



Evidence: St Peter's Catholic School 2024-25



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# GLOBAL ACTION



# GLOBAL ACTION : Live in Solidarity/Simply

We took part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk to raise funds for CAFOD's work with our global family, supporting people in need and those living in poverty. We invited our feeder primary schools to take part with us. We have also engaged in Go without Wednesdays  
 FAITH INPUT: CST HUMAN DIGNITY, SOLIDARITY, PARTICIPATION, PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR THE POOR  
 EDUCATION: Pupil leaders delivered parts of the Lent Assembly, pupils watched the Lent Appeal Video in assembly and produced work on the Live Simply Award



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SCAN HERE TO DONATE

**THE BIG LENT WALK**

WE ARE RAISING MONEY TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY

St Peter's Catholic School would like to invite you to come and take part in the BIG LENT WALK with us. The walk is taking place at school w/b 24th March. Please email lakins@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk to book your place.

**We are taking part in the BIG LENT WALK**

**Parishioner Invite**

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

You have been emailed with a link to the special fundraising link. Your parents have also been sent a letter Get collecting your sponsor money!

The Week of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (more details to follow)

Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

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## Assembly slides

**THE BIG LENT WALK: SCHOOLS**

Raised: £339 Target: £200

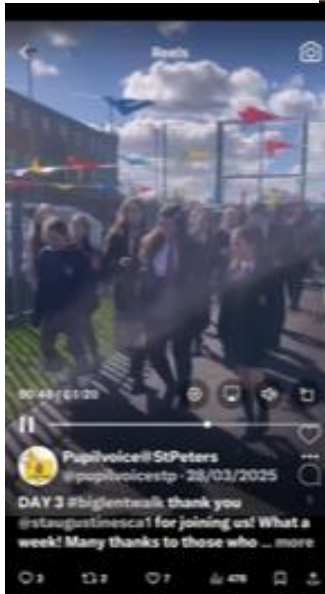
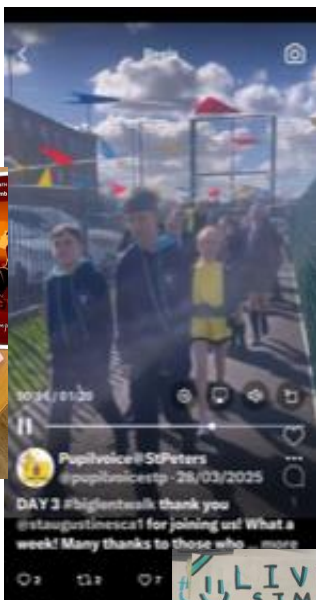
Distance travelled: 1,035 km Target: 1,035 km

St Peter's and Primaries Fundraising Page

My story

We're taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor us!

## Amount raised



Footage from our X account we welcomed parishioners, feeder and feeder primaries to walk with us



What is the Cafod Live Simply award and what could we do in school?

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WHY LIVE SIMPLY?

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

no one beyond reach

Lesson have been taught in RE in Ks3 about the Live Simply award, and pupils have produced work in response to this.

# What have we learnt?

- During the **Big Lent Walk**, pupils from **St Peter's School** joined together with our **feeder primary schools** to strengthen friendships and build a wider sense of community. Walking side by side allowed us to share faith, joy, and encouragement while supporting a greater cause. Together, we celebrated God's creation through exercise and stewardship, showing gratitude for the world He has given us.
- Through this shared experience, we lived out the message of **Catholic Social Teaching**—promoting **community and participation**, showing **solidarity** with others, and demonstrating **care for creation**. As a school community, we were **faith-filled** in our purpose, **hopeful** in our unity, **truthful** in our witness, **intentionally loving** in our interactions, and **attentive** to the needs of others and the environment.
- This event reminded us that even simple actions, like walking together, can bring people closer to God and to one another. It strengthened our bonds as pupils and schools united in faith, service, and love. It has helped us to appreciate being in nature and the beauty of God's creation is all around us.

- St Peter's Pupil Voice



# GLOBAL ACTION : Live in Solidarity

We will engage in FairTrade Fortnight and educate pupils on what FairTrade is and how it helps us to live in solidarity with others by being good stewards and celebrating Laudato Si by looking after our common home. We will also raise the profile and of other charities.

FAITH INPUT: Caring for Common Home, Solidarity  
 EDUCATION INPUT: KS3 completed lessons provided by FairTrade on the cost of Banana. Sixth Form and Year 11 Leaders created a display for their peers about Fair Trade



**BUY HOT CHOCOLATE and MARSHMALLOWS**

**Raise money for The Fairtrade Foundation**

**KEY STAGE 5**  
 DURING FRIDAY break in the Common Room come and enjoy a Fairtrade hot chocolate & Marshmallows for £1.50.  
 They will be served by some of the Sixth Form leadership team  
 You can pay either on the day or pre pay by ParentPay.  
 Limited STOCK so order yours fast!

## Faith

ST. PETER'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**FAIRTRADE Baking Competition**

**ENTRIES DUE:**  
 MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER  
 DROP INTO STAFF ROOM BEFORE SCHOOL!

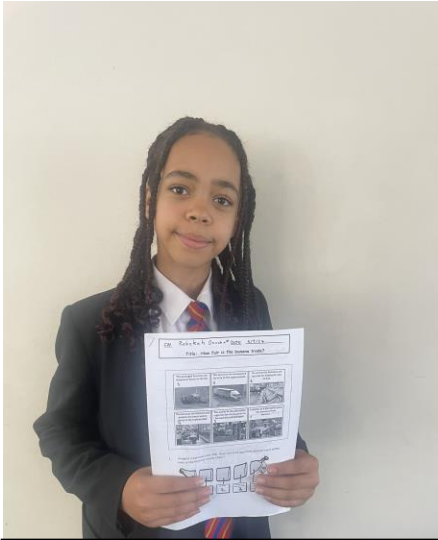
- BAKE SOMETHING USING AT LEAST ONE FAIRTRADE PRODUCT
- BRING YOUR BAKE INTO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, FORM AND WHAT YOU HAVE BAKED!
- TAKE PHOTOS OF YOUR FAIRTRADE INGREDIENTS AND EMAIL TO MISS GRACE (GRACE@ST-PETERS.SOHULL.SCH.UK)

### Fairtrade Fortnight

We have started this year with a bang! Our Sixth Form and Year 11 Pupil Leadership teams have been supporting Fairtrade fortnight, creating displays to spread awareness and packaging and selling Fairtrade hot chocolates to raise money for the Fairtrade Foundation. Our Catholic Life committee are busy preparing for the International Day of Peace which we will celebrate on 21st September with a variety of activities across the school as we work towards our Cafod Live Simply Award. Additionally, big plans are underway for our St. Peter's Allotment, and we are still looking for donations of gardening tools and equipment, if you can help in anyway please get in touch!

**Miss Grace**

School Newsletter sharing with wider community



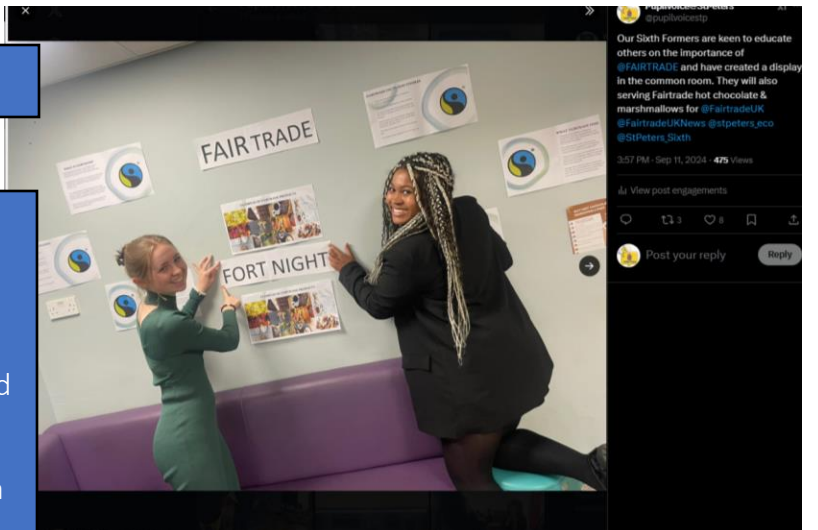
K3 3 completed Fair trade lessons



Sixth Formers delivers Fair Trade Assemblies to school



Sixth Formers added displays about Fairtrade in the common room to educate others, and sold hot chocolates to raise money for the Fairtrade Foundation. Year 11s also had an information stand and sold hot chocolates. Year 8 pupils did a lesson and produced pieces of work about Fairtrade and stewardship and there was a whole school baking competition.





