# NEWSLETTER

**Term 1 2026/27**
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**Date: 18.09.2025**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our first newsletter of the academic year 2026-2027, welcome to St Peter's C of E Primary. Our newsletters are published in Week 1/3/5/7 of each term and circulated electronically to all of our parents and carers. The office team are always happy to support anyone who is finding it difficult to access the newsletter. Our newsletter is packed full of recent events, dates for your diary, handy hints and help from the Lighthouse and Windmill team and most importantly, celebrates in the successes of our pupils.

The pupils have settled quickly into their new routines and expectations in class and I am sure that once again this will be a successful year. For our parents and carers that are new to the St Peter's family, we welcome you all to our school community.

Please remember that **no concern is too small**. Our staff are always here to listen and support you and your child in any way we can. My door is always open, and if you see me on gate duty, please feel free to come and have a chat. As a school, we would much rather hear about a worry or concern as soon as possible so that we can work together to address it. **Please don't hesitate to come and speak to a member of staff – we are always happy to listen and help.**

I have detailed a few reminders below but I am going to end with a special shout out to all the pupils who completed the home learning tasks set over the holiday. They have been quite fantastic and it has been wonderful to see how the pupils applied their creativity and imagination. A special congratulations to Excel K in Y4 who created a cracking TV Programme on how sound travels and how we hear. What a superstar!

**Statutory Outcomes 2026:**
All schools have to complete annual statutory assessments, namely the Reception Baseline Assessment and Good Level of Development Judgement, Y1 Phonics Screening Check, Y4 Multiplication Tables Check and the KS2 SATs. Our pupils have once again done fantastically well, making huge progress across their time at St Peter's and leaving the school with **above national average attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths in Y6.** This ensures our pupils once again head off to secondary school ready for their next steps in education. Results will soon be published by the Department for Education, but can also be found on our school website. As a school, we are hugely proud of the achievements of our pupils and the progress they make.

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**Open Sessions**

We are looking at the way in which we invite parents and carers to share in the successes of their child and showcase their amazing work. Therefore, we would like to consult with parents and carers as to the best way to do this. Please feel free to complete the parent online consultation here:

Help Us Showcase Our Pupils' Learning

**Uniform**

Attached to this newsletter is a visual representation of our Uniform Guidelines and policy to support families. Thank you for you ongoing support.

**Guided Tours 2026-2027**

If you are looking for a Nursery or Reception place for September 2027, Guided Tours are now open. Please complete the booking form here and see the information attached to this weeks newsletter. You will need to choose St Peter's C of E Primary as first choice to secure your place.

**Office Opening Hours**

The school office is open daily between the hours of 8am - 4:00pm (Monday to Thursday) and 8am - 3:30pm on a Friday. No problem is too big or too small, from locating lost uniform to supporting with Free School Meal applications, please do contact the school office via email, telephone, or simply pop in.

**Email—st.peters.p@bristol-schools.uk**
**Telephone—0117 3772186**

**School Photos**

Our school photographer will be onsite taking the official school photos on Wednesday 23rd September 2026. These will be individual / sibling photos, so plenty of time for hair cuts and washing the best polo shirt over the weekend! Family photos for children who don't attend St Peter's will be from 8—8.30am only, please enter through Ellfield close and make your way to the Infant hall entrance by Owls class.

**Parking and Private Driveways**

May I take this opportunity at the beginning of the year to reiterate that we are a "safer streets" school and Ellfield Close is closed to traffic between 8.30am –9.00am and 3.00pm—3.30pm. This enables us to keep our school community safe. I would ask that if you do park in the local area and drive to school that you park safely, without obstructing public footpaths and residents private driveways. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Have a great weekend
Matt Stannard
Headteacher

## ATTENTION ALL YEAR 6 PARENT/CARERS

You can now apply for your child's secondary school for September 2027 this will need to be done through the Bristol City Council website. **The deadline to apply is 31st October 2026.**

Please use this link to apply [Apply for a new year 7 secondary school place]

If you require help or support with this, please pop into the school office and speak to Miss Metcalf.

