A World of Opportunities

St Peter's C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2, I hope all of our pupils and families had an enjoyable half term holiday and well earned rest, despite the rather wet conditions. Apologies for the postponement of the fireworks event, we were all looking forward to another great evening, but with the wind conditions varying, we were informed by Skyburst there was a risk we could go ahead and potentially not be able to let off the fireworks based on the weather conditions at that time. Therefore, to avoid huge disappointment, it was felt rescheduling to December 12th for a Christmas Firework display was a more sensible option. Tickets are still valid and for anyone who would like a refund, please see upcoming communications from the PSFA. Tickets are now on sale again **here** for the rescheduled event.

Please do make sure that you have read the Term 2 Overview for the year groups that your child is in. These not only give you a good insight into what is planned for the term, but they also tell you the days for PE that your child in Y1-Y6 needs to come to school wearing their PE kit. You can find them here on our website:
Term_2_Curriculum_Overviews_2025.pdf

Can I also ask all our parents and carers to follow us on Facebook.
This is a great way to keep up to date with all the news and exciting events that happen at St Peter's.

Kindest regards,
Matt Stannard
Headteacher

Reception Admissions 2026 and Open Evening

Parents and Carers are invited to our opening Evening for new Reception intake September 2026, starting in the Infant Hall at 5:30pm on Wednesday 12th November. It would be lovely to see any prospective parents there and we welcome you all to pop along and join us for a guided tour.

Remembrance

On the 11th of November we will be holding our own two minute silence as a mark of respect for fallen heroes in the many conflicts that British armed services people have lost their lives. We will continue to sell poppies next week at break times for pupils to donate to the poppy appeal. Our Y6 pupils attended the Remembrance Service at the Royal British Legion this morning to pay our respects, reading some wonderful poems and reading the roll of honour for lost loved ones.

Anti Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti- Bullying week, and we will kick off the start of the week with odd socks day, to celebrate difference. Children will join me on Monday for Collective Worship on the theme of "The Power of Good" and will engage on PSHE sessions across the course of the week to ensure pupils understand how to deal with bullying and how this is unacceptable behaviour (red choices).

Children in Need—Friday 14th November 2025

On Friday we will celebrating and supporting Children in Need 2025. We are asking firstly that pupils come to school in spotty clothes or suitable cosy pyjamas and footwear (not slippers). You will be asked to make a voluntary contribution via Parent Pay—Children in need 2025 of £1.00 per pupil or you can bring your cash into class to give to your class teacher.

We are also asking for pupils to bring in spare coins, 1p and 2p and 5p to help us make a "Penny Pudsey" on the Playground!!

Save Money

Potential saving of £495

LUNCHTIME FREE MEAL

Healthy, nutritious and freshly made daily

EVERY child in Reception Year 1 & 2 can have a **FREE** school lunch.

Please contact reception for details

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

ST PETERS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL FIREWORK DISPLAY

St Peter's Fireworks Night – New Date Announced!
Great news! Following the difficult decision to postpone our fireworks event this week, we're thrilled to confirm a **new date: Friday 12th December 2025**.

Join us for an evening of fireworks, festive fun, and family cheer! There will be a **bar, hot food van, refreshments**, and plenty of **glow** for sale.

Gates open: 5:00pm
Fireworks display: 6:45pm
Tickets:

- Adults – £5
- Children – £4

Family (2 adults + 2 children) – £15

All previously purchased tickets are still valid for the new date, and **tickets are back on sale now!**
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspsfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=104513

If you're unable to make the new date, please email **psfa@stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk** to arrange a refund. We kindly ask you to do this as soon as possible so we can plan accurately for attendance.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCOS—PARTY PEEPS ARE BACK!

Get ready to dance! Party Peeps return to bring the festive fun to St Peter's for our children-only Christmas discos.

Thursday 4th December
KS1 (Reception, Year 1, Year 2): 4:30–5:30pm. Follow this link for tickets: **https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspsfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107431**

KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6): 5:45–6:45pm. Follow this link for tickets: **https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspsfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107435**

Tickets: £4 per child (includes a drink and snack). Optional tuck shop for sweet treats – please bring 50p–£1 if you'd like to buy extra.

Children must attend the correct disco for their year group. Tickets are on sale now!