# What have we learnt?

During Fairtrade Fortnight, pupils at St Peter's School learned about how paying a fair amount to farmers supports their families, strengthens their businesses, and promotes justice across the world. Through assemblies, RE lessons, and PSHE form time, we reflected on how Fairtrade helps us live out solidarity—standing together with our global community and recognising the dignity of every worker.

By supporting Fairtrade, our school put Catholic Social Teaching into action—especially the principles of dignity of work, the option for the poor, and solidarity. This experience encouraged us to be faith-filled in following God's call for justice, hopeful for a fairer world, truthful in understanding global issues, intentionally loving in the choices we make as consumers, and attentive to the struggles faced by others.

As a school community, Fairtrade Fortnight reminded us that even small acts—like choosing Fairtrade products—can have a big impact in creating a more just and compassionate world.

- St Peter's Pupils Voice



# GLOBAL ACTION 2 : Live in Solidarity

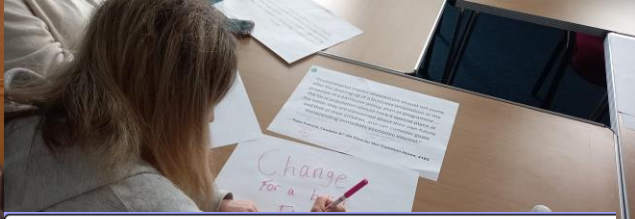
Sixth formers will take part in the organised Climate Coalition and debt Justice protest in London organised by Cafod in London. They will then use their ideas to impact the school community to make small changes which can make a big impact such as a end of day check list to save energy for each classroom.

Faith INPUT: In solidarity, PowerPoints for form will be linked to CST Care for creation, common good, option for the poor, along with linking to our own St Peter's mission.

Form time presentation which the pupils will produce to encourage staff and pupils to take action. This will involve explaining what the climate crisis is, and how pupils and staff can make a difference, They will take the lead on pen recycling in school and they will encourage less food waste at home. They will also take a lead of the foodbank. They will share their ideas with the wider community in the school newsletter they will also collect reading glasses and partner with a charity which sends them to Africa, in addition to creating visual reminders for every classroom so that staff remember to turn lights and computers off, shut windows and energy save.



Sixth Formers at the Cancel the Debt march in London, they have created an action plan to support with climate change and the poorest global communities



**LiveSimply** JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

LUKE 4:18  
"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS CHOSEN ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THE OPPRESSED."

**PLEASE SUPPORT ERIN, TESS AND JANELLE TO RECYCLE 500 PAIRS OF UNWANTED SUNGLASSES AND GLASSES TO SEND TO CLINICS IN KENYA AND INDIA.**

**COLLECTION WEEK 24<sup>TH</sup> -28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**DROP IN COLLECTION BOXES IN RECEPTION**

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT SCHEME

Learn RECYCLE For Sight

## What's NEW PARENT Press

Term 1 | Sept-Oct 2025

### Fundraising NEWS

A key activity for us in this academic year will be raising funds for the school. We have received several requests for support from the PTA. These include:

- A request for headsets for the Modern Foreign Languages Department (£3000)
- Funding for science equipment (£500)
- Lighting equipment for the Drama Department (£9000)

### WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the St Peter's School Parent Teacher Association Newsletter! Our mission is simple: we aim to support initiatives and raise funds that enrich the lives of everyone in the St. Peter's School community. We're excited to share updates from our first meeting of the academic year and highlight the ways you can get involved.

### Live Simply

We are thrilled to share progress on our journey toward the Live Simply Award. The PTA is actively supporting initiatives: this term, look out for opportunities to donate your old spectacles

### SUPPORT

- Visit us at Parents' Evenings. We sell refreshments (tea/coffee/biscuits/home-made cakes) and pre-loved uniform: all funds go directly to the PTA funds.
- Attend our Events. This year, we are planning a range of events: a Winter Fayre, a family quiz night, a summer fayre. Bring family and friends to support the events.
- Donate Prizes. We will be looking for donations for raffle prizes/refreshments. If you, or the company you work for, can help, let us know!

### Dates for our diaries

PTA meetings start 6.30 pm in 0.13

15 November 2025 (7pm start)	26 February 2026 Planning for Easter Fundraiser
27 November 2025	12 March 2026
08 January 2026	23 April 2026 Planning for Summer Fayre
22 January 2026	

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The PTA have supported the our Live Simply Journey.

Encouraging staff to reduce the school's carbon footprint - they are on every desk.



We delivered our glasses donation to Lions International HQ

## Email sent to local MP

Dear Neil Shastri-Hurst,

My name is Erin Butler and I am writing on behalf of Janelle Recido and Tess Hitchcock, Senior leaders at St. Peter's Catholic School. Unfortunately, we did not get the opportunity to meet with you this past July at the CAFOD Climate Justice Rally in Westminster, however we would like to invite you to visit our school to discuss the climate action initiatives we have undertaken here, and to share our ideas for positive environmental change within the local constituency.

As part of our ongoing commitment to climate justice our school is also striving to achieve the CAFOD Live Simply award. We would be very grateful for the opportunity to discuss this with you and hear your input.

Yours sincerely,  
Erin Butler  
Janelle Recido  
Tess Hitchcock

We succeeded our target of 200 glasses by collecting 252 pairs which were sent to Lions for Sight Charity who will send them to support their clinics in Kenya and India



## Faith is Our Foundation

### Paired Reading Programme Launches in the Sixth Form

We are delighted to share that our Paired Reading programme has officially begun in the Sixth Form and it is already proving to be a great success. More than 30 Year 12 pupils have volunteered their time to support our Year 7 pupils in developing their reading confidence and ability. The positive impact has been clear from the very first sessions. Our Year 7 pupils are arriving eager to read, and our Year 12 volunteers are ready to listen, encourage and guide. This partnership is not only improving reading skills but also fostering a meaningful bond between the main school and the Sixth Form.

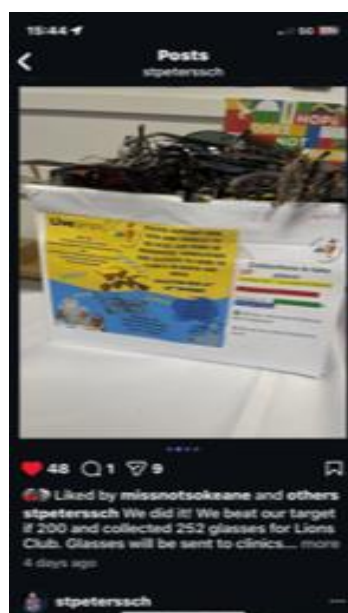
For our Year 12 pupils, the programme provides an invaluable opportunity to develop their leadership skills, patience and communication, qualities that will serve them well both in and beyond school life. Paired Reading will continue throughout the remainder of the academic year, and we look forward to seeing these relationships and skills continue to grow. A huge thank you to all pupils and staff involved for making this initiative such a positive and impactful part of our school community.



