection, in which the school was awarded Grade 1 in every area, recognising the strength of our Catholic life and mission, and the extremely high standards of teaching. We were also proud to be designated a Core Knowledge Leadership School, one of only twelve schools in the world with this accolade, recognising the work that has taken place over a number of years to develop the quality of our curriculum and teaching.



It was also a great privilege to welcome so many visitors to St Peter's. These included His Grace, Mark O'Toole, Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia, Anna Brychan, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language, international education researchers, and colleagues from tens of schools who came to learn more about our work. To have others taking such an interest in what happens at St Peter's is a wonderful reflection of the commitment of our staff, the support of our families, and, most importantly, the enthusiasm, character, and achievements of our pupils.

While we are rightly proud of these achievements, they also encourage us to continue striving to make St Peter's the very best school it can be. Christ remains at the heart of all we do, and it is our shared faith and mission that give purpose to our work. As we begin this new year, we turn to Him for strength, wisdom, and guidance as we learn, play, and pray together.

I hope that every pupil will approach the year ahead with curiosity, confidence, and an open heart, ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities. Our dedicated and talented staff members will be alongside them, encouraging and supporting them to grow in knowledge, faith, and character.

May God bless our whole school community as we begin another exciting year together.

Mr Gareth Rein
Headteacher



PRAYER FOCUS

Loving God,
Another term begins and we come back to school, refreshed and restored by the break, and grateful for those we share our lives with. For the memories of the past few weeks, for the opportunities we have which are denied to so many in our world today. We come back to school pleased to see our friends, determined to make the most of our talents. To grow in understanding of the kind of person we are called to be. To turn over a new leaf, perhaps, to make up for the times we were less than our best self. We come back to school and are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm a new term brings. For the optimism and good humour in the air. Bless our school, keep us safe and well. Keep us on the right path. Bless our school staff who look after us and help us to grow in knowledge and skills. Bless the new pupils and staff as they begin their journey with us. May they quickly feel at home. Bless all our efforts to build up the kingdom of God, to make the world more just and compassionate. Beginning here in this school of ours, our home from home.

Amen.

WELCOME MEETINGS

During the week commencing Monday, 14th September, we will be inviting parents and carers into the classrooms. It will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see the classroom and the exciting plans for your child during the next academic year. Meetings will take place at 3.30 pm.

Dates are listed in our 'Diary Dates' section of the newsletter.

WELCOME MASS

We are delighted to announce that we will be celebrating our Welcome Mass for our Reception pupils and their families on Friday, 25th September at 9.30 am in the school hall.

This special Mass is an opportunity for us to welcome our newest children and their families into our school community. As a Catholic school, our faith is at the heart of everything we do, and gathering together in prayer at the beginning of a child's school journey is a particularly special and meaningful occasion.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children as we begin their journey together as part of our school family.

FAMILY MASS

We will hold our first Family Mass of the school year on Sunday, 27th September at 9.30 am. at St Peter's Church. This Mass will be dedicated to our Reception families, while also welcoming and celebrating our wider school community.

We encourage all parents, carers and families to join us for this special celebration. For our new pupils in particular, it is a wonderful opportunity to begin their journey with us by coming together in prayer and experiencing the importance of belonging to our Catholic school family.

As a Catholic school, our faith is at the heart of our community, and our Family Masses provide an opportunity for us to come together, strengthen our sense of belonging and celebrate our shared faith. Your presence means a great deal to the children and helps them to see that faith is something we live and celebrate together as a family and as a school and parish community.