## VACANCIES

HLTA
Teaching Assistant

## NEWS FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH

Welcome back to St Peter's School! We hope you all had a wonderful summer. It was lovely to see some of you at our summer activities and at The Ark Soft Play.

This term, Sarah, our Church Outreach Coordinator, will also be working in the school as the **Growing Faith Chaplain**. Sarah will be looking to build relationships, create opportunities, and nurture faith across the whole school community.

As Chaplain, Sarah will be offering pastoral support, prayer, spiritual accompaniment, and opportunities for children, staff, and families to explore questions of faith, life, and meaning. Please do have a chat with Sarah if you would like to find out more, or email outreach@stpetersbishopsworth.co.uk.

Bubble Church is on Sunday! Book your tickets online at eventbrite and join us from 9am for pastries, puppets and coffee!

You can also follow the Church on Instagram for lots of information on upcoming events: stpeters.bishopsworth

## SPORTS NEWS

Well done to our girls rugby team for an outstanding showing at this year's South Bristol Championships. Both teams applied the tactics they have been learning in their PE lessons this term and displayed brilliant defensive and attacking work- one team went unbeaten for the whole tournament!

Great work, team SP!

## ATTENDANCE

**We take a really strong approach to attendance in school and we ask that you commit to not taking your child(ren) out of school during term time schools hours for holidays or medical appointments. When your child cannot come into school please contact the school by 8.30am.**

You can contact the school via:
**Phone:** ring and leave a message on 0117 3772186
**Text:** send a message to 07385 415275
**Arbor:** send an in-app message
**Email:** attendance@stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk

**We need to know that your child is safe if not in school. If there is no reason given for your child's absence this will be an unauthorised absence.**

### Arriving late to school

Children that arrive late between 9.01am and 9.09am need to sign in at the office, they will be marked as late and receive an L Code. Absences after close of register (9.10am) are unauthorised. Please note that close of morning registration has changed from the start of this school year, please refer to the school Attendance Policy which is available on the school website Attendance_Policy.pdf (stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk)

### We would like to remind you that:

- Breakfast club is open between 7.30-8.30am—Homepage - Future Stars Coaching
- All school gates open at 8.40am
- Children should be in class ready to learn at 8.55am
- The school gates are closed at 9.00am
- All children arriving after 9.00am must register at the school office.

At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are **30% more likely** to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90 -95% of the time.

The link is even stronger at secondary school. Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance **are almost twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English and Maths** GCSE, compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time. In other words, missing just 10 extra days a year reduces the likelihood of achieving these grades by

# TERM DATES 2026/27

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| **Term 1** | Thursday 3rd September 2026—Friday 23rd October 2026 |
| **Term 2** | Monday 2nd November 2026—Friday 18th December 2026 |
| **Term 3** | Monday 4th January 2027—Friday 12th February 2027 |
| **Term 4** | Monday 22nd February 2027—Thursday 25th March 2027 |
| **Term 5** | Monday 12th April 2027—Friday 28th May 2027 |
| **Term 6** | Monday 7th June 2027—Friday 23rd July 2027 |

**School will be closed for the following INSET days:**

TMonday 4th January 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027
Monday 28th June 2027

**School will be closed for the following public holiday:**

Monday 3rd May 2027

# TERM DATES 2027/28

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| **Term 1** | Wednesday 1st September 2027—Friday 22nd October 2027 |
| **Term 2** | Monday 1st November 2027—Friday 17th December 2027 |
| **Term 3** | Tuesday 4th January 2028—Friday 11th February 2028 |
| **Term 4** | Monday 21st February 2028—Friday 31st March 2028 |
| **Term 5** | Tuesday 18th April 2028—Friday 26th May 2028 |
| **Term 6** | Monday 5th June 2028—Friday 21st July 2028 |

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Wednesday 1st September 2027
Thursday 21st October 2027
Friday 22nd October 2027
Tuesday 4th January 2028
Monday 26th June 2028

**School will be closed for the following public holiday:**

Monday 1st May 2028

# NEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

We are pleased to introduce our new speech and language therapist, Miss Eimer Gory. She will be in school every Monday and Friday.

