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St Peter's C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start with saying a huge thank you to all of our staff who led the Y6 residential camp at PGL Liddington. Without staff freely volunteering their time, our pupils would not have experienced a whole world of new and exciting opportunities that were afforded to them whilst on camp. Thank you all. The pupils were wonderful and all returned safely, full of exciting memories, but we did have a few tired heads and yawns of exhaustion on Thursday morning.

Parents Evenings are next week on Tuesday and Thursday (Miss Elliott from Puffins class is on Monday and Tuesday) 3:40 - 6:30pm. The meetings are held in the infant hall (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and the Junior Hall (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6). It really is important that you attend so that you can find out how your child has settled in and celebrate in their successes. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

On the theme of looking forward, can I remind you there is still time to secure those firework tickets for our Fireworks Event on November 4th. Tickets can be bought here St Peter's Church of England Primary School PSFA

This is the final newsletter of the term and next week please remember we are shut to pupils on Friday 24th October for staff inset day.

If I do not see you all next week or at our Headteachers T1 Awards next Thursday, please do have a wonderful half term.

Kindest regards

Matt Stannard
Headteacher

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General Election and Pupil Parliament

Today we have held our General Election so that we can vote for our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The pupils are all very excited and very much looking forward to casting their vote and the final count. A huge congratulations to our three candidates standing for election, Kalia L in Y4, Eliza C in Y6 and Tamsin B in Y6. We are all immensely proud of you.

Aspens and New Menu

Aspens will be taking over the role of School Catering provider from Chartwells across the city after the half term holiday. We may experience a few hiccups along the way but we will work alongside Aspens to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. The new menu is already available on Parent Pay and is attached to this weeks newsletter.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your wonderful donations. These will make a huge difference to our local food bank and will ensure families in need and experiencing food poverty are not without. Your support is hugely appreciated. As a school, we will be heading off to Church on Monday for our annual Harvest Festival celebration.

Remembrance Service

Year 6 have been invited to attend a remembrance service at the Bishopsworth British Royal Legion on November 7th and will read poems, pay our respects to the fallen and read out the roll of honour. Our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister will also be laying a wreath as a mark of respect. As a school, House Captains will be selling poppies during the week of November 3rd - November 7th , suggested donations are between £1.00 - £2.00.

Secondary Admissions

To all our Y6 parents and carers please do not forget to complete your secondary admissions application. The deadline for all applications is 31st October. Apply for a new year 7 secondary school place

Termly Planners and PE Kit

Next week we will send out the T2 Termly planners so as parents and carers you are informed on the new learning and experiences planned for the term ahead. For Y1-Y6 parents it will also state the days for PE, so that your child comes to school in PE kit. I have attached a copy of the letter sent to parents earlier this term for reference. PE Changing and Procedures 2025

ST PETERS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL FIREWORK DISPLAY

Tickets are still on SALE!!

Join Us for a Spectacular Night of Fireworks!
St Peter's C of E Primary School Firework display
Date: Tuesday 4th November 2025
Time: Gates open at 5pm, Fireworks at 6:45pm
Location: Ellfield Road, St Peter's C of E Primary School

Get ready for a night full of fun, food, and fantastic fireworks! The St Peter's C of E Primary School PSFA is excited to invite families, friends, and community members to our annual Fireworks Night — a dazzling evening that helps support our school and brings everyone together.

What's in Store?

- A stunning fireworks display with Skyburst
- Bar
- Delicious food & drink stalls
- Music, glow sticks, and more!

Tickets:
Adults/ child over 12: £5.00
Children age 4 to 11yrs : £4.00
Family Ticket: £15.00
Children under 3 are free but must have a ticket
Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

Book tickets here https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspsfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=104513#

All proceeds go towards enriching school programs and resources for our pupils!
Grab your tickets early to avoid disappointment

We could still do with a few more volunteers to help at the event. Please sign up to volunteer here for fire-works. All stalls will close at 6:30pm to allow our volunteers, to enjoy the display with their loved ones. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=upvxz4in4ECyCgn1UtlUxy4yfKC0LGtOpT3IKf2-V71UNDlaNk5BN0IwWDJLRTY5QzlFSFlNUzhCMS4u

Coming soon..... Party Peeps are back..... Please save the date for our KS1 and KS2 Christmas Discos. Thursday 4th December 2025. Watch out for further announcements on ticket sales and volunteer sign-up sheets.

