NEWSLETTER

Term 2
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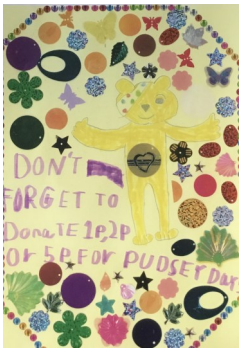
A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks at St Peter's C of E Primary. Please see below some of the key events and things to look out for.

Attendance - Keep it up St Peter's!
You may have seen in the news recently that all schools are being set National Attendance Targets, ours being 94.4% for 2025/2026. As a school in the last 2 years, our school attendance has significantly improved, and current attendance rates stand at 95.7%, which is in line with the National Average. Attendance is hugely important; our pupils flourish and thrive when they attend regularly, and consistent and persistent absence does have a huge impact on the progress our pupils make. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our pupils come to school daily and are best prepared for the future.

Children in Need
Thank you to our whole school community who helped raise money for Children in Need last week. It was a lovely day, despite the rather biblical weather, and the pupils did an amazing job with their loose change donations. A big shout out to our house captains for creating the Penny Pudsey and also to Thea in Kookaburras who came up with the idea of the Pyjama theme non uniform. The pupils all had a great day, and we were even graced with a surprise visit from Pudsey at the end of the day before they headed to BBC HQ and the live show that evening. I am pleased to say that as a school we raised a grand total of £393.83, including £232.75 from the "Penny Pudsey." Thank you all.



Christmas Dates
Hopefully you will all have received a letter regarding dates for the diary in relation to Christmas performances. This year we are very excited that we can host the Y1/Y2 and Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6 events in the church. More details about the events will be shared with parents as we near the festive season.

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st.peters.p@bristol-schools.uk
https://www.stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk/
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Ofsted Good Provider

Y5 and Y6 Girls Football Team:
Mr MacDonald and the Y5/Y6 girls football team headed off to the Football finals and I am pleased to say they returned to St Peter's as Bristol Champions, meaning they are now through to the South West Regional Finals in Gloucester. What an achievement, we are super proud of our amazing pupils.

Reception Admissions:
It is still not too late to book yourself on a guided tour for Reception September 2026 intake. The deadline for applications is the 15th January 2026. Please do not miss this deadline, otherwise you are very unlikely to be offered any school place that would be your school of preference. To our Nursery parents, please make sure you applied for St Peter's as although you have a place at our Nursery, you still need to apply through Bristol City Council. The link to apply is here:
https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply

Livvy Library Bus update:
Although it may appear not a lot has been done, it has taken a huge effort to secure donations and funding from the Diocese to make this project viable. I am pleased to say that the electric works have been secured and work commences in January, including lighting, heating and air conditioning. I would also like to thank Mr Daniel Wheeler, one of our parents, for donating his time in stripping out the unwanted seats.

I am really pleased to announce that Mr Ryan Ball from SW Upholstery has agreed to donate for free their time and expertise to start to reupholster and embroider our seats in St Peter's Blue. This is a huge undertaking and we are immensely grateful to SW Upholstery for helping our community project, thank you. What we now need is any interested carpenters who are able to donate time to create the bookshelves for the bus early in the new year, so if you are willing to help please drop me an email using the school email account **st.peters.p@bristol-schools.uk**

Home Learning and Phonics / Reading
Year groups set Home Learning every Friday, linked to the learning in class and the curriculum being taught. Please continue to support your child with home learning, phonics and Daily reading from their reading books. It really does support our pupils in the progress they make.

Have a great weekend,

Kind regards,
Matt Stannard
Headteacher

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.

Please click the link below to view the weekly attendance for week ending 13/11/25 & 20/11/25 -
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Weekly_attendance_ending_20th_November_2025.pdf

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

CHRISTMAS DATES

Please see the dates below for your diaries regarding the Christmas performances and events in school. More details will follow, but this enables parents and carers to book dates in and ensure your availability.