Bristol parent carers have many free courses available that you can sign up to. These include the ones below and many more. All of these courses are free and can be booked by going to https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/ or by scanning the QR code.

Bristol Parent Carer Forum
Shaping the Future Together

# NEWS FROM THE WINDMILL

Bristol Family Hubs offer a range of free parenting programmes and support for families with children and young people of all ages. Whether you're looking for advice, support with behaviour and boundaries, or simply want to feel more confident as a parent, there are different programmes available to help you and your family.

## Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

What a super first full week we have had – the children have blown us away with their confidence coming into school each day! Thank you for your patience at school pick up as we get to know you all.

This week we have been learning some of the routines in our class. We have also been learning about our school rules of "Be Ready (to learn), Be Respectful and Be Safe" and what these look like in our class and our school. We have also been looking at maps of our school and have been of a tour around our school buildings.

Everyday, please remember to send your child with;

- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat
- A piece of fruit for the afternoon (we have school fruit in the morning and home fruit during story time in the afternoon).

**A coat trick!**

We have been teaching the children a trick to put on their coat independently, here is a link to a video of the method we have been showing them – it would be great if your child could practise this with you at home so they don't have to wait for an adult to help them.

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| Link here: Coat flip video<br><br>The Montessori Coat Flip | Or scan this QR code with your phone; |

**Forest School**

Reception will be starting forest school next week. Classes will alternate each week. Your child will wear their normal uniform to school. Please send in a carrier bag with an old par of joggers or leggings to change into and a waterproof coat. If you haven't already, please also send in a named pair of wellington boots.

Forest school dates

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| Wednesday 23rd September | Kookaburras |
| Wednesday 30th September | Robins |
| Wednesday 7th October | Kookaburras |
| Wednesday 14th October | Robins |
| Wednesday 21st October | Kookaburras |

Have a lovely weekend!
The Reception Team
Mrs Watts, Miss Hunt, Mrs Bidwell, Mrs Smith, Miss Mitchard

## Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We have had a lovely couple of weeks settling into our new classes and have made a wonderful start to year 1! We have loved spending time getting to know you and are excited for the year ahead.

We have made a great start to our English unit 'Owl Babies.' We have painted some owls and learnt actions to our story using our story map to help us remember. If you would like to read it at home, you can find a read aloud on YouTube: Owl Babies

**Key information:**

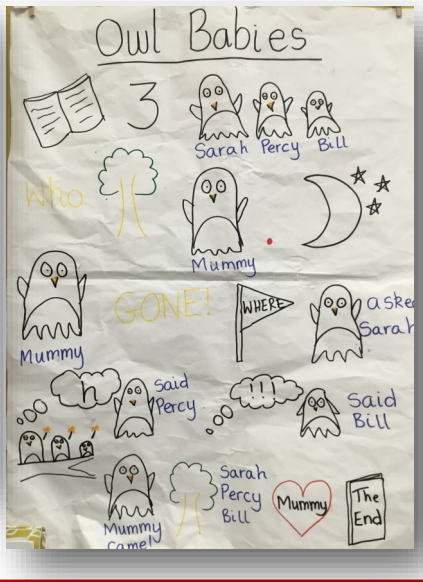
- Our PE days for Term 1 are **Monday and Wednesday**. You do not need to bring kit into school. Children are to wear PE kits all day. As the weather starts to get colder, trousers may be needed for outside PE.
- We do not need wellies in school for year 1.
- Books will be changed after you have read them at home 3 times.
- Please can you write your children's names into uniform (including coats).

In Year 1, we start the year by working in small groups for Maths and English (following a familiar format from reception). If the children are not working in a small group, they complete practical activities linked to the unit.

Our afternoons are spent engaging in our wider curriculum lessons which are completed as a whole class. We are mindful that this is new to them, so we spend a lot of time learning these routines and building up skills that will be needed for year 1 and beyond.