ATTENTION ALL YEAR 6 PARENT/CARERS

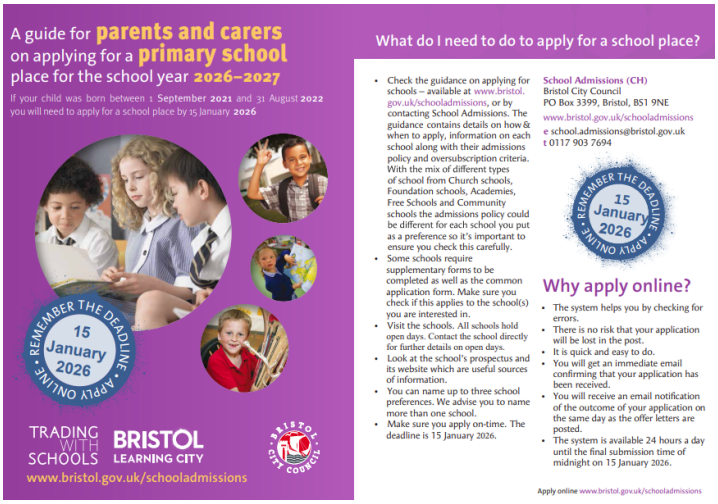
You can now apply for your child's secondary school for September 2026, this will need to be done through the Bristol City Council website. The deadline to apply is **31st October 2025**.

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.

Please also attached a copy of the poster

SEPTEMBER 2026 RECEPTION ADMISSIONS



You can now apply for your child's reception school place at St Peter's for September 2026, this will need to be done through the Bristol City Council website. The deadline to apply is **15th January 2026**.

Here is the link to apply for a new reception primary place.
[Apply for a new reception primary place]

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

TESCO STRONGER STARTS
HELP TO PROVIDE A WOODEN SHELTER FOR OUR FOREST SCHOOL AREA

We're in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts. It's a scheme which gives community projects grants of up to £1,500. Tesco customers will now vote in store during the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026 to decide how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within store. You will receive one token per transaction.

Tesco Stronger Starts

Tesco Stronger Starts supports thousands of children's and young people's projects and good causes across the UK

Stronger Starts In partnership with

MEDICAL– Pain Relief

If your child requires pain relief, please administer it at home wherever possible, as the school only has a limited supply of emergency pain relief pain relief available.

Should your child need pain relief regularly during school hours, you will need to provide the medication and complete a medical form at the office.

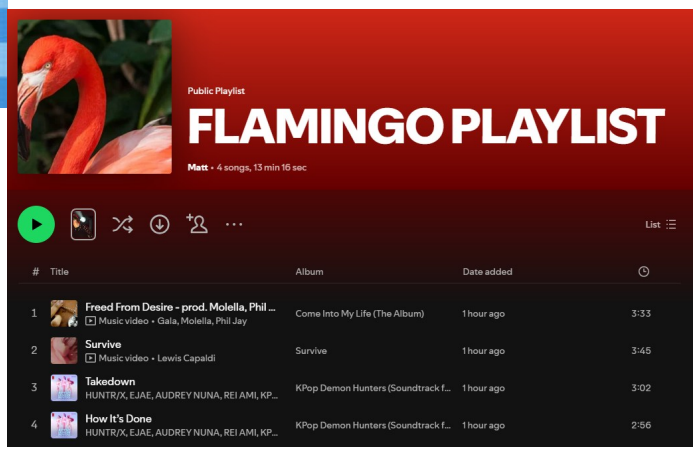
Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

