

Christmas-Time Events 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to send out this year's Christmas Newsletter. With all activities, our aim is to:

- remember the real meaning of Christmas and present our main events in church
- think of the true gift of giving by carrying out charitable actions (where people are able to)
- understand that this is a period for sharing – sharing our time and talents for families to enjoy
- live out and pass on the Advent values of Hope, Peace, Love, Joy and Light.

Friday 28th November – Non-Uniform Day

We ask for a donation of a bottle or jar for the school tombola stall at the church fair.

Saturday 29th November – Church Christmas Fair, The Fletcher Hall, 11.00am-1.00pm

Our school choir sings a few festive favourites to open the fair at 11am. All welcome.

Monday 1st December – POSADA 2025 Launch

POSADA is a Mexican tradition which looks at the Nativity scene from a slightly different angle. Rather than leave the stable and figures in each classroom, children take turns to take a Nativity character home and discuss the Christmas story with family members; they may take a photo or write about the story in a 'POSADA Book' from that character's point of view. Some entries are serious, some heart-warming, some hilarious; it's up to your child and you.
Thank you, our POSADA scheme is now in its 8th year and your support so far has been exceptional.

Friday 5th December – The Many Days of Christmas Jumper Wearing!

So that families get their money's worth out of their child's Christmas jumper or t-shirt (and so that we can be extra festive) our policy is that **we wear these for each of three school-Fridays in December, plus all days during the last week of term** (Mon 15th December onwards), each of these being a non-uniform day. **As a donation for this, we ask that each child brings in something chocolatey on this day** (selection box/chocolate snowman/etc) which we will use in raffles and stalls at the School Fair. This 'fee' covers all jumper-wearing days, and in return, we will give a donation to support the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal* from the money raised at the fair.
(The Great Christmas Jumper Swap! To save money and the environment, we will hold a swap session this morning for any children wishing to swap jumpers in school, like they did at the clothes-swap during Green Week in July.)

Friday 5th December – Santa Dash

As one of the earliest adopting schools of the Daily Mile (which got us on TV!), this morning we will take part in the **National Daily Mile Santa Dash**, aimed at finding the fun in exercise and activity, by walking or running laps of the school building and grounds. Trainers, as well as the non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers, will help.

Friday 5th December – School Choir sings for Salford Age Concern Christmas Party

Monday 8th December – 3.30-5.00pm: The St Peter's Primary School Christmas Fair

Back by very popular demand, our second school Christmas Fair is even bigger! All family and friends are warmly invited to attend after school, when we will have food and drinks in the hall, and games, activities and Christmas gift-selling in the classrooms (some made by the children), and Father Christmas in his grotto. To keep it simple, 50p tickets are bought on entry or pre-ordered via the school office (which will save you time), then everything in the fair is sold for 50p, or a multiple of 50p. *All money raised will go directly to our children and families, for playground equipment, Dazzling Darren's Magic Show and more. Please join us.

Tuesday 9th December – City of Salford Carol Service, St Peter's Church, 7.00pm

We are very flattered to be asked for the third year running to be the one school to represent the city's primaries at this really prestigious and entertaining carol service. Our choir will perform three carols, then sing together with local music groups and even the BBC Philharmonic String Quartet, in a service for public, councillors, the mayor, MPs and more. Families of choir members will be given first chance to secure tickets, then all can do so via Eventbrite.

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day 2 (non-uniform) for all pupils



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Monday 15th – Friday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Days 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 (non-uniform) for all pupils!

Tuesday 16th or Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Film Afternoon (in classrooms, 1.00-3.00pm)
This afternoon, each class will have a **Christmas Film from 1-3pm**. No cost, but if you wish to send in a small amount of crisps, popcorn or sweets with your child, you are welcome to do so.

Tuesday 16th December – School Carol Service in Church, 11.00am
Please join us if you can for a special family-friendly event in church, as junior pupils talk us through the Christmas story and all children share communal carols with the congregation, together with a few festive-favourite classic Christmas songs. Guaranteed to make you Christmassy! All welcome and no tickets required.
NB: It is lovely that we should be joined by our friends from Chatsworth Futures Specialist College, across the road.
NB: Fr Jeremy is hosting various family services in church this year, including Christingle on 21/12, to which all are welcome.

Wednesday 17th December – Infant Nativity and Carol Service in Church: 2pm
(with a dress rehearsal at 10.00am, to which all are invited if unable to attend the 2pm service)
Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 children dress as Nativity characters, act out the story of the first Christmas, present songs of their own and join in with family members singing festive carols. All are welcome and no tickets are required, though please be aware that some may have to stand.

NB: We don't want to restrict attendance to only two family members per child, but if there are more than a few from one family coming, it would be very helpful if you could please send some to the rehearsal.

NB: we have presented two afternoon performances in recent years, but found that the children were very tired by the later performance and many didn't take part, hence the change back to one morning and one afternoon showing.

Thursday 18th December (a.m.) – Dazzling Darren's Christmas Magic Show, 10.00/11.00am
Back by popular demand, UK Magic Champion Dazzling Darren is one of our real Christmas highlights.



Thursday 18th December (p.m.) – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Afternoon
At lunchtime, we'll have a festive feast of turkey (or veg alt) & trimmings, deliciously prepared by Mrs Smith and the kitchen team (please contact us if your child would like this and they are usually on packed lunches), whilst during the afternoon children will play party games and may be visited by a special guest in red! We provide refreshments.

Friday 19th December – Celebration Assembly (10am), then Toy & Games Day
The final own-clothes/Christmas jumper day. In the morning, we host an end-of-term certificate assembly, with singalong, jokes and awards, then in the afternoon we set up sociable board games in each class.

School finishes at the normal time of 3.20pm on Friday 19th December, when we break for the Christmas holiday. Children start back at school for the spring term on Tuesday, 6th January, 2026.

The children, staff and governors of St Peter's CE thank you all for your support in 2025 and wish you a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And finally:

St Peter's CE/Wood Street Mission Christmas Toy Appeal, 2025

Each December, many of you very kindly send in toys and gifts, which are then distributed to local families in need.

Wood Street Mission is a local charity situated off Deansgate in Manchester. The Mission recognises that whilst Christmas is for many a time of joy, it is also an expensive time and can be especially difficult for those struggling to make ends meet. Wood Street Mission has provided toys for local children at Christmas since the charity began in 1869, as every year, thanks to its supporters, The Mission collects brand-new toys, books, stationery, toiletries, make-up and selection boxes or goodies to pass on to families in need across Manchester and Salford. Any parents and carers can visit the Wood Street 'Christmas Shop' to pick presents their 0-14yr old children would most like.

This is where we come in! In keeping with our emphasis on the Christian values of kindness and giving, **we ask if you can help in any small way by sending in a donation of any item listed above by Wednesday, 10th December. It has to be brand new, but even the simplicity of a £1 chocolate selection box makes a huge difference.**

For further details, go to www.woodstreetmission.org.uk *and click on 'Donate Toys and Gifts'.*
St Peter's CE and Wood Street Mission thank you deeply for any help you may give.