



Trinity Academy St Peter's

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School Newsletter

19 July 2024



Trinity Academy St. Peter's

St Peter's Avenue, Sowerby
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Term dates

2024/2025

Closed: **INSET** Day 2 September 2024

Closed: **INSET** Day 3 September 2024

Opens: 4 September 2024

Closes: 18 October 2024

Opens: 4 November 2024

Closed: **INSET** Day 29 November 2024

Closes: 20 December 2024

Closed: **INSET** Day 6 January 2025

Closed: **INSET** Day 7 January 2025

Opens: 8 January 2025

Closes: 13 February 2025

Closed: **INSET** Day 14 February 2025

Opens: 24 February 2025

Closes: 10 April 2025

Closed: **INSET** Day 11 April 2025

Opens: 22 April 2025

Closed: 5 May 2025 Bank Holiday

Closes: 23 May 2025

Opens: 2 June 2025

Closed: **INSET** 25 June 2025

Closes: 22 July 2025



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Summer Sizzlers



Reception - Layla-Mae W - for trying exceptionally hard in every area of learning throughout the whole year and being an enthusiastic member of reception class. We are so proud of her! Keep being amazing Layla-Mae!

Year 1 - Mainey C - for being a kind, hard-working and considerate person. She always wants to help others and does this with a smile on her face. We have been especially proud of her efforts in all areas and her dedication to progress, particularly in English and phonics where she is now becoming an independent learner. You're a star Mainey and we are all so proud!

Year 2 - Harry S - for being a spirited, hard-working, and thoughtful person, who has fantastic manners. Harry's attitude to his learning this year has been exemplary. He is inquisitive and always wants to learn more. He also has a fantastic personality and loves making those around him laugh. He was even knighted by Queen Victoria! We are so proud of Sir Harry!

Year 3 - Lacey G - for always showing resilience, resourcefulness and taking appropriate risks in her learning. Lacey always models our Core Values and Absolutes in all she does. We're all proud of you, Lacey!

Year 4 - Ellie-Mae F - for always aiming high, always giving her absolute best in all she does and for always showing empathy, respect, responsibility and honesty. Ellie-Mae, all of the adults at TASP are very proud of you!

Year 5 - Mia F - for working incredibly hard all year and trying her best at everything. She is a super role model to others in school and has shown her caring side by really looking after her lunchtime buddy.

Year 6 - JJ R - for a sustained effort all year, culminating in excellent SATs results. This has shown that his hard work, attending Achieve and completing homework has really paid off!

Attendance

Winners

Our attendance winners for this term are...



Year 1/2

Congratulations!

Don't forget, parents should always call the office on **01422 831971** to report a pupil absent. This should be done on the 1st day of absence and **all** subsequent days. Please leave a message if no one answers your call.



Attendance Matters



PE Days

PE days for September will be communicated upon our return to school.



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Thank you, Mr. Brown and the St Peter's team.

Other news and reminders this week

End of Year Church Service & Y6 Leavers Performance

On Wednesday, we held our end of year church service. This was focused around our end of year awards and our Year 6 leavers. After a short prayer and some reflection time, the children sang 'A million dreams' that they have been practising, including signing along using Makaton. They were fantastic!

Our Year 6 children then took centre stage and shared with us their favourite memories from their time at TASP. Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to join us for our final celebration of the 23/24 academic year.

After the church service, we headed back to school for the Year 6 children to start their leavers performance. They have been working so hard on this for the last few weeks and have done amazing. Special thanks go to Mrs. Walker who single handedly wrote the entire show, taught them choreography and Makaton and practised with them throughout. You are a superstar!

At the end of an emotional performance, the Year 6's each received a goodie bag with some special leavers gifts, including a book that they can have signed from all of the staff and pupils at TASP.

We are going to miss **ALL** of the Year 6 children, and we wish them lots of luck as they start their new journey at secondary school in September!



Sports Day

On Tuesday, Sports Day was rained off in the morning, meaning that we couldn't invite parents/carers into school to watch and take part. However, we didn't let that dampen our spirits, and we took part in lots of sporting activities indoors and in and amongst the rain showers in the playground.

We had races, hurdles, bean bag toss, plus many more. Year 5/6 created some of their own games and invited Year 1/2 to try them out. All of the children took part in the day and had so much fun getting into the competitive spirit. Here are some pictures for you to enjoy! Well done to all of the children for taking part!



Reception Graduation

On Monday, we celebrated our youngest children with a graduation ceremony. Reception class invited their families in to watch them put on a special performance and they even had their own awards ceremony. Each child received a special award that sums up their time in Reception class. Miss. Kitson and Mrs. Taylor also surprised each other with a special present at the end of the performance too.

Throughout the performance, the children spoke about what they had learnt each term, and they sang songs that were special to them. The children decided what they were going to say and what they were going to sing for the whole performance - what superstars! A highlight was when they sang their favourite song (Vindaloo!) and Rudi introduced us to 'a lump of cheddar cheese'. Well done Reception class! We're sure that you will all succeed and continue to grow then you start your Year 1 journey in September!



