



St. Austin's Catholic Primary School  
A Catholic Voluntary Academy  
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A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



The gospel on Sunday tells us about how the disciples first became followers of Jesus. Jesus looked at Simon and decided he should be called Peter, which means "rock". Simon Peter was dependable (like a rock) and he was the foundation for the Church. Names are very important. We all have one, or two, or maybe even three. And some of us have a nickname that we like to be called by our family or our friends. We are all part of God's family and so God knows us all by our name and loves and cares for us wherever we are in the world. God's family spreads out all over the world and includes all kinds of different people. God wants us to treat each other fairly, with love and respect and to care for one another. So, how will we treat each other in the coming week?

Happy New Year!

We are at the end of our first week of the new term and, of course, the new calendar year. The staff and Academy Council of St. Austin's wish all our families and friends a very Happy New Year and hope that it has started well for you. The Spring term is relatively shorter than the Autumn Term with this half-term having six working weeks before the February half-term break. When we return after the half-term break we have a very short half-term of only four and a half weeks before the Easter Break—the school year just seems to be flying by.

All teachers shared their expectations of the children for this term as well as outlining some of the topics that each class will be covering. We also took the opportunity to revisit our school behaviour policy which was introduced back in September and reminded everyone that at all times we will show that we are **ready** to learn, **respectful** to each other and **safe** in and around the building. We continue to encourage the children to be **safe** when online. We will revisit this on Safer Internet Day, which this year will be held on Tuesday 6th February.

Week beginning Monday 15th January 2018

Monday 15th January

Y4 Skipping Training (during morning session)  
Lunchtime Rosary Group from 12.45pm in Sacred Space  
After School Club: Netball with Miss Balmond  
6.00pm UFS and KS1 Reading Information Evening

Tuesday 16th January

After School Club: Lego/Construction with Lorraine

Wednesday 17th January

6.00pm KS2 Reading Information Evening  
After School Club: Football with Elite Coaching

Thursday 18th January

After School Club: Choir with Mr. Molyneux and Mrs. Willis

Friday 19th January

After School Club: Dance with Elite Coaching

After School Clubs

As you can see from the weekly diary above, our after school clubs start again next week. Two of our parishioners from St. Austin's loyally lead our Rosary Group which takes place in our Sacred Space every Monday lunchtime from 12.45pm for children in KS2. They are always pleased to welcome newcomers to this group.

Peace Week

Across our Catholic Academy (BKCAT) all schools will be holding a 'Peace Week' next week.

Our Liturgies and assemblies will reflect this theme and the children will be engaged in a variety of class-based activities around this theme. We hope to be able to showcase examples of our work both on display around school and on our website.

We will also be praying the following prayer regularly throughout the week and thought you might like a copy to use as a family at home.

Peace Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for giving us your peace.

Help us to spread peace at home and at school  
by loving and caring for one another.

Help us to spread peace by listening to one another,  
even when we don't agree.

Help us to spread peace by sharing our time  
with those who are lonely and who need a friend.

Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying  
for children who have no food or  
who are frightened and live in fear.

Let us pray every day for peace  
for our families, for our friends  
and for ourselves.

Amen

Reading Information Evenings

Our teaching staff have planned an information session for parents across school to support reading at home. On Monday evening there will be an opportunity for parents of children in UFS and KS1 to find out how they can support the development of reading at home which will complement the work being done here in school. There will be a similar opportunity for parents of children in KS2 on Wednesday evening. It would be lovely to see both of these sessions well attended.

## School Holiday Dates—Spring and Summer Terms

School closes for February half term: Friday 16th February  
School re-opens: Monday 26th February  
School closes for Easter: Wednesday 28th March  
School re-opens: Monday 9th April  
School closed for May Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May  
School closes for May half term: Friday 25th May  
School re-opens: Monday 11th June  
School closes for Summer Holiday: Friday 20th July

### Staff Training Days

Thursday 29th March  
Monday 23rd July  
Tuesday 24th July

St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School is proud to present...

### Sister Act—a divine musical comedy!

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th February 2018

Tickets from St. Wilfrid's Finance Office

Adults £7,  
Concessions £5  
Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £22

### Hot Chocolate Friday

The following children have been rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards all aspects of school.

Class RW - Sami Chouhan  
Class RK – Vanesa Mirga  
Class 1T– Zoya Allahditta  
Class 1/2C– Precious Dionne Kigochi  
Class 2V – Amaya Joseph  
Class 3W – Rachel Sanchez  
Class 3/4JT – Benjamin Kemp  
Class 4N – Olivia Warkocz  
Class 5B– Emilija Boguckaite  
Class 5/6C– Luke Hardwick  
Class 6CD– Benjamin Binks



### OFSTED

Our school is now in the window for inspection and when it happens school will be notified the day before the inspection begins. We don't know when this will be.

Parent Voice is a website that can be used by parents to share their views about our school. You can access it at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results>

*We hope that any worries you have had will have been shared with us previously. It is important for those happy with what we offer your children at St Austin's that you contribute to this web page too. Thank you.*

### Adverse Weather Conditions

It is always worth pointing out at this time of year that we aim to keep the school open at all times but at no point will we ever compromise anyone's safety – staff, parents or pupils. Should it be necessary to close the school we will let you know by text and on our website. If we need to close school early due to bad weather we will notify by our texting service.



**Don't forget to download our Groupcall Xpressions App! Thank you to all parents who have already done so.**

### Milk

If you wish your child to have milk each day at school the cost of this is £6.80 per half-term.

### School Meals (KS2 children only)

The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day or £11 per week.

### Attendance

Congratulations to 1/2C who are this week's KS1 attendance winners with 97% and also to 4N in KS2 both with an attendance of 97%.

Just a reminder that the school doors open at 08:50 and the day begins at 08:55. If you can ensure your child arrives on time. Thank you.



### Key Diary dates for this half-term

Monday 15th January	UFS and KS1 Reading Information Evening for Parents beginning at 6pm
Wednesday 17th January	KS2 Reading Information Evening for Parents beginning at 6pm
Wednesday 31st January	School nurse working with Y4 children—Healthy Lifestyles Workshop
Friday 16th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 26th February	School re-opens after half-term break

### Masses

Once we have agreed dates and times for our class or school masses with both priests we will publish details on future weekly newsletters.

### Parish Mass times this weekend are:

**St Austin's:**  
Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday at 8.15am, 11am and 6pm

**SS Peter & Paul's**  
Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 9am and 10.45am

For further information please see the newsletters on the parish websites: [www.peterpaul.org.uk](http://www.peterpaul.org.uk) and [smartinswakefield.org/index](http://smartinswakefield.org/index).



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