JOB VACANCIES

SMSA—School Meals Supervisory Assistant - Eteach

ATTENDANCE AND ADMISSIONS OFFICER—Attendance and Admissions Officer - Eteach

WEEK 6'S POSH NOSH WINNERS & FRIDAY PLAYLIST



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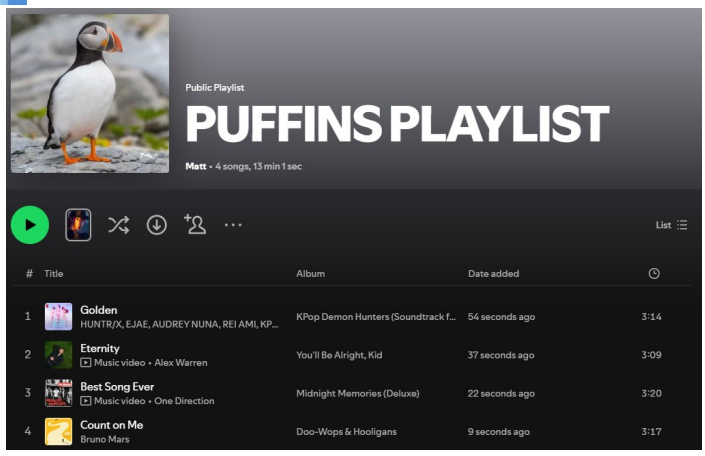
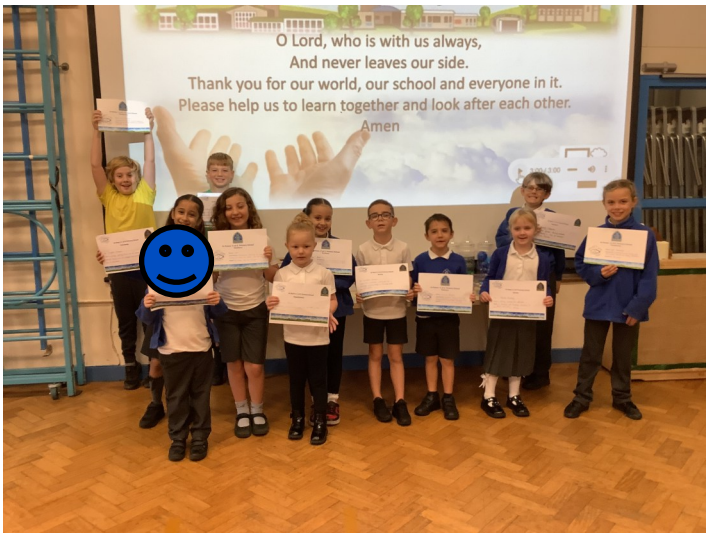


WEEK 6 & 7'S STAR'S OF THE WEEK

R Kookaburras	R Robins
Lyra C	Hallie R
Y1 Kingfishers	**Y1 Doves**
Nancy L	Raheem W
Y2 Kestrels	**Y2 Owls**
Eleanor S	Sharon O
Y3 Parrots	**Y3 Pelicans**
Adam L	Hallie B
Y4 Penguins	**Y4 Puffins**
Bambie B	Ellie-Louise L
Y5 Flamingos	**Y5 Emus**
Harvey C	Mary-Rose C
Y6 Toucans	**Y6 Eagles**
Emilia M	Maya B

R Kookaburras	R Robins
Rennon O	Tallulah R
Y1 Kingfishers	**Y1 Doves**
Koby L	Frank H
Y2 Kestrels	**Y2 Owls**
Maisie M	Harrison R
Y3 Parrots	**Y3 Pelicans**
Meryem D	Edith H
Y4 Penguins	**Y4 Puffins**
Frankie S	Nova R
Y5 Flamingos	**Y5 Emus**
Lyla K	Harry C
Y6 Toucans	**Y6 Eagles**
Arthur M	Calvin G



SPORTS

Silver for St. Peter's!

After four excellent weeks of tag rugby, St. Peter's entered the final week in high spirits. The children were excellent and finished an incredible 2nd place out of the 23 teams at the competition. Our blue team also impressed and had some great wins against other schools in the South Bristol area. Next up, basketball and athletics!

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 2025/26

Term 1	Tuesday 2nd September 2025 to Friday 24th October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3rd November 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 13th February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1st June 2026 to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

School will be closed for the following INSET days:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 29th June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

School will be closed for the following public holiday:

Monday 4th May 2026

NEWS FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH

There is so much happening across the St Peter's Campus! We have Sunday Services, Messy Church, Bubble Church, Coffee Pot, the Ark softplay, Bishopsworth Playgroup, and so much more!
Remember it is Bubble Church on Sunday! A relaxed service with puppets!!

You can book tickets for upcoming Church events on our Eventbrite page here: eventbrite

Book online here for our fantastic softplay, open 7 days a week: Ark Softplay

To find out more about what's on at the St Peter's Campus, just email the Church team at

outreach@stpetersbishopsworth.co.uk

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

stpeters.bishopsworth

BUBBLE CHURCH
bubblechurch.org

Messy Church

SAFEGUARDING

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.
- We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

NEWS FROM THE WINDMILL

Family Hubs Bristol
Children's Centres are now called Family Hubs and provide support for families with children up to 18 years old, or 25 if they have SEND. They also now run lots of courses online: https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-family-hubs/parenting-courses/online-parenting-courses

Community Learning Courses
Sadly, we will no longer be running the cookery course due to low numbers. Some fantastic recipes were had this week and last! Community Learning have a wide range of courses they could offer us. Pick up a survey at the office to register interest in certain courses and bring it back by half term if you'd like us to run a particular session.