### We Did It - and More!

Our community came together in an incredible way to support the Lions Club glasses collection. We smashed our target of 200 and collected an amazing 252 pairs of glasses! These will now be sent to clinics in Kenya and India, helping to transform lives by improving vision for those in need. This marks the final action in our Live Simply Award journey—a true example of #livesolidarity, #globalaction, #participation, and #careforthepoor. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making a real

Whole school Newsletter - sharing our ideas with the wider community



# What did we learn?

We reflected on how caring for creation and promoting justice are essential to living out the Gospel message. Our discussions focused on global challenges such as climate change, sustainability, and the need to cancel the debt of poorer nations—and how these connect to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

**Care for Creation:** Responding to climate change is an act of stewardship and love for God's creation. We are called to live sustainably, reduce waste, and protect the environment, recognising that environmental harm often impacts the poorest communities first. We did this through our Pen and Glasses recycling campaigns.

**Solidarity and Global Impact:** We are one human family. Standing with those most affected by climate change and poverty reflects our commitment to global justice and peace. We stood in solidarity at the Climate coalition.

**Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:** Cancelling the debt of poorer countries allows them to invest in education, health, and environmental protection. This action upholds the dignity of every person and promotes fairness.

**Call to Community and Participation:** Sustainability is a shared responsibility. We are invited to work together—in our homes, schools, and society—to build a world where justice and peace flourish.

Peace is not only the absence of conflict but the presence of love, justice, and care for all people and creation. As Jesus taught, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."  
Matthew 25- 35-46

-St Peter's Pupil Voice



# GLOBAL ACTION 3: Living in Solidarity

Chaplaincy pupils will lead International Day of Peace (21 Sept). They will participate by writing peace pledges and learning about ways of developing PEACE.

FAITH INPUT: CST - Promoting Peace, Common Good Matthew 5:9  
 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."  
 CAFOD peace liturgy  
 EDUCATION INPUT: <https://cafod.org.uk/education/secondary-and-youthresources/peace-liturgy> pupils are given the chance to consider how their own actions can contribute to peace.



Form time slide

## Jesus tells us

The term "peacemakers" comes from the Greek verb that means "to do" or "to make."

It is a word bursting with energy. It mandates action and initiative.

Notice Jesus did not say "Blessed are the peacwishers or the peacehoppers or the peacedreamers or the peacelovers or the peacetalkers."

**Peace must be made. Peace never happens by chance.**

**A peacemaker is never passive. They always take the initiative. They are up and doing.**



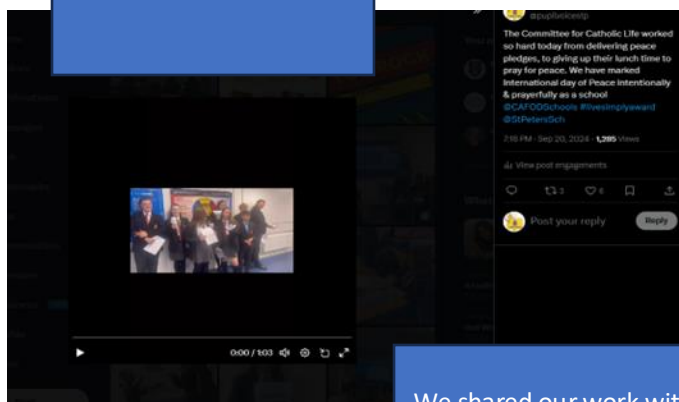
The whole school during Period 1 on the Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September all spent 10 minutes of their lesson reflecting on what it is to be peacemakers, inspired by Jesus' words. They all went through a PPT specially designed for the event. All classes produced peace pledges that the chaplaincy team gathered. The chaplaincy team spent lunch-time laying them in the chapel and lead prayers for peace



*"I really enjoyed the opportunity to gather the peace pledges and to pray in the chapel. It felt like I was making a difference" Paige Yr 9 Chaplaincy Team*



And on social media



We shared our work with the whole school community in The school Newsletter.

## Intentionally Loving

### Year 7 Information Evening

It was such a pleasure to welcome so many parents to our Year 7 information evening this week. The transition to secondary school can be overwhelming for both pupils and families. Knowing our curriculum, our expectations and the demands on pupils will allow parents to fully support pupils at home with their learning. We had informative presentations on the importance of literacy and reading and overviews of both our maths and English curriculums followed by interactive workshops. In addition to key information on provision and curriculum, Mrs McHale one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads shared tips, advice and vital information on how to keep young people safe online. It's important we limit young people's screen time and are vigilant to platforms and security on line. Presentations will be shared to all parents via email and should you want any further support or advice; don't hesitate to contact us. **Ms Keane, Deputy Headteacher**



### Live Simply Update

It has been all systems go with our Live Simply Award. Our Department for Catholic Life did a great job organising resources for our International Day of Peace, where the whole school wrote peace pledges to promise to help build a better future. On 4th October we also celebrated St Francis of Assisi day and World Animal day by launching our nature photography competition, through assemblies and Year 7 were inspired by the life of St Francis in their RE lessons. In addition to this the Science department made sustainable fat ball feeders which some pupils distributed around the prayer garden to help feed the birds. Lots more exciting events planned at the end of the year. **Mrs Lakin, Deputy Director of Learning: PSHE**



# What did we learn?

On the International Day of Peace (21st September 2024), pupils at St Peter's School came together to reflect on the power of prayer and the message of peace that Jesus taught us. Through prayer, reflection, and discussion, we explored how true peace begins in our hearts and flows into our actions towards others. We created Peace Pledges which reminded us that Jesus is the prince of peace.

This celebration helped us live out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially solidarity, the dignity of every human person, and the call to community and participation. We recognised that peace is not only the absence of conflict but also the presence of love, justice, and compassion for all people.

As a faith-filled community, we trusted in God's promise of peace and worked together to be intentionally loving, showing care and respect for humanity in our words and actions. The day reminded us that, just as Jesus said, "*Blessed are the peacemakers,*" we are each called to bring peace into our homes, school, and the wider world.

-St Peter's Pupil Voice



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# LOCAL ACTION



## LOCAL ACTION: Live Simply

We will create a link with a local care home. Pupils will send letters/cards and visit the residents. They will spend time talking together and learn games such as dominoes during Advent

FAITH INPUT: CST - Promoting Peace, Common Good Matthew 5:9

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." CAFOD peace liturgy

EDUCATION INPUT: Pupils will spend time in form to reflect on the importance of looking after the vulnerable.

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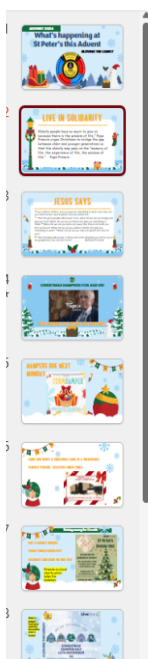
*"What a lovely afternoon we spent yesterday at your school! A big thank you to all for your hard work in making the event so pleasurable, good food, wonderful singing and music, and fantastic dancing. The pupils on our table were a delight. Your whole school ethos obviously works. It is wonderful to talk to such friendly caring helpful young people, thank you!" Age Uk guest*

The whole of advent was dedicated to loving the lonely and the most vulnerable in society. We intentionally spent time with the elderly this advent. Our Pupil leaders spoke to the whole school about the importance of looking after the vulnerable and shared the scripture Matthew 25: 35-37. Year 13 went to a local care home to create Christmas Cards, members of the chaplaincy team collaborated with Age UK to invite those who would be alone at Christmas to come and have Christmas dinner at school. We also wrote Christmas cards to elderly people in our community.



The invite we sent to our guests

Parts of the PowerPoint that went to the whole school to give scriptural basis and teaching



## JESUS SAYS

<sup>36</sup> I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.  
<sup>37</sup> "Then the good people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?' <sup>38</sup> When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear?' <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?"  
<sup>40</sup> "Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.' Matthew 25:36-40

## LIVE IN SOLIDARITY

Elderly people have so much to give us because there is the wisdom of life," Pope Francis urges Christians to bridge the gap between older and younger generations so that the elderly may pass on the "memory of life, the experience of life, the wisdom of life." Pope Francis

# Faith is our Foundation

Sixth Form Entry Criteria 	Transition into the sixth form 	UCAS Support 
Curriculum 	Financial support 	Dress code 

With the Advent season approaching, we would like to inform you about some of the charity initiatives which we would like to invite the whole school community to take part in. Our theme for this year is "Loving the Lonely" with a particular focus on the elderly people in our local community. Taking inspiration from Pope Francis who urges Christians to bridge the gap between older and younger generations so that the elderly may pass on the "memory of life, the experience of life, the wisdom of life", as well as Matthew 25:35-37. We have a range of opportunities we hope you can support us with below: **12th December 2024:** Whole School Christmas Jumper Day. We would like pupils to either donate £2 or bring in an item for the Foodbank.