As you can see, this year we will be heading over to St Peter's Church for some of our Christmas Services. We have not been able to do this for a number of years and it will be lovely to welcome our families to join in the Christmas celebrations at the Church. Space is limited and we ask that a maximum of two parents / carers / relatives attend per performance.

Events:

Christmas Dinners KS2: (Christmas Jumpers for Pupils and Staff)	**Tuesday 9th December**
Christmas Dinners N/R & KS1: (Christmas Jumpers for Pupils and Staff)	**Wednesday 10th December**
Class Christmas Parties:	Nursery (Mon-Wed) - **Monday 15th December (pm)** Nursery(Wed-Fri)/Reception/KS1/KS2 - **Friday 19th December (pm)**

Performances:

All performances during the last two weeks of term, commencing **Monday 8th December**.

Nursery – Christmas songs and craft activity	**Monday 8th December 2:00pm / Friday 12th December 2:00pm**
Reception – Nativity	**Tuesday 9th December 9:15am and 2:30pm (Infant Hall)**
Year 1 & Year 2 – Christmas Service	**Tuesday 16th December 9:30am and 2:15pm (Church)**
Year 5 & Year 6 – Christmas Carol Service	**Wednesday 17th December 9:30am (Church)**
Year 3 & Year 4 – Christmas Carol Service	**Thursday 18th December 2:15pm (Church)**

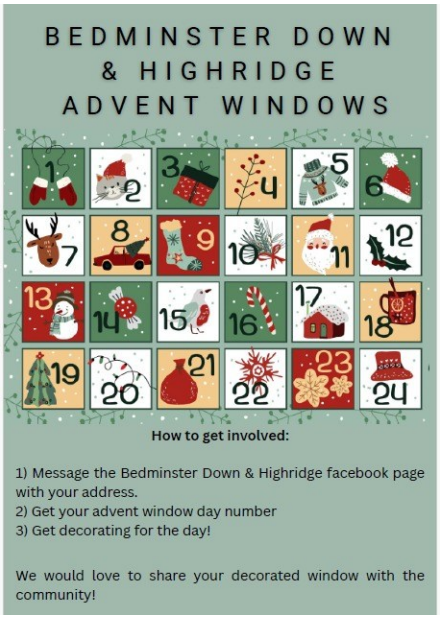
ADVENT WINDOWS

Bedminster Down and Highridge advent windows are running this December and we are keen to hear from anyone who'd be keen to decorate a window locally!

Advent windows is a community-based event where a series of houses or buildings decorate one of their street-facing windows, with a new display unveiled each day in December, similar to a traditional advent calendar.

We put out a map each year for those interested to see the windows as they appear, which makes for a festive community trail.

To get involved, contact our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BS13AdventWindows?locale=en_GB



SCHOOL DINNER REMINDERS

Please remember that all school dinners must be booked **by midnight the night before**. **Same-day bookings are not available after 9am through ParentPay**, so if a meal has not been booked in advance, pupils will need to bring a packed lunch.

If your child is absent, please ensure you **cancel their meal on ParentPay** to avoid being charged. You can do this yourself, or you may **call the school office before 9am** and we will cancel it for you.

A further reminder that we are a **nut and sesame–free school**. For the safety of all pupils, **no food containing nuts or sesame** should be brought onto the school site.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our children safe and our lunch service running smoothly!