Nursery—Ducklings

We have had a great few weeks in Nursery. We have started "Talk for Writing" and are learning to tell the story "It was a Cold, Dark Night" with actions.

On our creative table we made paper plate hedgehogs and pandas. We enjoyed making harvest collages, scooping out pumpkins, making marks in flour and painting in Autumn colours. We made some delicious flapjacks and ate them at snack time.

For Maths we practised sorting by colour and size. We sang 5 currant buns, counted how many buns were left, and used the word "fewer" to describe the amount. We showed the numbers on our fingers and with number cards. We are also learning to name and describe shapes including circles, rectangles, triangles and squares.

To help improve fine motor skills we have been using tweezers to pick up leaves and pom poms.
For "Word Aware" we used the words big, small, noisy and quiet.

In phonics are learning to hear the syllables in words and have been clapping the syllables in our names.

Outside we enjoyed going on an obstacle course, an Autumn walk and using the Key Stage One playground.

Please note that we are starting "Story Sessions" next week. This is when you can come to pick up 10 minutes early and come into our classroom to read your child a story. These will be held on the last week of every term. Next week they are on Monday at 3 pm and Friday at 3pm. Hope you can make it.

Please note that pick up on Wednesday for Set 1 is **11.20am**.

Please can you make sure that the children have spare clothes on their pegs.

Please can grapes be cut length ways in packed lunches.

Hope you have a super weekend!

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

This week we have been learning about rhyming words and nursery rhymes. We have learnt "Incy Wincy Spider" and created simple story maps. We have also looked at some different versions of Incy Wincy Spider – we have sent these home with the home learning this week so you can see them too!

In Maths, we have been learning to find one more using the story of The Gingerbread Man and we have been describing and continuing simple repeating patterns (e.g *red, blue, red, blue, red, blue* or *leaf, acorn, leaf, acorn, leaf, acorn*.)

We have been practising our songs ready to perform for you all and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday morning!

We had a great time celebrating being unique on Elmer Day and looking for signs of Autumn on our Autumn walk. We hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos on ILD.

PE Kit

We will start changing for PE after October half term. Please could you send in named PE kit (royal blue shorts, house colour t-shirt) in a named bag to stay on your child's peg.

Your child does not need trainers until the summer term.

Words

Each week we will have words we are focusing on. We will teach them and their meaning using a picture, an action and a song.

Last week our words were: **next to**

This week our words were: **rhyme, up, heavy, light**

Forest School

Our Forest school sessions will be continuing after half term. Please continue to send in joggers or leggings for your child to change into. It will start getting chillier so they will also need a hat and gloves.

Tuesday 21st October	Robins
Tuesday 4th November	Kookaburras
Tuesday 11th November	Robins

Dates for your diary;

Wednesday 22nd October – 9.10am Robins/Kookaburras Harvest Performance – come and watch us perform a story and a couple of Harvest songs in class!

Wednesday 22nd October – Robins / Kookaburras Parent Reading Meeting (after the Harvest Performance), stay and find out about how we teach children to read at St Peter's and in Reception.

Friday 24th October – School closed – INSET day

Have a lovely weekend!

The Reception Team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We have had such a fantastic week and cannot believe how fast the weeks have flown by! Thank you for all your Harvest Donations!

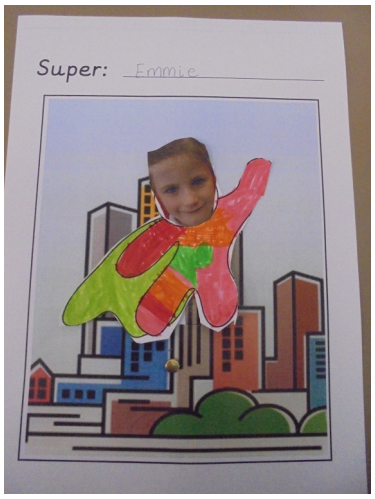
We have been learning all about owls in our English lessons and have been writing about their life cycles and what they eat.

We have been comparing numbers using greater than, less than, and equal to symbols. We have also practiced using number lines.