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP—FOR THE GROWN UPS!

Get into the festive spirit and join **Sarah** for a cosy, creative evening making your very own Christmas wreath to take home and display proudly!

When: **Wednesday 3rd December, 4:30–6:00pm**
Where: **St Peter's C of E Primary School – Infant Hall**
Price: **£30 per person (all materials included)**

Perfect for beginners and seasoned crafters alike, this guided workshop is a chance to unwind, learn some floral design tips, and enjoy a relaxed evening in good company.

Ages 12+ welcome (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)
Limited spaces – book early to avoid disappointment! https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspsfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107441

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We'd love your help to make these events a success! Please click the volunteer links below to sign up and lend a hand. Every bit of support makes a big difference.

To volunteer for the Christmas Disco, follow this link Christmas Disco 2025 Volunteer sign up sheet – Fill in form

To volunteer for the Festive Fireworks, follow this link New Date - Fireworks 2025 Volunteer sign up - New Date – Fill in form

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 web-site. 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

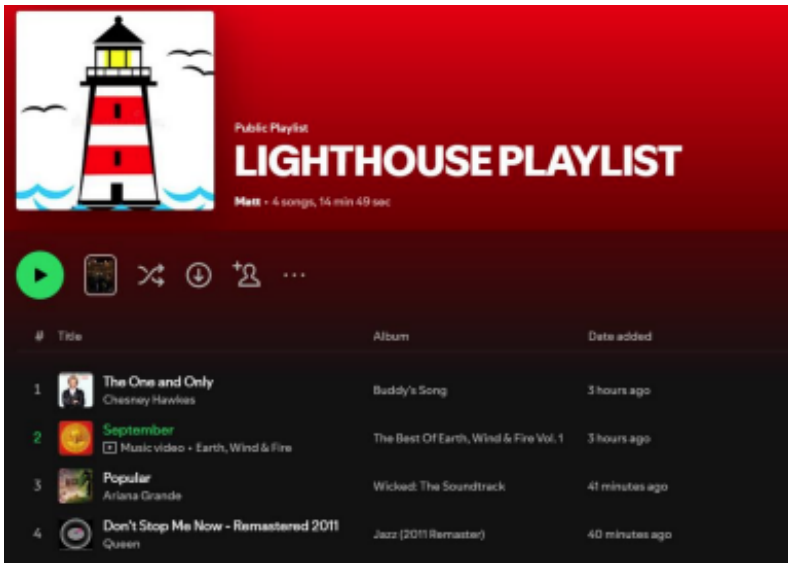
MEDICAL– Pain Relief

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.

TERM 2 WEEK 1'S FRIDAY PLAYLIST



TERM 1 WEEK 8'S FRIDAY PLAYLIST

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Anti Bullying Week Monday 10th-Friday 14th November 2025
Odd Socks Day Monday 10th November 2025
Children in Need Friday 14th November 2025
Children's Mental Health Week Monday 9th—13th February 2026
World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2026
Red Nose Day Friday 21st March 2026
KS2 SATs Monday 11th—Friday 15th May 2026
Phonics Screening W/C Monday 8th June 2026
Health Week W/C Monday 6th July 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 soft play, Bishopsworth Playgroup, and so much more!

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

Book online here for our fantastic soft play, 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

NEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

On Wednesday 18th Of November, we will have our school Nurse available to meet with you. There is no need to book an appointment, please come along to the staff room in the infant building from 9am. Alison is able to offer support on a number of issues and concerns including anxiety, toileting, eating and sleep. This is an informal drop in, everybody is welcome.

If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please come along to one of our parent drop-ins.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

When....18th November 2025 9-10.00am

Where..... St Peter's C/E Primary School

You can contact School Nurse Support Line 0300 125 6277

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more about our service.

Service provided by Sirona care & health

SAFEGUARDING

Anti-bullying Week 2025, Power For Good – Parent and Carer Webinar—Link here

UNIQUE VOICE

Nursery—Ducklings

This week in Nursery we have been learning the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and we made caterpillar collages. We have been singing the song "There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a leaf."

For Maths we have using the words - behind, next to, inside, and under.

In Phonics we looked at photos and videos of fireworks and made the different sounds they make. We also made some fantastic firework collages on our creative table.