**18th November - 9th December:** Form Christmas Hampers. We have partnered with Age UK Solihull and in December we are providing a Christmas Dinner for around 50 elderly people in school. We would like to give them all a special gift so we want each form to create a hamper. We are asking each pupil if they can bring in a little something that can be added to create their form hamper, for example chocolates, hand cream, soap etc.

Beyond the above our Pupil Parliament have designed a whole range of advent fundraisers in school including our Diversi-tree where pupils can pay £2 to decorate a Christmas Bauble to place on our school Christmas tree, whilst the Sixth Form leadership team will be serving festive hot-chocolates in December; the proceeds of both activities will go to SIFA Fireside. The pupils will also be writing Christmas cards and visiting local care homes to ensure that the most vulnerable in the community receive...




Pupilvoice@StPeters reposted

**St Peter's Catholic School @StPetersSch · Nov 26, 2024**

We are so proud of our Pupil Parliament Department for Community Impact, for sharing some faith-filled initiatives in support of advent charity and #lovingthelony in our assemblies this week 🙌🙏 #pupilparliament #article12crc #pupilvoice #faithisourfoundation #catholicsschool



## School Newsletter

Pupilvoice@StPeters @pupilvoicestp · Dec 22, 2024

Thank you @SolihullUpdates & @ageuksolihull for the post! 🙏  
@StPetersSch #charity #advent #birminghammail #catholicsschool @OurLadyandAISI1

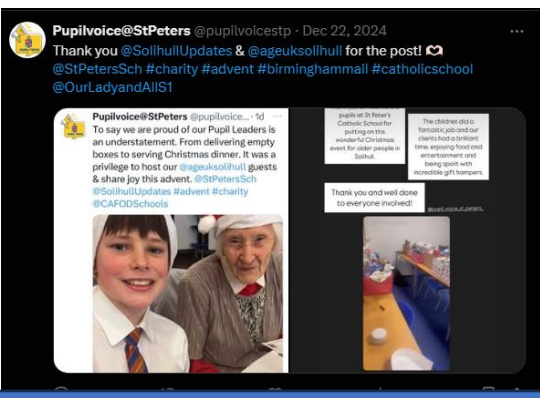
Pupilvoice@StPeters @pupilvoicestp · 1d

To say we are proud of our Pupil Leaders is an understatement. From delivering empty boxes to serving Christmas dinner, it was a privilege to host our @ageuksolihull guests & share joy this advent. @StPetersSch @SolihullUpdates #advent #charity @CAFODSchools

Thanks to St Peter's Catholic School for putting on this wonderful Christmas event for older people in Solihull.

The children did fantastic job and our charity food bank had time, enjoying food and entertainment and being sport with reusable gift hampers.

Thank you and well done to everyone involved! 🙌🙏



## Social media posts and re-tweets from Age UK and Solihull updates



All pupils collected items and created hampers which they gave to the guests who were going to spend Christmas day on their own

**Pupilvoice@StPeters** @pupilvoicestp · Dec 18, 2024

Two girls, one letter & a huge impact... more to follow. Thank you so much @ageuksolihull for such a fabulous afternoon @StPetersSch #faithisourfoundation #charity #christmas @CAFODSchools #livesimply

Dear Age UK Solihull,

We sincerely hope that you are doing well. We are two Year 11 students from St. Peter's Catholic School in Solihull, [redacted] Not only that, but we wanted to do something extra special for vulnerable older people as the Christmas season draws near.

Firstly, with your help we would like to send some personalised Christmas cards specially made by the pupils at our school. We would like to show some care and compassion to vulnerable older people, selected by you, who do not have families around them.

Furthermore, we would be overjoyed to extend an invitation to any older people who might have very little or no family to join us for a festive Christmas meal and some entertaining games here at school on one afternoon. We hope to spread the Christmas spirit all around for everyone there.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please let us know so we can organise together and bring about a joyful event.

0:08 1.1K

**Pupilvoice@StPeters** @pupilvoicestp · Dec 2, 2024

Advent act of kindness. Our wonderful yr13 Health & Social Care pupils visited Blossomfields Care home to help them with their Christmas card competition. A really enriching time for all involved. #Advent2024 #lovingthelonley #faithisourfoundation @StPetersSch

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YEAR 13 VISITING A LOCAL CARE HOME

## Diversity

To celebrate our uniqueness and diversity pupils decorated baubles to hang on our St Peter's Christmas tree, this also raised money for SIFA Fireside a local homeless charity. Christmas cards were also sent to the Elderly

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**ST PETER'S**  
**DIVERSI-TREE**

CELEBRATING OUR  
 UNIQUENESS & DIVERSITY

BUY A BLANK BAUBLE, DESIGN IT & BRING IT BACK TO HANG ON OUR CHRISTMAS TREE.

BAUBLES COST £1.50  
 ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO.  
 Raising money for SIFA Fireside

#LOVING THE LONELY

# What have we learnt?

Through this experience, we deepened our relationships within the school and local community, getting to know others as part of one family in faith. By reaching out and caring for those in need, we showed compassion and lived out our call to serve the poor and vulnerable. The joyful and loving atmosphere reminded us that faith is not just something we believe, but something we live through our actions.

This event reflected key principles of Catholic Social Teaching and our school values— particularly the dignity of every human person, the call to family and community, and the option for the poor and vulnerable. As a faith-filled and intentionally loving community, we placed our faith in action, showing attentiveness to others' needs and hope in the difference kindness can make.

In living out these values, we helped make God's love visible in our community by opening our doors to those who were lonely at Christmas, completing our advent focus of being like Jesus and 'loving the lonely'.

- St Peter's Pupil Voice



## LOCAL ACTION : Live in Solidarity

Pupils will contact foodbanks and charities to offer support with food and essential items over the winter. Some Sixth Formers also demonstrated their support to the Cancel The Debt protest in London

FAITH INPUT: CST HUMAN DIGNITY, SOLIDARITY, PARTICIPATIO, PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR. Matthew 25:35-37

EDUCATION INPUT: During advent assemblies and form pupils have looking into the work of Age UK and how they support vulnerable elderly people.

During missions week pupils engaged in sessions on Debt, food poverty, exploitation and modern slavery

### Faith is Our Foundation

This advent the pupils and wider school community truly lived out our school values as we embarked on our #lovingthelone campaign. We encouraged our pupils to live in solidarity with one another as we focused on looking after the most vulnerable in society. Two year 11 pupils, Monica and Alicia took this to a whole new level, feeling inspired to help the elderly this year they wrote a letter to Age UK Solihull to invite those people in our local community who would be spending Christmas on their own to come into school and enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner and an afternoon of entertainment. I would like to thank everyone who brought in a gift for their form hampers, it was a delight to give these to our guests when they came into school in December for a Christmas Party. Below is some of the feedback we have received:

*"Dear Staff & Pupils, I would like to thank you for the wonderful afternoon that you give my residents from Paterson Court yesterday. They had a terrific afternoon and have been talking about it all of this morning. They were very pleased to receive the Hampers provided at the end of the afternoon. It was a very thoughtful gesture."*

*"May we wholeheartedly congratulate all the pupils and members of staff for a most enjoyable and entertaining event. Culminating in a most wonderful gift of assorted items, which will be most appreciated over the coming days of Christmas"*

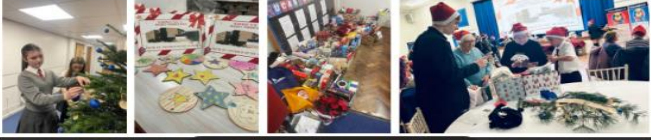
*"What a lovely afternoon we spent yesterday at your school! A big thank you to all for your hard work in making the event so pleasurable, good food, wonderful singing and music, and fantastic dancing. The pupils on our table were a delight. Your whole school ethos obviously works. It is wonderful to talk to such friendly caring helpful young people, thank you!"*

A huge thank you to all the pupils, parents and guardians who played a part in making this Christmas special for so many people.