In DT, we finished our class book and evaluated our moving pictures this week. We worked hard to ensure that we stuck to the designs that we planned. We are so excited to start reading our book at story time.

Just a reminder that after the school holidays, children are to wear PE kits into school on PE days.
Our PE days are **Tuesday and Thursday.**

Thank you,
We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Y2— Owls and Kestrels

As we approach the end of term, we are taking the time to reflect on the brilliant beginning to the school year that all of our children have had. They have worked hard and all of them have grown in independence and resilience. We are looking forward to showing you their progress at next week's Parent Evenings. Please make sure that you have booked a slot or talked to the class teacher to make other arrangements.

In English, we have written independent reports about Dragons, using the knowledge of the genre that we have learned over the last few weeks. We have looked at different nonfiction openers and focussed on conjunctions and the presentation of our work.

In Maths, we have continued to develop our mental strategies for addition and subtraction using bonds to the nearest 10. The children with the most success are those who know their pairs to 10 and 20. This week's homework is to practice these pairs.

The children have been very excited to finish making their puppets. Next week, they will evaluate their finished product against their original designs.

We had further fun this week investigating the magnetic properties of materials and exploring maps.

Thank you for all of the harvest donations. Although year 2's colour is yellow, we will of course accept all donations and pass them on to the relevant team.

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 2 team

Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

As we close in on the end of term, the children are still working extremely hard and making all of us proud at St. Peter's.

In maths, the children have moved on from using manipulatives and are now using more formal methods for addition and subtraction. Check out the fantastic level of presentation from our books below!

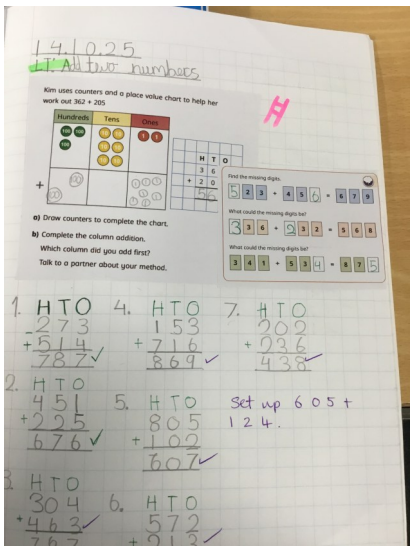
In English, the children have finished their shared innovation and are now focussing on upleveling and editing their work. We have been focussing on punctuation for speech and synonyms for more powerful vocabulary. It's been great to see the children using quotations, questions for the reader, fronted adverbials, sentences of 3 and direct speech in their work. Ask your child what each toolkit feature is and how they use them in their writing.

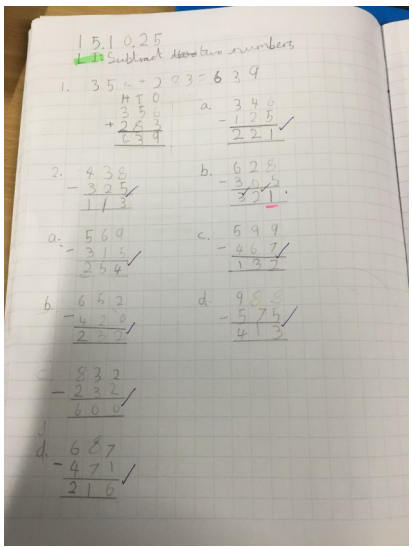
In PE, year 3 have been progressing to full tag rugby games where they are now incorporating all of their understanding of attacking and defending into a game situation. In science, we took part in an investigation in our light unit. The children used range of objects and torches to investigate how to change the size and length of shadows.

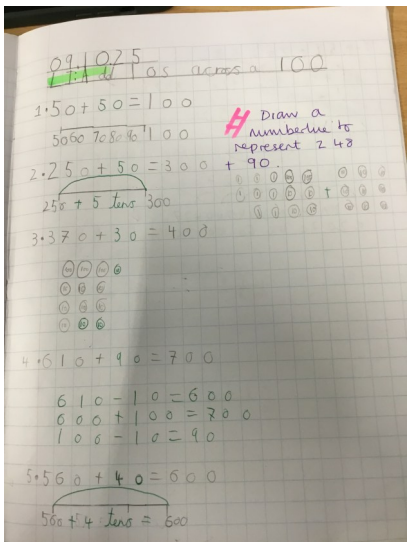
Date reminders:

- Parent evenings on Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October.
- INSET day on Friday 24th October.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Macdonald, Mrs Torrington & Mrs Hacker







Y4— Penguins and Puffins

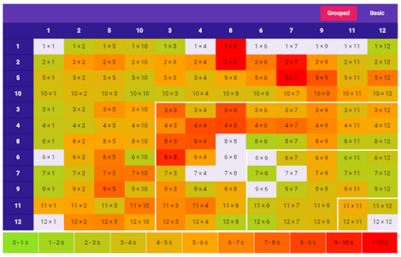
It's been a wonderful week in Penguins and Puffins! We're so proud of the determination and resilience many of the children have shown—it's clearly shining through in the fantastic work they are producing, particularly with their writing!