As the year goes on, the structure of our days may change as we use this time to ease the transition from reception into year 1.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Brooks, Mrs Brimblecombe, and Mrs Torrington



## Y2— Owls and Kestrels

We have had a fantastic start to the term and loved hearing all about your holidays. Thank you to everyone who did your homework. It has been lovely to see these as a class.

We have a couple of new faces in the year two team, welcome to the team Mrs Cloutter, Mrs Richards, Miss Dawe, Mr Fryer, and welcome back to Miss Sanders and Mrs Baker. Just a reminder, the teachers are Miss Berry in Kestrels and Mrs Milton and Mr Lee in Owls.

This week we have had a special visit from two fairies called Birch and Buttercup. We came back into class to find it trashed from these very naughty fairies. In order for them to stay with us, we wrote them some rules for them to stay safe in our classroom. Next week we will be learning the Sophie's Sprite Adventure story and creating actions to remember this story. We will be writing descriptive sentences next week, focusing on adjectives and punctuation.

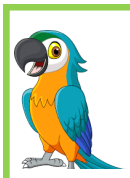
Over the term we will be making clay fairy houses, we have a big ask from you. Please could you send your child in with a roll of tinfoil to make the fairy house. These will be sent home at the end of term.

In Maths we are developing our place value skills up to 100. We are partitioning numbers and writing them in digits and words. If you could practise this at home that would be great. In Science we are learning all about materials this term and will be doing some experiments to test different materials.

Reading books are similar to last year, three reads and change your book. If you could read as much as possible with your child that would be great, please remember to sign their reading diary when you have read with them.

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. It will be getting cooler later in the term so worth thinking about a warmer PE kit as we will still be going outside even if it is cold.

Happy week one!
Year two team



## Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been wonderful to welcome the children into Year 3 and see how positively they have settled into their new classroom routines. We have been extremely pleased with the adjustments they have been making to the increased expectations of Key Stage 2. The children have shown great enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

We have also been very impressed with the quality and creativity of the Stone Age homework projects that have been brought in so far. It is clear that a lot of time, effort and enthusiasm has gone into these tasks, and the children have enjoyed sharing their work with their classmates.

**English**

This week, we have been focusing on becoming familiar with our new writing books and the high standards we will be aiming for throughout Year 3. The children have worked hard to present their learning neatly and take pride in their written work.

**Maths**

In Maths, we have started our new unit on **Place Value**. The children have been exploring numbers and developing their understanding of their value and position. We have also begun practising our times tables, which will be an important focus throughout the year.

**Reading**

In Reading, we have been assessing the children's reading levels on our new reading scheme. This process will continue next week to ensure that every child is reading books that are both appropriate and enjoyable for them.

**Reminders**

- **PE days are Monday and Thursday.** Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days.
- We highly recommend that children bring in a healthy **fruit snack** to enjoy during morning playtime.
- Please continue to encourage regular reading at home, as this makes a huge difference to children's progress and confidence.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to working together to make this a successful and enjoyable year for all of the children.

**Kind regards,**
**Mr Macdonald, Mrs Hacker and Mrs Hull.**

## Y4— Penguins and Puffins

We have had an amazing start to Year 4. We have been thoroughly impressed with the effort and determination so many of the children are showing and it is paying off in some wonderful work.

