

Our Journey 2024-2025

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

How we are responding the call of Pope Francis



LiveSimply

The beginning of our journey ...



As you may have heard referenced in today's Mass, we are planning to follow in the footsteps of the parish and achieve the CAFOD 'Live Simply' award.

In signing up to be a 'LiveSimply' school, we are responding to Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si that our “responsibility within creation and our duties towards nature and the Creator are an essential part of our faith.” We are committing to Living Simply, Living Sustainably and Living in Solidarity. Thank you for making our sensory garden beautiful with recyclable wind chimes.



I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Harvest Mass today, which also celebrated the life and work of St Vincent de Paul. A big well done to the readers from Class Three, who read incredibly well. You could see how much practise and rehearsal went into their words. Thank you to Miss Hart, who organised today's Mass and to our new Reception children, who were fantastic the whole way through their first Mass at St Peter's.

St. Peter's School Actions



- Global action 1- Raise funds for, and awareness of CAFOD
- Global action 2- Take part in current CAFOD campaigns
- Global action 3- Refugee Week
- Local action 1- We will invite our community to share time with us in prayer
- Local action 2- Community litter pick
- Local action 3- Support our local foodbank
- School action 1- Create a prayer garden
- School action 2- Develop a culture of buy less, share more
- School action 3- Use our school grounds to live more sustainably

Global action 1- We ran with Mr Sharman to complete our own marathons. We raised over £3,000 for CAFOD



Running with Richard for CAFOD!



Richard Sharman is raising money for The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)



£3,001
raised of **£3,000** target
by 100 supporters



1 donation



St Peter's Catholic Primary School

1 month ago

Run, Mr Sharman, run! from all the parents and children

£164.00 + £41.00 Gift Aid

Give Now

Donation summary

Total

£164.00
+ £41.00 Gift Aid

In other news, this year, we have decided that our main school charity will be CAFOD and we will be running events across the year to raise funds for this cause.

Thank you!

CAFOD

Global Action 2- We supported our brothers and sisters in Sudan

Spring! For this term, we are learning about CAFOD's crisis response in places like Sudan, where families like our own are forced to flee their homes amid ongoing conflict, are now facing an extreme hunger crisis.

Each class have decided how they would like to fundraise for CAFOD, with a focus on fitness. Class 2 are beginning St. Peter's fundraising efforts with a Swimming Gala! The children have enthusiastically embraced this idea and are excited to set personal swimming goals, such as putting their heads underwater or swimming a certain distance. Please look out for the sponsorship form in your child's bag. We kindly ask you to encourage your child to reach out to family, friends, and neighbours to support their swimming challenge with sponsorship pledges. Other classes will be announcing their plans to fundraise soon.

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A huge well done and thank you to Class 2 for their efforts in their Swimming Gala this half term. So far they have raised £95.00 for CAFOD, our chosen charity this year. (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). If you haven't yet completed your swimming challenge, don't worry! You can still donate over the next half term via Parent Mail. We will hear from Class 4 after half term regarding their choice of fundraising. Thank you everyone for Living in Solidarity with our vulnerable brothers and sisters.



We will speak out against global injustices (global food system, debt, climate)

Human Fairness

Good Afternoon everyone my name is Kara and this is my college Cora and I believe we should have jobs that treat us like we are. Each of our jobs don't unite us together they do the opposite. I believe that every single everyone man and woman, girl and boy should have the right to earn the same money, have the same jobs and have the right amount of living wages. In this futuristic world right now everyone's hands are stained with the dirt of inequality and we will all be suffering in the flames of distinction unless we remember that we are all human. We all have the ability to love, to cry and to grieve.

WRONG

HUMANITY TOGETHER

Evidence shows that 69% of wages goes to men and we are getting more money than women. And we are becoming well-known going into the background. I believe that there is no superior race or gender, we should all step out of the over-arching wall of darkness and step into the spotlight for we are all equal all human and all one. We are promoting stereotypical thoughts into our younger generations mind. We are giving dinosaurs for boys but this isn't fair this isn't right we need to change this but it is not possible without the help of you. We are part of our union and help us promote equality for all human. Together we can.