Spanish Showcase

On Thursday, Year 5/6 invited their parents and carers into school to showcase their Spanish skills. As the Year 6 performance was set in an estate agents and was about the school being for sale, they used their Spanish to role play being an estate agent who was selling a house in Spain. They had conversations with each other and with their families. Even some of the staff got in on the action. We hope to hold more Spanish events next year and hope that you can join us and encourage your child with this fantastic skill.



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Wraparound Care 24/25

Breakfast Club

Bookings are now being taken for Breakfast Club from September. These can be made via the MCAS app. Breakfast Club starts from 7:45am and costs £3.50 per session.



After School Club

This will continue as ACE club from September and will run from 3:15pm to 5pm. More details will be given before the start of the new academic year as to the cost per session and what sports are on offer each day. This can not yet be booked until these details are finalised but as soon as this is available you will be notified.



IMPORTANT UPDATE: Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for fines issued after 19th August 2024.



- Fines will be issued to each parent and for each child that was absent.
- Fines can be issued to any adult who has a duty of care, including step-parents or partners.
- For unauthorised leave such as holidays, fines will usually be issued to the adults involved in the absence.
- For a pattern of poor attendance, they will usually be issued to both parents, even if they do not reside together.
- Fines will be issued for term-time leave of 5 or more consecutive days (including INSET days).
- Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. A warning will be issued prior to any fine.
- First offence - The first time a fine is issued it will be **£160** per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue. This will reduce to **£80** if paid within 21 days of issue.
- Second offence - The second time a fine is issued for term time leave or irregular absence the amount will be **£160** per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. There is no reduction for early payment.
- Third offence (and any further offences within 3 years) - If term time leave or regular unauthorised absences happen for a third time by the same parent and the same child, a fine will not be issued and the case will instead be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Each parent could receive a fine of up to **£1000** in this instance.

Please bear the above in mind for the new academic year. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Brown or Mrs. Tetley who deal with attendance in school.

REMINDER: Attendance & Punctuality

If attendance drops below 95% then children are at risk of falling into the category of persistent absence. Attendance is discussed at termly attendance reviews with the Educational Welfare Service and letters are sent out periodically to make you aware of your child's attendance figure, and to advise of ways to improve this.



In terms of punctuality, school starts at 8:45am. All children should already be outside lined up ready to come into class at this time. Our school gates open at 8:40am. Persistent lateness could result in a serious concern letter or fine.

REMINDER: Outstanding Balances

As we approach the end of this academic year, we kindly request that you start to bring any outstanding balances that you may have up to date. This can be done via the MCAS app or in cash at the school office. If you require a statement of what you owe or need to discuss this further, please ask Mrs. Riley in the school office. *Failure to do so may result in any services being withdrawn from September.* Thank you for your support.



Reminder - School Dinners - Week 1 w/c Wednesday 4 September



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A message from our Chair of Governors.



Dear parents and carers

It's hard to believe, but here we are at the end of another academic year.

Looking back, it's been another very busy year. Thanks to the dedication and tireless hard work of Mr. Brown and all the staffing team, the children at St. Peter's, in line with our school's vision, have continued to learn, develop, grow and succeed individually, whilst supporting each other to stand proud of all they have achieved throughout this academic year.

However, achievement isn't just measured in relation to the more formal classroom learning. This year the children have taken part in a wide variety of other activities including: inter school sporting tournaments; choir performances in Sheffield and Halifax; numerous educational and cultural visits; they've performed several times for our school community; have benefitted from listening to artistic and scientific visitors to school, enjoyed using the brand-new science lab, and have attended different after school clubs throughout the year. A busy year indeed!! All of these activities are arranged and facilitated by the committed and hard-working staffing team here at St. Peter's. They really do go above and beyond to provide your children with a rich all-round educational experience and for that, they are to be applauded. Thank you to every staff member for all your time and commitment to the children in our school.

Throughout this academic year, the school has been visited by a number of visitors from different fields, such as the trust, the Diocese, artists and authors, and different departments within Calderdale. Without exception, all have been impressed by the impeccable behaviour and attitudes of the children, how they were engaged in their learning, how they have respected and supported each other, and most importantly, that they have done so with smiles on their faces. They are a credit to you.

As we acknowledge and embrace the end of this academic year, it's also a time for goodbyes. To the Year 6 leavers: you have worked so hard this year and have done incredibly well. Stand proud of all that you have achieved. Remember the lyrics in the songs you performed so well in your leavers' performance. Very apt and they will take you far. The very best of luck to you all. Work hard, try your best and treat everyone you meet in your new schools with kindness, and you will settle quickly and do well.

To the members of staff who are moving on to pastures new – Miss. Kitson and Mr. Shepherd, thank you for all your hard work during your time here, and best wishes and every happiness for the future - you will be hugely missed. Good luck to you both.

To every single member of the staffing team at TASP: thank you so much for everything you have done to keep our school safe, and our pupils protected, fed, educated, supported, and engaged. Your dedication and commitment to the children is awesome. You are all amazing! To my fellow governors, a big thank you, too, for all the time and energy you put into supporting the work of our school.

In September, we go again. We continue our journey of improvement, and rest assured that Mr. Brown and his team will continue to provide the best possible experiences to enable your children to continue to learn and grow as individuals.

In the meantime, let's hope the sun that has made a long-awaited appearance this week sticks around for a little while longer! Have a great summer.

Kind regards,

Sue Sutton

Chair of Governors

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