For PSHE we discussed families- how all families are different and who lives in our homes.
Next week on Tuesday set one can come to Nursery dressed up for Children in Need. Set two can come in dressed up on Friday. Full time children can dress up on both days if they would like.

On Monday children can wear odd socks for "Anti-Bullying Week"

Christmas Singalong

This is planned for Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th December at 2.30. Please come to Nursery to sing a few Christmas songs with us and make a Christmas craft.

Have a fantastic weekend,
The Nursery Team.

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

This week we have started to explore our new topic 'Off we go' by going on an imaginary journey in our hot air balloon! In Maths, we have been learning about number four and looking at triangles and squares. In Literacy, we have been looking at different modes of transport to label and learning about the features of a non-fiction book. We have also been discussing why we celebrate Bonfire night.

<u>This Term's Topic – Off we go!</u>

This term our topic is 'Off we go'. We will learn about different transport and places close to home and all over the world.

Please can your child bring in a picture of their favourite place or type of transport, it can be a photo or a drawing and can be bought into school or sent via ILD anytime next week.

<u>Words</u>

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.

This week our words were: **behind** and **in front**

<u>PE Kit</u>

A reminder that we are changing for PE this 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. ***<u>Your child does not need trainers until the summer term.</u>***

<u>Forest School</u>

Please continue to send in joggers or leggings for your child to change into. It is starting to get chillier so they will also need a hat and gloves.

Tuesday 11th November	Robins
Tuesday 17th November	Kookaburras
Tuesday 24th November	Robins
Tuesday 2nd December	Kookaburras

Dates for your diary :

Reception Stay and Watch Phonics – Tuesday 18th November (9am-9.30am) and Thursday 20th November (9am – 9.30am). You have been sent a separate email about this with a link to sign up to attend a session. You will be emailed confirmation of the date of your session.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Reception Team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We have had such a busy first week back! Thank you so much for all your reading over half term.

On Monday, we went litter picking around the school as part of our wellbeing morning and enjoyed looking at all the fallen leaves around the field at the same time.

This week we had an alien crash landing in our playground! We looked for clues to figure out what had caused such a mess and decided that it must be Beegu! We have been busy sequencing the story in our English lessons and learning actions for the story.

Just a reminder to please put reading books and reading records in the boxes outside of your classroom each morning as we need them in school each day. Thank you to the majority that remembered to wear PE kits into school this week. Just a reminder that this is every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Dark joggers will be needed as we go into winter.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Year 1 team

Y2— Owls and Kestrels

Welcome to term 2! The children have returned full of enthusiasm for the new term and they have already wowed us with their learning.

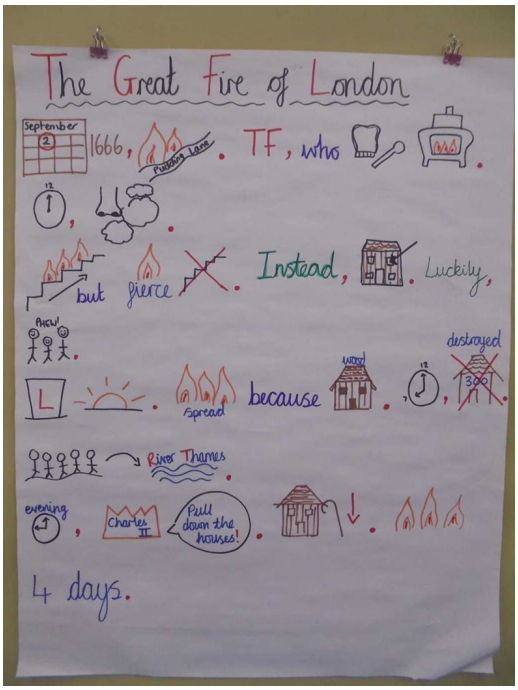
We started the week by making firework safety posters after discussing rules about how to stay safe around fire. We then discovered why we commemorate firework night and who the main characters were from the Gunpowder Plot. In English, we have learned about the great fire of London and we have written questions to ask Samuel Pepys, who will be visiting us next week.

Maths has been challenging this week, as we have started to add 2 digit numbers together by exchanging ones for a ten. The children have been amazingly resilient and we are proud of how hard they have worked.