RIGHT

WE CAN WIN

EQUAL WIN

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Key: Good afternoon everyone! My name is Beatrice. Everyone and my name is Grace Rose. Today we will be talking about climate change and how animals are losing their homes. If you want to learn or stay tuned.

Anyways you see this bird losing his home and his life we need to help him by stopping to cut trees and we are also wasting oxygen by doing it.

Lets head off to the coast by the sea. Loads of people are throwing plastic and litter in the ocean and we need to stop that because if we do that we will kill sea life. So lets help them and find them a new safe home together.

Now lets move on to storms and tornadoes, houses are getting destroyed, animals are getting lost and hurt. Together we shall create new homes and take care of the animals by giving them a new home or healing them.

And finally food, some animals eat meat some don't we eat both because we are omnivores. Lets not waste food.

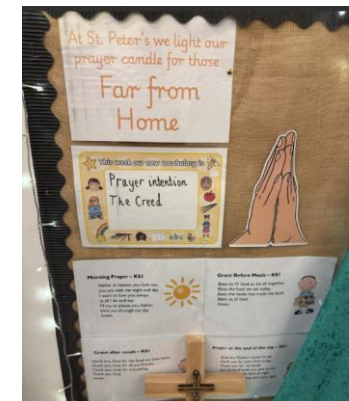
Be kind to nature and its environment.

Global action 3- Refugee Week

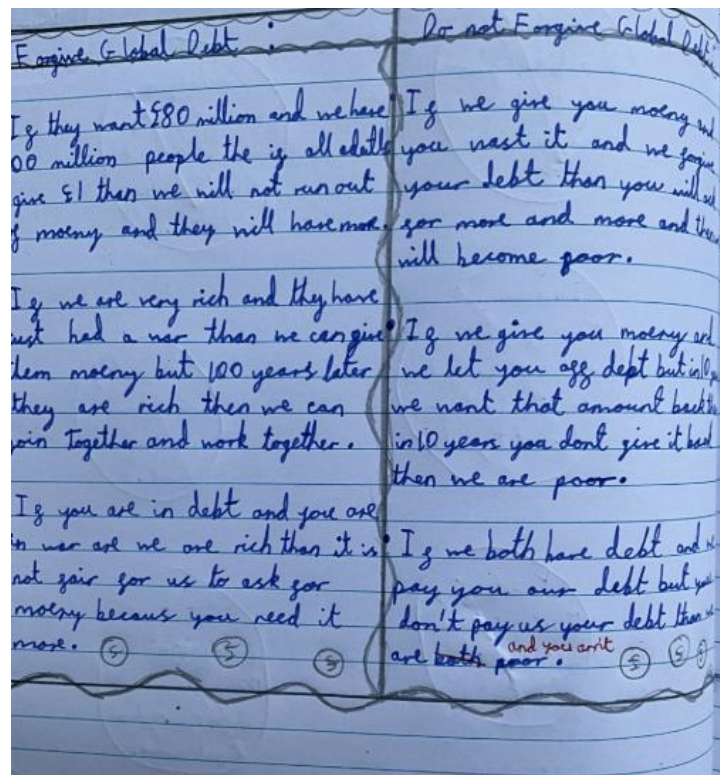
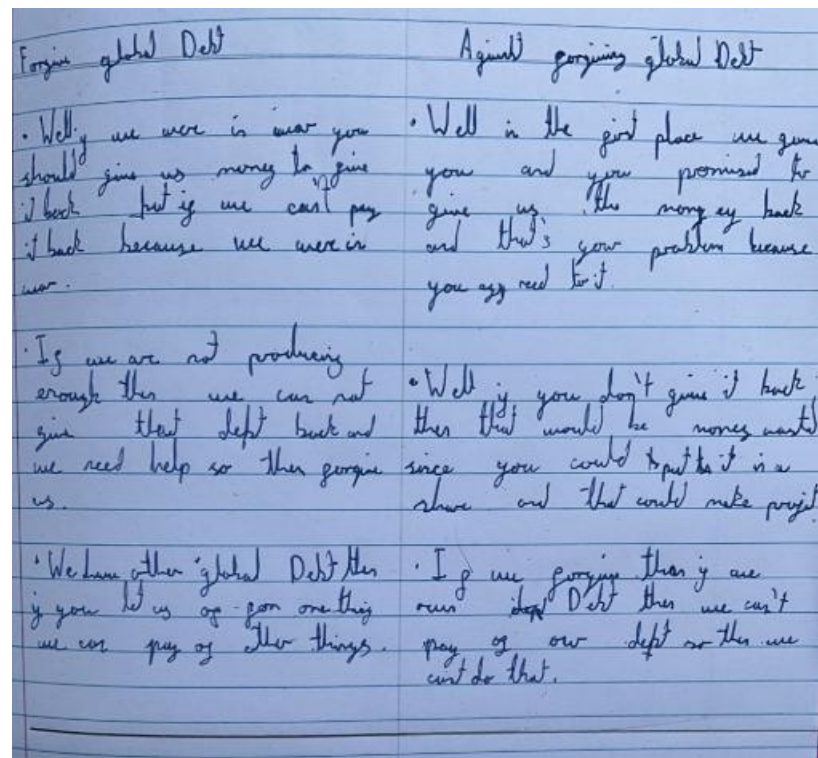
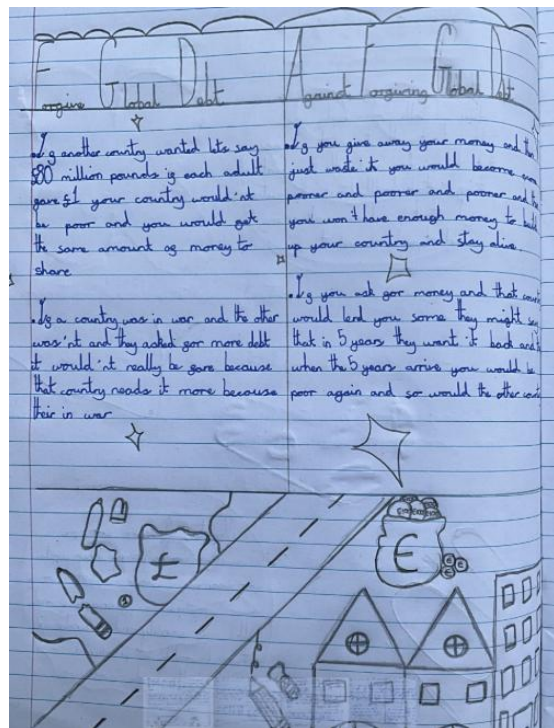
Class 2 have learnt that Mary, Joseph and Jesus were refugees. They fled to Egypt. Class 2 have been spending time in prayer to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes overseas.