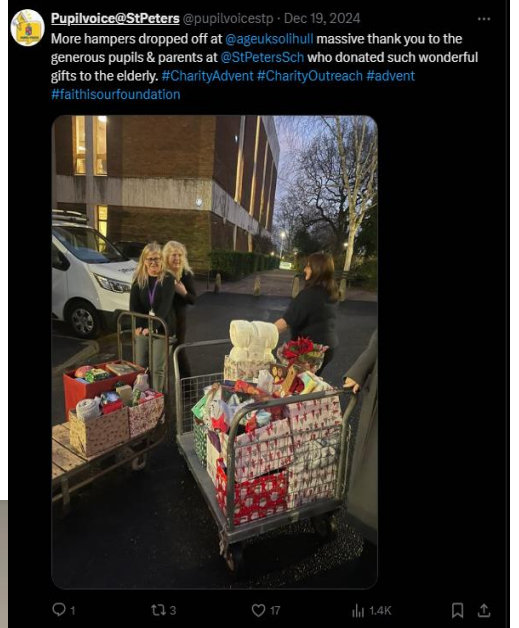
**Diversi - Tree:** Pupils were also busy celebrating our uniqueness and diversity in our Diversity Tree Christmas fundraiser where they purchased and decorated sustainable wooden baubles to hang on our school Christmas tree.

**Festive Hot Chocolate:** Over Christmas the Sixth Form leadership team when full on festive and sold wonderful festive hot chocolates to raise funds for SIFA at break time in the common room.

**Christmas Cards to the Elderly:** A group of pupils wrote Christmas cards to the elderly in our local community, with our year 13 Health and Social Care pupils visiting the residents at Blossomfield Care Home to support them with their Christmas card making competition.



The sixth formers collected items for the community essentials foodbank whilst the whole school donated items and created hampers for the elderly selected by Age.



## Christmas

### ST PETER'S CHARITY EVENTS 2024

**Whole School:** Christmas Cards to the Elderly (last two weeks November) Solihull AgeUK & local care homes

**Form Hampers:** For the lonely, elderly & vulnerable (first two weeks DEC) Solihull AgeUK

**Diversi-tree:** Celebrating our uniqueness, diversity & individuality for Fireside (last week Nov - December) Christmas Jumper day 12th December

**Sixth Form**  
Festive Hot Chocolates sale (end of Nov- Dec)  
Chocolate Hamper raffle for Age UK (Dec)  
Birmingham Irish visit Raynor House (Dec)  
Foodbank

**Wednesday 18th December:** Solihull AgeUK selected members are coming in for Christmas dinner  
**STAFF:** ANAWIN toy appeal (End DEC)

Panto

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY**  
Charity football boots for charityboots.org January 25

#LOVING THE LONELY LiveSimply



Example resource of used in form time finding inspiration from Carlos Acutis.

## Sacred Space Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July Take Care of the Poor

**Our Mission Statement:**  
"We work hard to build a better world where  
Faith is our Foundation."



Click to add notes

## Example resource of used in form time finding inspiration from Mother Theresa

We are all one family in Christ  
One big community

To love those who love us back, to love  
those who give us something we need, to  
love those we know - that is easy.

Intentionally loving is when we show love to  
the wider family of God

True love is when we love without any need  
for return.

This is what we receive from God.

This is what God invites us to do every day  
for all of the Community.



Click to add notes



20 Hampers were donated to Acocks Green SVP

## LOCAL ACTION 1: Living Sustainably

We will host a second hand market where students can pay for a table and members of the public can come and buy second hand clothes. Any clothes left over will be donated to a local organisation or charity shop. Money raised will go to school's own charity nomination

FAITH INPUT: Stewardship

EDUCATION INPUT: Pupils in science have been taught about the effects of fast fashion and its impact on the environments, they completed a oracy presentation on the effects of fast fashion and its effects on the environment

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Parishioners, PTA and the wider community along with pupils came a long and supported our event



*It was great to see the pupils be active participants in making a difference. They demonstrated entrepreneurial skills as well as helping the planet' – Parishioner*



# What did we learn?

We explored how caring for creation and promoting justice are essential to living out the Gospel message. Our learning focused on global challenges such as climate change, sustainability, and the need to cancel the debt of poorer nations—and how these issues connect to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

**Care for Creation:** We learned that responding to climate change is an act of stewardship and love for God's creation. Living sustainably, reducing waste, and protecting the environment are vital because environmental harm often impacts the poorest communities first.

**Solidarity and Global Impact:** We discovered that we are one human family. Standing with those most affected by climate change and poverty reflects our commitment to global justice and peace.

**Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:** We understood that cancelling the debt of poorer countries allows them to invest in education, health, and environmental protection. This action upholds the dignity of every person and promotes fairness.

**Call to Community and Participation:** We learned that sustainability is a shared responsibility. We are invited to work together—in our homes, schools, and society—to build a world where justice and peace flourish.

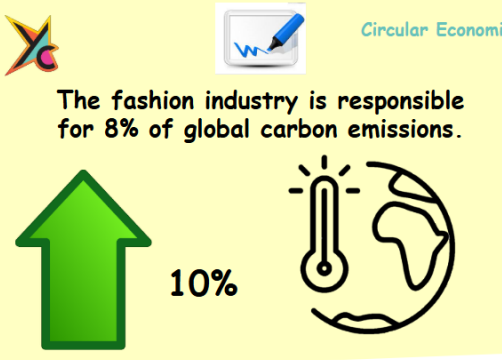
Finally, we reflected that peace is not only the absence of conflict but the presence of love, justice, and care for all people and creation. As Jesus taught, "Matthew 25:31–46, where Jesus says: *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."*" we are called to be peacemakers who act for climate justice, global solidarity, and sustainable living.

- St Peter's Pupil Voice





Thank you certificate from the charity Madrina UK for raising £275 from the event



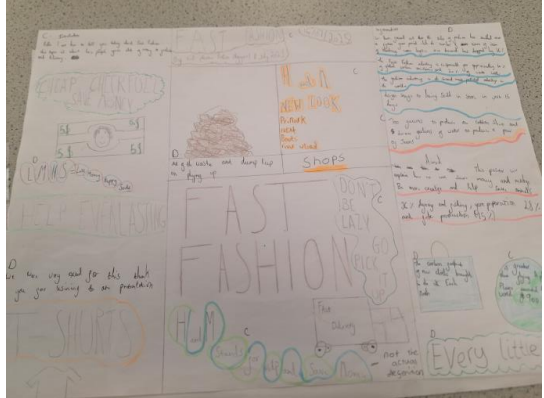
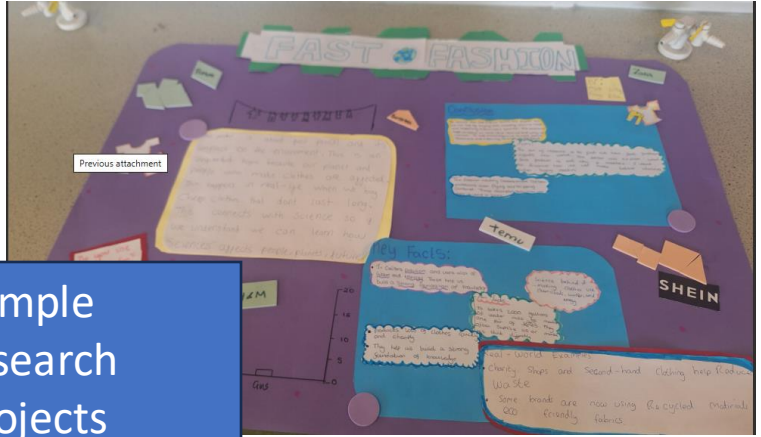
**New Shocking Facts about the Impact of Fast Fashion on our Climate**

- Oxfam blog
- 28 Aug, 2019

Our planet is in serious trouble and our nation's addiction to new clothes is doing more harm than you may think.