As you may be aware, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

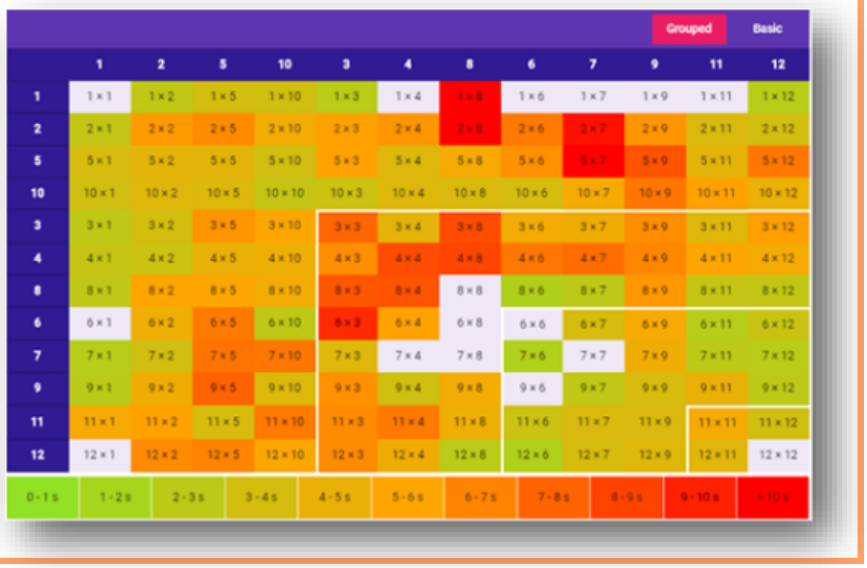
Today we have launched our second TT Rock Stars competition. We will have prizes for the Year 4 children who have put the most effort into their TT Rock Stars this week and for the children who have got themselves even closer to Going Green on their heat maps. Congratulations to Penguins who won the first battle of the bands! They will have their prize at the start of next week.

Current advice says that spending just 5 minutes a day working TT Rock Stars will be enough for children to learn all of their times tables by the end of Year 4. Please support this at home by encouraging and rewarding your child for spending time learning their times tables.

As a reminder, home learning is due in on Wednesday and the spelling test for each week's words will be on Thursday. (There will be variance in this while classes are doing swimming.)

Have a great weekend,

Year 4 team



## Y5— Flamingos and Emus

It has been a brilliant week in year 5! It has been lovely to see the children back and they have certainly hit the ground running. The quality of work that flamingos and emus have produced has been excellent.

It was lovely to see so many of our children apply themselves to their homework over the summer and we took some time during our week to showcase presentations, posters and information booklets.

In Maths, we have started our place value unit where we are covering ordering and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000. Alongside this, year 5 have also been applying methods to adding and subtracting larger numbers including 100,000.

In English, we have been covering some of our fundamentals such as punctuation, standard English and handwriting. Next week, we will look to delve deeper into our new class text - Nyangara.

In DT, the children have been learning about nightlights. Next week, we will look to design and begin to think about constructing their own light.

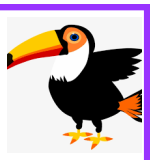
Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday - please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Thank you for your patience as we move children onto the new book levels. They should now have a new levelled book with their reading record.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Dineen and Mr MacDonald

## Y6— Toucans and Eagles



Welcome back, Year 6! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome you all to Year 6 for your last year of primary school. We are really looking forward to the year ahead; it is going to be a great one! You have worked very hard over the last two weeks. It can sometimes feel a bit daunting starting a new year group's curriculum but you have adapted to it like pros.

We have really enjoyed getting to know you all over the past few weeks. Whilst we know it can be challenging to get back into the school routine (even for the grown ups!), we also know how important Year 6 is in terms of learning and secondary readiness. We have noticed some children are requiring very frequent toilet trips and bottle refills during lessons. We appreciate your support in reinforcing the message of refilling bottles and using the toilet during breaks and lunch wherever possible please. Please do let us know if your child has a need in this area and we will of course make reasonable adjustments.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value, including reading and writing numbers to 10,000,000. In English, we have been learning our new Talk for Writing text: The Caravan. Year 6 were fantastic with creating actions and generating some exciting vocabulary for setting description. We have started our R.E. unit for this term: Sikhism. We have learned about different religious groups and symbols. We have also enjoyed sharing our Home Learning projects with our peers and have also continued reading our year group story: Holes, which links to the project.

P.E. will be on Wednesdays and Fridays this term. Children may wear their P.E. kits on those days. A reminder please that leggings and cycle shorts are not part of St. Peter's school uniform or P.E kit. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about uniform expectations.

And finally- the time is getting near! A camp meeting will be happening on Monday 28th September where we will be able to answer any questions you have (hopefully!) A letter will go out with a request for emergency contact and medical information. Prompt return of these would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Team Year 6 (Eagles and Toucans Class)
Mrs Rudge, Miss Foster, Miss Trapnell and Miss Hopkins