Please click
play below:

Class Four Debate
Global Food Supply



Global action 3- Refugee Week



In Class four, we debated whether countries should be forgiven. We quickly found this to be debate between morality and ethics and finance and business. Here are some of then considerations we had in our debate.

Local action 1- Sharing time in prayer

Chaplaincy will lead a Remembrance Assembly on Monday 11th November and we will hold a two minute silence during the assembly. In order to involve our wider community in prayer, I thought about setting up a prayer space with the Chaplaincy team where families can come after school and say a prayer, add a remembered loved one onto the Remembrance tree. What do you think? It wouldn't go over 4pm. The below could also be tied in with this event where we set up an exhibition through the corridor and as they walk into the prayer space they can look at the entries for the competition. If you're happy with this, can you please add it to the newsletter for this week alongside the below.



This half term, we would like the children to reflect on their Live Simply mission, by Living Simply. As a family, please create opportunities for your child to have quiet refuge, and enjoy time for prayer as a family. In this beautiful Season of Autumn, with changing colours, we want to celebrate the awe and wonder of God's creation in our local landscapes. We would like as many children as possible to enter our photography competition. Photograph a part of God's creation, accompanied with a prayer.



Living Simply



Next week, we are starting our prayer club. This will take place at lunchtimes and will allow us to pray in solidarity with our brothers and sisters from around the world.