- 11 fast fashion facts and statistics**
- The world uses an estimated 80 billion pieces of clothing every year, a 400 percent increase from two decades ago. — [The True Cost](#)
  - Textile production contributes more to climate change than international aviation and shipping combined. — [House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee, 2019](#)
  - Buying just one white cotton shirt produces the same amount of emissions as driving 35 miles in a car. — [WRAP](#)
  - By 2030, global apparel consumption is projected to rise by 63%, from 62 million tons today to 102 million tons—equivalent to more than 500 billion additional T-shirts. — [House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee, 2019](#)
  - 75% of consumers believe that sustainability is important and one-third are willing to choose brands that help environmental and social improvement. — [Ellen MacArthur Foundation](#)
  - The fashion industry is responsible for 10% of annual global carbon emissions. — [Morgan McFall-Johnsen \(2020\)](#)
  - Half a million tons of plastic microfibers are dumped into the ocean every

Sample research projects completed by Ks3 Science during missions week on fast fashion and sustainability



# What we learnt

Our school community took action to care for creation and support those in need. We hosted a **Second-Hand Market**, where we booked tables to sell pre-loved clothes, and members of the public came to buy. Any unsold items were donated to local charities or organisations, ensuring nothing went to waste. Money raised went to the school's nominated charity, combining environmental responsibility with social justice.

This initiative reflected the principle of **Stewardship** in **Catholic Social Teaching**, reminding us that we are called to protect God's creation and use resources wisely. It also echoed Pope Francis' message in **Laudato Si'**, which urges us to respond to the "throwaway culture" and live sustainably for the good of the earth and the poor.

In science lessons, we explored the environmental impact of **fast fashion**, learning how overproduction and waste harm ecosystems and exploit workers. We presented their findings through oracy projects, raising awareness of how our choices affect both people and the planet.

By reducing waste, promoting reuse, and supporting charity, this project showed how faith and learning came together to create real change—caring for our common home and standing in solidarity with those most affected by environmental and social injustice.

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# SCHOOL ACTION



# LIVE SIMPLY: SCHOOL ACTION

ALL Pupils had the opportunity to engage with our nature photo contest.

FAITH INPUT: Linked to Stewardship and Francis of Assisi Day.

EDUCATION: In RE KS3 completed dedicated to the life and inspiration of Francis of Assisi. All year 7s also spent a lesson focusing and reflecting on the work of Sister Dorothy. There have been who class assemblies on Laudato Si.

To celebrate St Francis of Assisi and World Animal day

## NATURE PHOTO CONTEST

Show your photography skills & win £10 voucher

CONTEST DEADLINE  
**OCT 14**

WINNERS ANNOUNCED  
**OCT 18**

Entries will be google & AI checked



RULES: Photos must be taken outside, they can be of your pets, wildlife, insects, flowers, trees... anything from nature which inspires you!

Send entries to: Mrs Lakin lakins@st-peters-solihull.sch.uk

We ran a whole school nature competition, all pupils got to vote for their finalists so were involved in the process with a boy in Year 10 winning



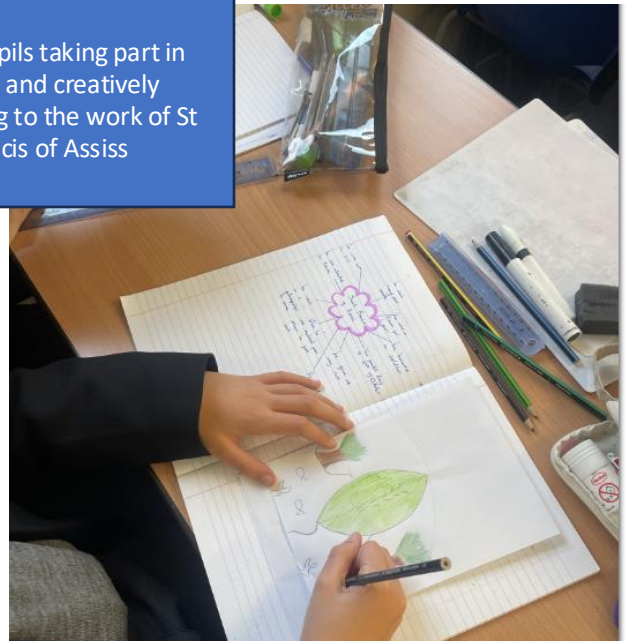
Pupilvoice@StPeters @pupilvoicestp · Nov 8, 2024

Our worthy 🏆 of our St Francis Nature Photo contest. The @StPeters\_ADT & Yr 11 Pupil leaders were impressed with these shots in the French Alps. Well done! Thank you to everyone who entered! It was hard to choose @CAFODSchools #livesimplyaward #stfrancisofassisi #godscreation



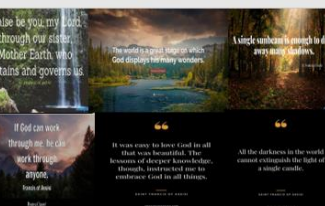
3 replies 9 likes 1.7K views

Year 7 pupils taking part in lessons and creatively responding to the work of St Francis of Assisi



### Patron Saint of animals.

- St Francis is the Patron Saint of animals and the environment in the Catholic Church.
- He loved all animals and even preached to the birds!
- He teaches us not to be bothered by material possessions and that we should always help those less fortunate.
- He reminds us of the beauty in creation and in the wonderful world God created.



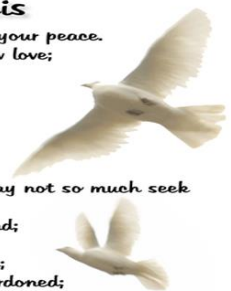
### Pope Francis and the environment

- Pope Francis chose his name because he was inspired by St Francis of Assisi.
- Like St Francis, he teaches Catholics to look after the earth and respect God's creation.



### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

# SCHOOL ACTION : continued

We will provide an opportunity as a school to reflect on God's Laudato Si, this will be encouraging pupils to spend time with animals reflect on God's Creation and look after our common home by being good stewards of the earth.

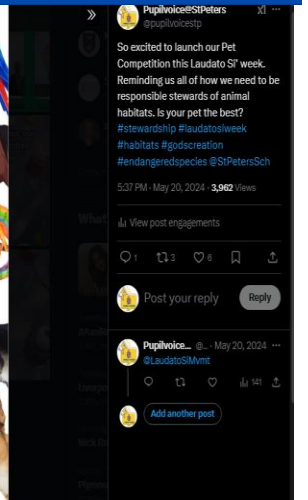
FAITH IMPUT: In RE lessons and who school assemblies there has been a focus on Laudato Si, stewardship and creation

EDUCATION: pupils have watched the Cafod Laudato Si animation, along with the Live Simply videos.

We have run pet competitions to celebrate Laudato Si week and have an eco club which recycled and repurposed plastic bottles, pen recycling and nature photography competitions, The PTA have also been actively involved in our action plan by collecting in spare uniform and distributing it to members of our school community.



Whole school assembly



Social media



PTA have been actively involved in our Live Sustainably mission

Throughout the year we have had a range of sustainability projects

# SCHOOL ACTION continued

We will provide an opportunity as a school to reflect on God's Creation as part of St Francis of Assisi Day and Laudato Si, this will be encouraging pupils to spend time in nature and with animals reflect on God's Creation



The week of 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 whole school participated in assemblies to learn about Laudato Si, along with taking time to spend time in God's Creation. In RE lessons year 7 and 8 pupils learnt about the life and work of St Francis of Assisi, in Science pupils created Fat Balls and on 4<sup>th</sup> October pupils put these into the Prayer Garden to feed the wildlife. The whole school were invited to take part in a nature photography competition.