The new term is filled with exciting opportunities including weekly visits from Bristol City football coaches and baking bread, so please make sure that your child is in school as much as possible.

The children have been given their new reading levels and they will be assessed again at the end of this term. Many of them are making huge progress and this is due to all of the reading opportunities that they are given both at school and at home.

Many thanks,
Year 2 team



Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a brilliant break and are ready to hit the ground running in term 2. Please do remember to send your child in with their reading book and record book.

In maths, the children are busy at work consolidating their addition and subtraction work. They have been exchanging and carrying within their calculations and applying their new methods to problem solving and reasoning questions.

In English, we have learnt our new text 'Scarlett and the Spy'. The children have been busy retelling using actions, learning about the new vocabulary as well as structuring a suspense toolkit. In geography, we have introduced our new unit of Towns, villages and cities and we have begun our new PE units of invasion games and dance.

Reminder: Parents evening for Parrot class will be Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November. These will be held in the parrot's classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 3 team

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

As you know we are going on our trip Caerleon on Friday 12th December. We are looking for some parents volunteers to join us on the trip. If you are interested, please let Mr Mac or Miss Elliott know through speaking with them at the class door or emailing the school office.

It's been a fantastic start to term 2 in Year 4! It's been lovely to see so many smiling faces returning to school, eager to learn and catch up with friends. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm and positivity as they dive into their new learning. It's going to be a busy and exciting term ahead, and we can't wait to see all the wonderful progress they make!

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 over the half term. 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 English, we have started learning our new warning story 'keep off the tracks'. The children have been so enthusiastic and committed to learning the actions along with the story.

In Maths, we have moved onto our new topic of *measurement area*. The children have enjoyed exploring how to calculate and compare different spaces with growing confidence.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child with their homework over half term. 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!

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.
- Please send your child into school already in their PE kits on PE days (**Monday** and **Friday**). If there are any issues with PE kits, please speak to Mr Mac or Miss Elliott.

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

Year 5 has had a fantastic first week back after half term; we have started all our new units and are off to a flying start. In English, the children have started a new 'suspense' unit this term and our text focus is going to be 'The Red Eye', so far, the children have loved the spooky, suspenseful learning and have impressed their teachers with ability to build tenson in their writing.

In Maths, we have begun fractions which is challenging but exciting. In RE, we worked diligently at finding clues in the story of Jesus that prove to Christians that he is their messiah! We used the opening of Matthew and Luke's gospels to find that Jesus was born in Bethlehem and was related to King David. Both of these were qualities that the messiah was prophesied to be!

In computing we have started to find out about Vector Drawing (creating digital drawing using shapes.) We are using Google Draw to do this.

In PE we have started our invasion game unit of basketball and our dance unit and creating dances according to our solar system.

In Science we have begun looking at the solar system and space for our new unit this term, the children have started off by sorting science statements about space!

In Geography our new unit is Biomes, and we started off by understanding what earths biomes are.

Reminder that Emus first swimming session will be on Monday the 24/11/25 Please can children come to school in uniform and will change at the leisure centre.

Miss Dineen and Mr Hearn

Y6— Toucans and Eagles

Welcome back to Term 2, year 6! It has been great to see you dive head first into your learning.

This week, we have been continuing our work on the four operations. We have also started booster sessions; this week we've looked at percentages. In writing, we have started a new unit: discussions. This has given us the perfect opportunity to focus on Oracy.

Oracy is going to be an area of focus for us as a school over the year. Year 6 pupils are already impressing us with their use of 'Talk Tactics'.

We have also started our new P.E. unit, Dance, which links to our History unit on World War Two. Eagles have also started their swimming sessions. Please can pupils in Eagles bring pyjamas/a t-shirt and joggers to the next sessions, in order to be prepared for the water safety element.

Today, Year 6 have visited the British Legion in Bishopsworth as part of their Remembrance events. We were very impressed with the respect shown, art work created and beautiful poems that we wrote at the end of last term.

Next week, we have rather a lot of events!

These are as follows:
Monday- Odd socks day for Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday- Papaya are running sessions throughout the day for Y5 and 6 on Online Safety
Friday- Children in Need. Please see separate information about this.

Many thanks for your continued support,
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