As you may have seen/heard the children have been playing sustainably using lots of recycled materials in our sensory area. We would like to keep adding materials to this part of our playground. If you have any of the following materials that you are willing to donate to school, we would be incredibly grateful:

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- Empty plastic bottles
- Corks

Thank you for your ongoing support and we will continue to keep you updated on our progress.



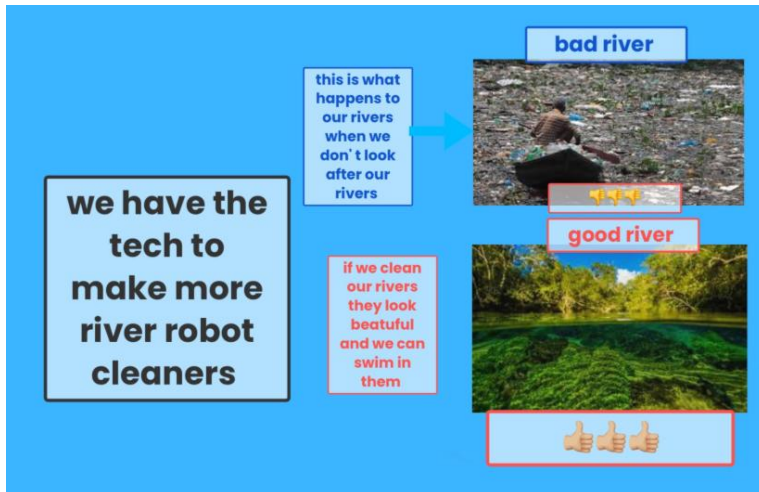
Well done to the chaplaincy team, who organised prayer-based activities yesterday for our weekly prayer club. Thank you for taking your own time to organise and sacrifice some of your own lunchtime to host a very well-attended event.

Local action 2-Litter Picking

“Our Earth is special and that God needs us to look after it and protect it.”

Class 3 learnt about cleaning rivers

From Source to Sea 🌊 🐟 - How do humans alter rivers?



THREE THINGS I CAN DO!

1. Regular litter picking.
2. Use less plastic.
3. Use fewer chemicals.



Local action 3- We supported our local foodbank



We are collecting Harvest Donations in the school tunnel, for Trussell Trust Food Bank. Please donate if you can to help our vulnerable sisters and brothers.

Thank you for your donations to the food collection that has been given to the Trussell Trust, weighing in at an impressive 28kg worth of food.

World food day poster competition



This week, it has been lovely to see lessons incorporating our 'Live Simply' values, such as Class One's lesson on building their own houses where they used recyclable materials to ensure sustainability. In line with this, just a reminder that we are still collecting Harvest Donations in the school tunnel, for Trussell Trust Food Bank. Please donate if you can to help our vulnerable sisters and brothers.

School action 1- Create a prayer garden



Before



After



School action 2- Develop a culture of buy less, share more

We share books



We share uniform



School action 3 - Use our school grounds to live more sustainably



We installed WATER BUTTS!
Thank you to the ECO team for fundraising.



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Miss Barrow Well done girls! What a great way to Live Simply and support local farms! 🍓 🌱

Living Sustainably

Miss Barrow Wow, Rory! What a wildlife friendly garden. You are supporting a whole ecosystem with your micro habitat!



Big green roof homework



Thank you to everyone who joined prayer club this week, led by the Chaplaincy Team. Our theme was learning about the Rosary, for the month of October. We planned sustainable friendly activities for all the children to enjoy. Our favourites were using the beads to thread, like the beads on the rosary, and creating our outdoor cross with reusable materials. In Class 3 we have been learning about architecture. Continuing to be sustainable, the children made 'Big Green Roof' buildings using recyclable materials and items they found in God's Creation (such as the living green roof). At lunchtimes, the children have been asked to consider their food waste by thinking 'take what you need, eat what you take.' We hope to see a huge reduction in food waste across the school over the next half term. We already observe 'No meat Fridays' as part of our school lunches and we've considered why this helps us live sustainably. Eco club helped the kitchen team dispose of our food waste into our eco-friendly compost bin. Let's love our food and not waste it!





World Earth Day

28th April

We need donations of recycled materials!