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.

We're really impressed with the effort the children have dedicated to TT Rock Stars this week. They've been practicing consistently, and it's wonderful to see their hard work paying off as their skills continue to improve!

Current advice says that spending just 3 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.

This week in science, we reviewed and refreshed our understanding of how sound is produced. The children engaged enthusiastically, explore vibrations and how they create different sounds.



Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child with their homework last week. Just a reminder; homework will be set every Friday, due in on Wednesday, with the weekly spelling test taking place on Thursday.

It is always helpful if you could encourage and support your child with reading at home. Remember, your child can also write in their reading records—it doesn't always have to be you!

Thank you for your generous Harvest Festival donations. Both our school and the wider community truly appreciate your kindness.

This term, Miss Elliott and Mr Mac will be out on class on Thursdays.

Reminders and key information:

- Please ensure your child is following our school uniform policy and does not bring in fashion or costume jewellery and/or smart watches which take pictures and/or have games on.
- From next term (term 2), please send your child into school already in their PE kits on PE days. If there are any issues with PE kits, please speak to Mr Mac or Miss Elliott.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Wishing you a joyful and relaxing weekend ahead!

Mr Mac and Miss Elliott

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

Emus and Flamingos have had another great week in Year 5! The children have begun lots of new learning and flamingos have impressed all teachers with their swimming this week.

In maths this week we have started a new topic of multiplication and division. Year 5 are becoming great mathematicians by impressing us with their times table knowledge.

We have started a new discussion text unit, focusing on debate and oracy skills. Our first topic explores 'screen time for children'. This topic has encouraged children to share their thoughts and listen to different viewpoints. It's a great way to develop their oracy and confidence when sharing ideas.

History has been interesting for year 5 this week! They have been learning about 'Why did the Maya Civilisation fail?' this question has sparked lots of curiosity for the children and developed their debating skills.

In our science lessons, the children have been dissecting a flower, to explore the different parts of a flower and understand how each part functions in plant reproduction. In term of our French lesson, year 5 have begun learning about different places to visit and numbers within 100.

In music, the children have been playing the Glockenspiel and learning how to compose simple pieces of music. This ties into our Hindustani music unit, where they are exploring different sounds and rhythms using Raggs and taals.

In PE, year 5 have been putting their new tag rugby skills and techniques into practice by taking part in a class tag rugby tournament, where the children worked fantastically as a team. Also, the children have created their own team building game and had the opportunity to teach their game to the class. As well as PE, Flamingos have been great this week during their swimming lessons by showing good listening skills and confidence in the pool.

What a fab week in year 5!

Mr Hearn and Miss Dineen

Y6— Toucans and Eagles

Well what an amazing week! As you will know, this week we took our brave and intrepid year sixes away on their residential. We had an action-packed week: from raft building to trapeze, giant swing to silent disco, it really was an unforgettable experience. We are so proud of the pupils' resilience and determination, as well as how brilliantly they demonstrated our St. Peter's values. I'm sure their tired faces on Wednesday told you how much fun they had! We had a picture slideshow on our Year 6 open morning today.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff that attended camp. Without teachers and support staff volunteering their time, memorable moments such as camp simply wouldn't be possible. I'm sure you will join us in thanking the school staff and PGL staff that made this such a fantastic experience.

For the rest of this week, we have been (gently!) easing back into the curriculum. We have written a diary entry about our experiences at camp and refreshed our arithmetic skills. Next week, we will continue our learning on the four operations and complete a short poetry unit.

If you have not already done so, please book a parents' evening appointment for next week. We have completed a set of mock SATs and are keen to share your child's progress with you.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend,
Team Year 6.

2026/27 TERM DATES

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

School will be closed for the following INSET days:

- Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Friday 4th September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 28th June 2027

School will be closed for the following public holiday:

Monday 31st May 2027