"I didn't realise how much St Francis gave up to live such a simply life, God has blessed us with so many things which are free" **Cara Year 7**



# What we learnt

Through the nature photo contest and the lessons we've taken part in, we've learned a lot about caring for the environment and what it means to be responsible stewards of God's creation. These activities helped us see the importance of reducing waste, being mindful of our actions, and truly appreciating the world around us. It was an eye-opener to realize how much we can do to protect the planet, and it's connected to Catholic Social Teaching, especially the idea of stewardship—the responsibility we have to take care of what God has given us.

In RE, we studied St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, and learned about his love for nature and how he cared for all living things. This helped us understand what it means to be good stewards of the earth, just like he was. We also learned about Sister Dorothy, who dedicated her life to helping the poor and caring for the environment. Her story really made us think about how the way we treat the earth can affect the most vulnerable people in the world, which links to the Catholic Social Teaching of Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

The lessons around *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' letter about caring for our common home, also had a big impact on us. It made us realize that caring for the planet isn't just about protecting nature, but also about helping those who suffer the most because of environmental damage. We learned that everything is connected, and when we take care of the earth, we're also helping people who are struggling.

All of this has helped us understand how we can live out the mission of St. Peter's. By being more aware of our actions and doing our part to protect the planet, we're not only following what St. Francis and Pope Francis taught, but also living out the values of our faith. We feel more connected to the world around us and are motivated to make choices that are better for the environment and for others.

-St Peter's Pupil Voice



# SCHOOL ACTION: Live Sustainably

Creation of school allotment: *St Peter's Patch*  
 FAITH INPUT: Stewardship & Participation  
 EDUCATION: Pupils have learned about the benefits of growing their own food. They have planned what should grow in the garden and how to look after the patch.



The whole school and wider community have been involved in support the patch. The PTA came into volunteer their time, local business have donated plants, fruit trees and compost. We added a special Laudato Si award into our KS3 presentation evening.

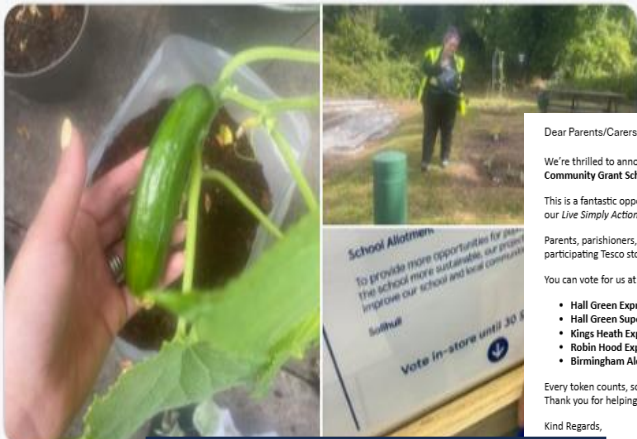


Donations from local businesses and Parents

**Pupilvoice@StPeters** @pupilvoicestp · May 12  
 Massive thank you to one of our parents Mrs Cotter for the kind donation of our first veggies for our St Peter's Patch we are excited to get these planted! We are looking for donations of veggies, plants and flowers to improve our outdoor space. @StPetersSch

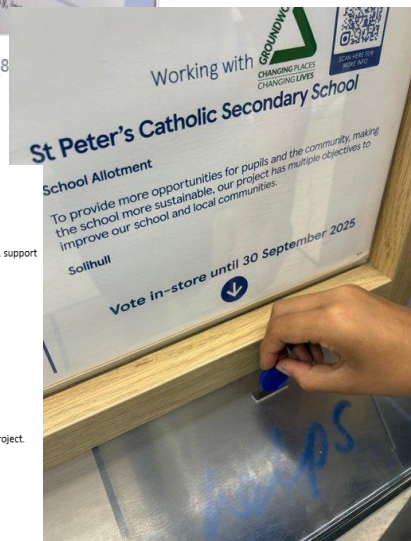


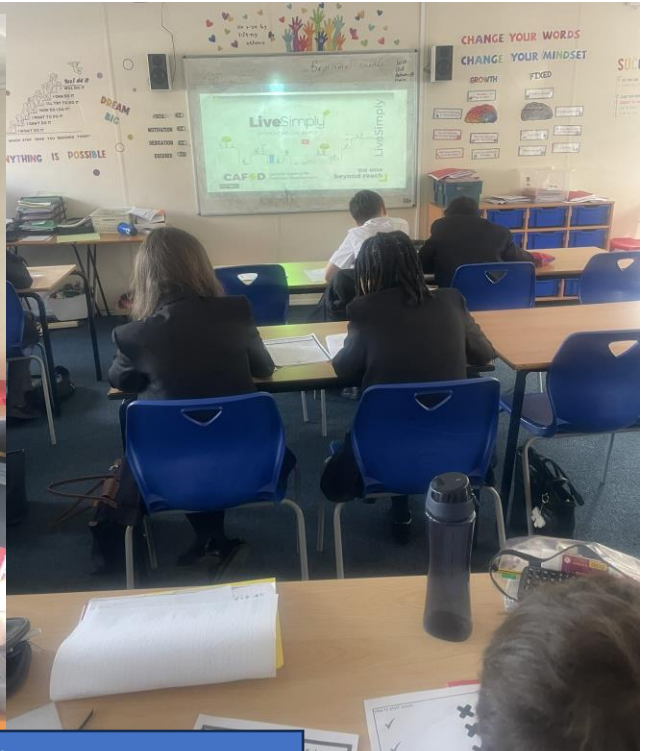
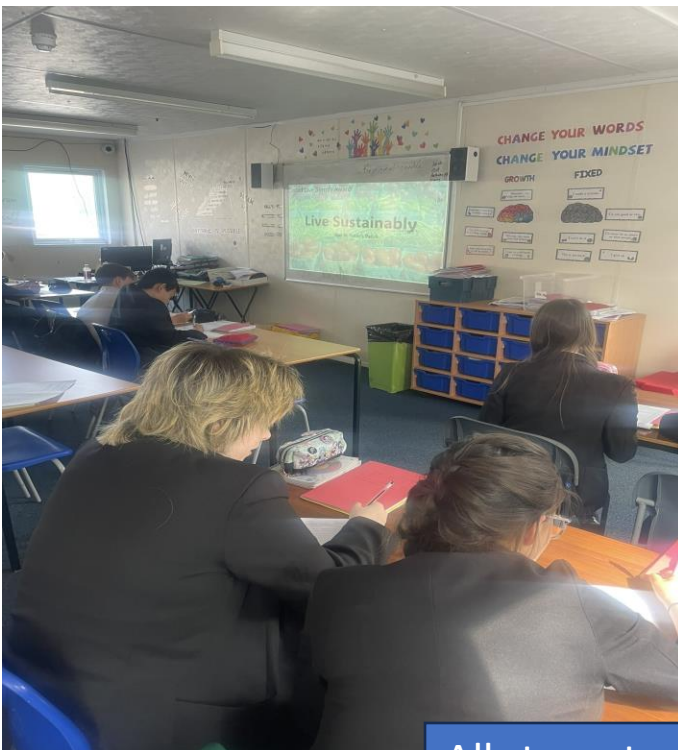
**Pupilvoice@StPeters** @pupilvoicestp · Jul 3  
 Our patch is growing! Thanks to Miss Jordan who was on watering duties today. Please support us by voting for us at Tesco Hall Green! #livesimply