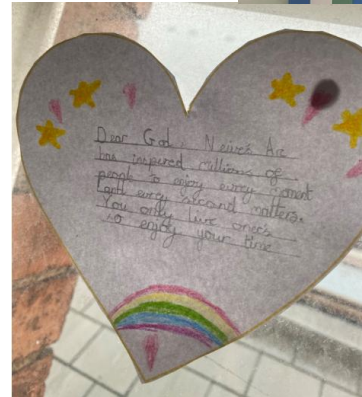
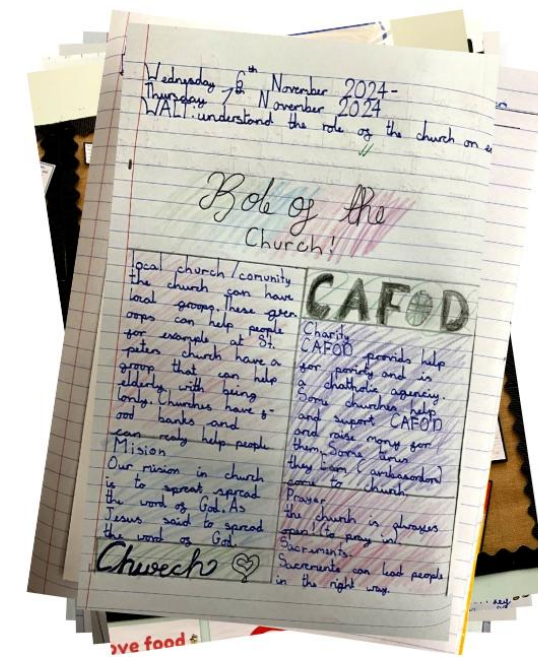
Please bring in cardboard and plastic (no glass or tins). There is a big box in C2 ready to take your recyclable goods now!



Living Simply



Living in Solidarity



Friends with Bo

I want to share this beautiful prayer Louis wrote this morning. He came up to me and told me he had read about Neive's Arc story online and that he is inspired. He then went on to say he hopes that we reach our 30,000 pound goal. I am just utterly amazed at what a caring soul he has. Thank you Louis, you have been just brilliant on a day like today. ☀

Seen by: Theresa Hunt

26 Sep 2024 16:35

● **Theresa Hunt** Thank you for sharing this. We are deeply sorry for the loss of your beautiful niece. From this tragedy you and your family have found light and spread it to us and the school community through Neive's arc. Thank you.

Well done to Class Three this week, who hosted their bake sale, raising a total of £164.71. This money will be shared between Macmillan and Neive's Arc. Thank you to everyone who helped Class Three in their preparation and for all donations made.



World Food Day!

On Wednesday, we observed 'World Food Day'. We enjoyed a celebratory lunch and reflection activities in class. We discussed our favourite foods, thought about how we can support others who are less fortunate than us and how we can Thank God this Harvest time. By supporting this day, we are raising awareness for people who suffer from hunger in a number of countries. Well done to Class Four, who won our food waste competition on this day for the least amount of food waste.



World Earth Day

Visitor from The Wildlife Trust



We planted sunflowers

Thank you for welcoming me yesterday and I hope that you enjoyed the assembly. Your students listen so well and ask interesting questions, I am very impressed with them.

I am sharing two things today: the official announcement that, partly thanks to the involvement of local schools like you, Leamington Spa has been awarded Bee Friendly Town

Reducing Waste

We'd like the children to take part in a Reducing Waste Project. We would like the children to create a fantastic wind chime using recyclable materials.

This project will help us learn the importance of making with what we have got and to help our school community show others that what some may consider to be waste, others can turn into something beautiful. The wind chimes will be displayed in our Sensory Garden all year round so we'd like the children to produce something to be truly proud of. Please bring your wind chime to school by Friday 20th September.



In Genesis 1:31 we are told "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."

We are stewards of God's Creation

"I am watering the potatoes to be healthy and grow bigger too"



Alana taking care of the strawberry plants this morning 🍓

"I was watering the plants so we can keep the healthy"



Weeding this morning helping to keep our school tidy 🍷😊

"We were weeding, gloves because it might be prickly"-Millie

"Picking the weeds, on class 's ramp"- Thea

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