DIARY DATES

Mon 14 Sept	Y1 Welcome Meeting
Mon 14 Sept	Y5 Welcome Meeting
Tues 15 Sept	YR Welcome Meeting
Tues 15 Sept	Y4 Welcome Meeting
Wed 16 Sept	Y2 Welcome Meeting
Wed 16 Sept	Y3 Welcome Meeting
Thur 17 Sept	YN Welcome Meeting
Thur 17 Sept	Y6 Welcome Meeting
Fri 25 Sept	Reception Welcome Mass
Fri 25 Sept	PTA AGM
Sun 27 Sept	Family Mass

PE DAYS

Pupils will take part in their weekly PE lessons starting Monday 7th September, on the day below:

Monday - Nursery & Year 4
Tuesday - Reception & Year 5
Wednesday - Year 2 & Year 3
Thursday - Year 1 & Year 6

Nursery - Pupils are to wear sports/ comfortable clothing and trainers to Nursery on a Wednesday.

Reception - Pupils will take part in PE in their uniforms for the first few weeks of term. Getting changed into their PE kits will be introduced later in the year.

All other year groups - Please bring your PE kit to school including trainers.

PTA AGM

Friday 25th September 2025.
Our PTA invite all parents and carers to join us for a welcome cup of coffee or tea and biscuits. The PTA Chair, Mrs Bengough will present the achievements of last year and this year's exciting plans.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

We wish to remind all parents and carers that St Peter's is a nut free school. Please ensure that your child's snack and lunch box does not include nuts or nut products such as peanut butter and Nutella. Diolch!



SCHOOL MEALS

If you wish your child to receive a school meal, this **MUST** be ordered in advance via ParentPay. Only pre-ordered meals are prepared by the kitchen.

All pupils now receive Universal Free School Meals (UPFSM). Whilst there will be no charge for these meals, they must be pre-ordered.

BAGS/RUCKSACKS

As space is at a premium within the school building, pupils are not permitted to bring a large backpack to school.

Please provide your child with **ONLY** a lunchbag sized bag if they are bringing their own lunch to school.



TERM	TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM ENDS	TERM ENDS	NO. OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN 2026	Tuesday 1st September	Monday 26th October	Friday 30th October	Friday 18th December	74
CHRISTMAS BREAK Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027					
SPRING 2027	Monday 4th January	Monday 8th February	Friday 12th February	Friday 19th March	50
EASTER BREAK Monday 22nd March 2027 - Friday 2nd April 2027					
SUMMER 2027	Monday 5th April	Monday 31st May	Friday 4th June	Tuesday 20th July	72
CLOSURE DAYS					
Tuesday 1st September 2026			INSET day		
Wednesday 2nd September 2026			INSET day		
Monday 3rd May 2027			Bank Holiday		
Further INSET days will be advised when confirmed					

ST PETER'S

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Looking for reliable, friendly childcare?

St Peter's Out of School Care provides a warm, welcoming space for children from Reception to Year 6. We offer morning and afternoon wraparound care in a safe, nurturing environment where children can relax, play, and make lasting friendships.

Give your child a happy start and a fun finish to their school day, choose St Peter's Out of School Care!

- Indoor and outdoor activities
- Arts and crafts
- Half termly cinema night
- Snacks provided
- CIW registered
- 7.45 am - 8.55 am, only £4.70 per session
- 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm, only £8.20 per session discount for siblings (prices correct June 26)



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Football

Come and develop your skills and understanding of the game at our football course. Your coach will introduce a number of fun, skill-based games to improve your technique, which you can then put to the test in a match.

Book online www.sports-xtra.com

Start Time

3:30pm

Pick Up Time

4:30pm

TUESDAY

YEAR 3 - YEAR 6

Duration

1 Hour

INFORMATION

Cost (£)

£7.75 a Session

Your child will be picked up from their class and taken to the playground after school.

Questions? Call us
07932 624319

Terms and conditions apply.

*Both a booking fee and terms and conditions apply. For more information please visit www.sports-xtra.com

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ST ILLTYD'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 6 PARENTS: YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS OPEN TODAY!

OPENS:

4th September 2026

CLOSES:

30th October 2026



MUST COMPLETE:



1. Cardiff Council Portal Application &
2. School Website Supplementary Form

Full details: stilltyds.org.uk/admissions/



OPEN EVENING: 8th October, 5pm-7pm