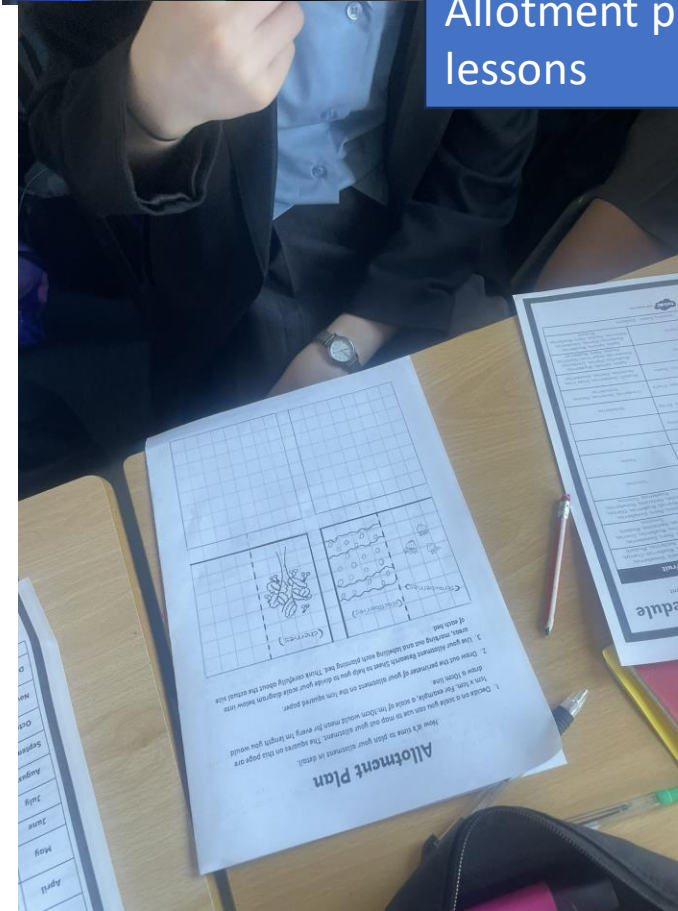
Wider community can support our allotment

Dear Parents/Careers,  
 We're thrilled to announce that St Peter's Allotment has been selected for the Tesco Blue Token Community Grant Scheme, running from 1st July to September!  
 This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to receive funding to further develop St Peter's Patch, support our Live Simply Action Plan and Laudato Si objectives and we need your help.  
 Parents, parishioners, staff, and pupils can support us by collecting a blue token when shopping at participating Tesco stores and placing it in the St Peter's Allotment box.  
 You can vote for us at the following Tesco locations:  
 • Hall Green Express – B28 8AB  
 • Hall Green Superstore – B90 3LU  
 • Kings Heath Express – B14 6EB  
 • Robin Hood Express – B28 0LG  
 • Birmingham Alcester Express – B47 5PN  
 Every token counts, so please spread the word and encourage friends and family to support our project. Thank you for helping us grow something special!  
 Kind Regards,





Allotment planning lessons



Our Laudato Si special award winner



# SCHOOL ACTION: LIVE SIMPLY

Pupils, staff and governors will each sign the Live Simply Pledge. We will also keep a note of the pledges in our form sacred spaces reminding us to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poorest communities.

FAITH INPUT: Laudato Si and Catholic Social Teaching Education: PPT to be shared in forms to all pupils to celebrate what we have achieved and to commit to the longevity of our activities.



**Live Simply Pledge**

A Commitment by Pupils at St Peter's Catholic School  
 Inspired by CAFOD's Live Simply Award  
 To live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the poor

**We pledge to...**

- LIVE SIMPLY**  
 Be grateful and avoid waste  
 Put people before possessions  
 Take time for prayer, kindness & service
- LIVE SUSTAINABLY**  
 Reduce, reuse, recycle  
 Care for God's earth in daily choices  
 Save energy and respect nature
- LIVE IN SOLIDARITY**  
 Learn about global injustices  
 Support those in need through action and prayer  
 Fundraise and raise awareness with CAFOD

We pledge to Live Simply, Sustainably, and in Solidarity.  
 Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: July 2025

"Live simply, so that others may simply live." – Mahatma Gandhi  
 Inspired by Laudato Si' and Catholic Social Teaching



## Live Simply Pledges

### Newsletter Submissions

At St Peter's, we have been busy completing our Live Simply pledges as a school to continue the legacy of our **Live Simply Award**. We are determined to keep the spirit of Living Simply, Sustainably, and in Solidarity with others alive in our daily lives. Every member of our community has been involved in agreeing to our pledges, including our PTA and governing body, showing this is truly a whole-school commitment.

Each form has chosen three meaningful actions—to Live Sustainably, to Live in Solidarity, and to Live Simply. Ideas have included limiting the amount of new clothes bought, enjoying family walks away from electronics, and researching ways to support those in need and to take action.

In doing this, we are also living out our St Peter's virtues and mission, and putting Catholic Social Teaching into action—caring for creation, standing with the poor, and working together for the common good. Well done, St Peter's!

[see less](#)

Article in our school news letter to share ideas with the wider community.

Some of the Whole School PPT which was shared with pupils

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**LiveSimply**

**What is a LiveSimply Pledge?**

A pledge is a promise to do something.

Making a LiveSimply pledge is one of our actions towards achieving the LiveSimply Award and is a promise to:

**live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with the world's poorest communities.**

**LiveSimply Award**  
 Living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities  
 CAFOD  
 Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

# What we learnt

As a school community, we've all signed the Live Simply Pledge—pupils, staff, and governors. By writing our pledges in our planners, we've given ourselves a daily reminder to live more simply, to think about how our choices affect the planet, and to stand in solidarity with people in the poorest communities. Having it in our planners makes it feel more real, like something we're choosing to do every day rather than just talking about.

Through learning about *Laudato Si'* and Catholic Social Teaching, we've understood why these pledges matter. We learned that living simply isn't just about using less—it's about making choices that protect the environment and respect the dignity of every person. It showed us that even small actions, like wasting less or being mindful of what we buy, can have a big impact on people around the world who are affected most by climate change and poverty.

A presentation was shared in form time so that all of us could look back at what we've achieved so far as a school. Seeing everything together helped us realise that our actions—whether it's recycling more, saving energy, or thinking carefully about our lifestyles—actually do make a difference. It also reminds us that this isn't just a one-off project. We're committing to keep going, to make these habits part of our lives, and to continue living out the message of *Laudato Si'*.

By taking these pledges seriously, we feel like we're really living out our St Peter's Mission—putting our faith into action, caring for God's creation, and standing up for those who need it most. It makes us feel proud, but also motivated to keep doing better.

- St Peter's Pupil Voice



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# ADDITIONAL ACTION



# LOCAL ACTION additional : Live in Solidarity continued



1 **Our Catholic Mission**

*Faith is our Foundation*

Our faith is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ of God, who came to prove God's love for all eternity. To demonstrate God's love for each us, bringing an inner peace because of the joy that this love brings enabling us to have hope in the future.

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3 **School Prayer**

Dear Lord  
We thank you for our talents and gifts.  
Help us strive to use these wisely for the  
benefits of our special community.  
Guide us to fulfil your plan for each of us.  
Give us the grace to be humble, respectful  
and tolerant this day and all the days of our  
lives.  
St Peter  
Pray for us  
Amen

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LiveSimply  
St Peter's Solihull  
Catholic Primary School  
Enabling Potential

## Example Resources from form-time

The whole school engaged in raising awareness for a variety of pupil chosen charities, Birmingham children's hospital, Birmingham Air Ambulance, Father Hudson's, Marie Curie, Cafod

**Year 7 Charity 'Keepy Up Challenge'**

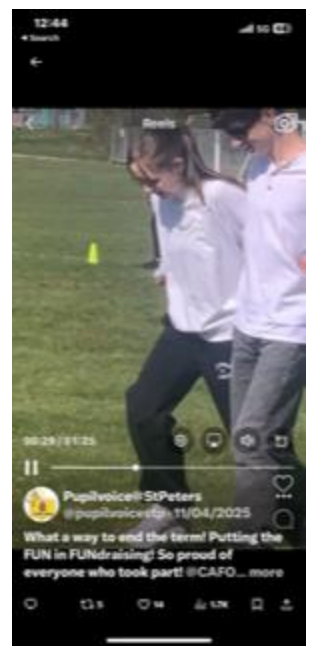
**When** - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Where** - Gym

**Cost** - 50p for 2 attempts highest score enters the leaderboard

Let's raise as much money and awareness of Birmingham Childrens Hospital as we can!

This charity is very close to the hearts of Year 7!



Pupils yrs 7-13 took on a range of physical challenges to raise Money