JOB VACANCIES

https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=5401

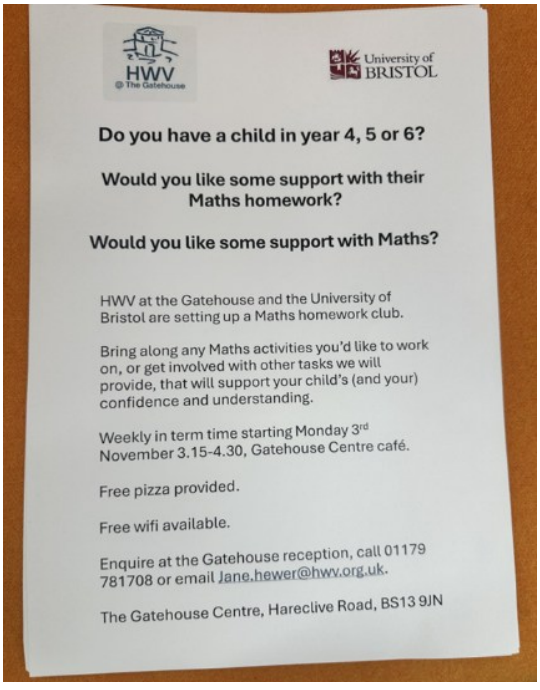
SMSA

Admin Assistant

Y1 Class Teacher

MATHS TUITION FOR YEAR 4, 5 & 6

Please see the poster for further information: free tuition from University of Bristol tutors at the Gatehouse Centre. Interactive sessions to support children in year 4, 5 and 6 with their maths.



OPEN SESSIONS

You are invited in to your child/ren's classrooms on the dates below to view and celebrate their work. An email will be sent to you as a reminder nearer the time.

Year 1	**Friday 28th November 2025**
Reception	**Friday 5th December 2025**
Year 6	**Friday 12th December 2025**
Year 5	**Friday 19th December 2025**

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
8.00am—4.00pm

Thursday
8.00am—1.00pm

Friday
8.00am—3.30pm

ST PETER'S 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.

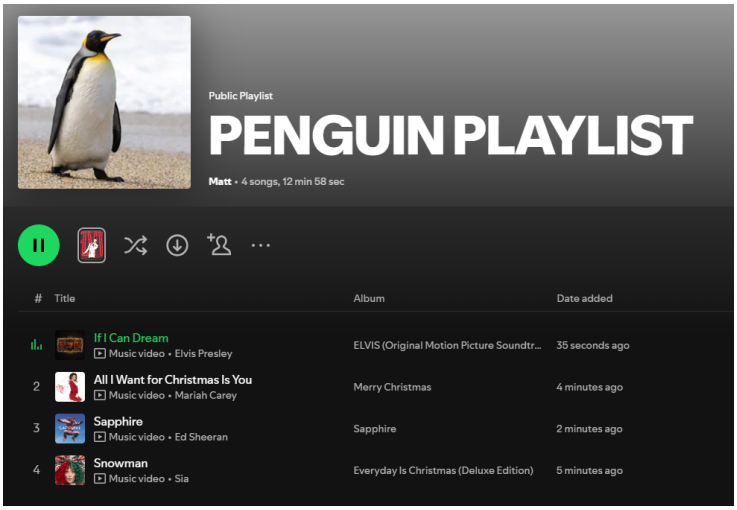
Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

TERM 2—WEEK 2 & 3'S STAR'S OF THE WEEK

R Kookaburras	R Robins
Alex L	Tymon M
Y1 Kingfishers	**Y1 Doves**
Frankie P	Miiro N
Y2 Kestrels	**Y2 Owls**
Postponed	Sophie M
Y3 Parrots	**Y3 Pelicans**
Joni S	Elsie D
Y4 Penguins	**Y4 Puffins**
Heidi F	Ava H
Y5 Flamingos	**Y5 Emus**
Lacey T	Olivia P
Y6 Toucans	**Y6 Eagles**
Seth D	*Postponed*

R Kookaburras	R Robins
Cece M	Maximilian G
Y1 Kingfishers	**Y1 Doves**
Faith S-H	Teddy B
Y2 Kestrels	**Y2 Owls**
Jacob B	Isaac B
Y3 Parrots	**Y3 Pelicans**
Alex C	Reggie B
Y4 Penguins	**Y4 Puffins**
Isabella S	Grace E
Y5 Flamingos	**Y5 Emus**
Savannah V	Mason-Lee P-B
Y6 Toucans	**Y6 Eagles**
Darcey B-V	Joshua T & Leigh L

TERM 2 WEEK 3'S FRIDAY PLAYLIST



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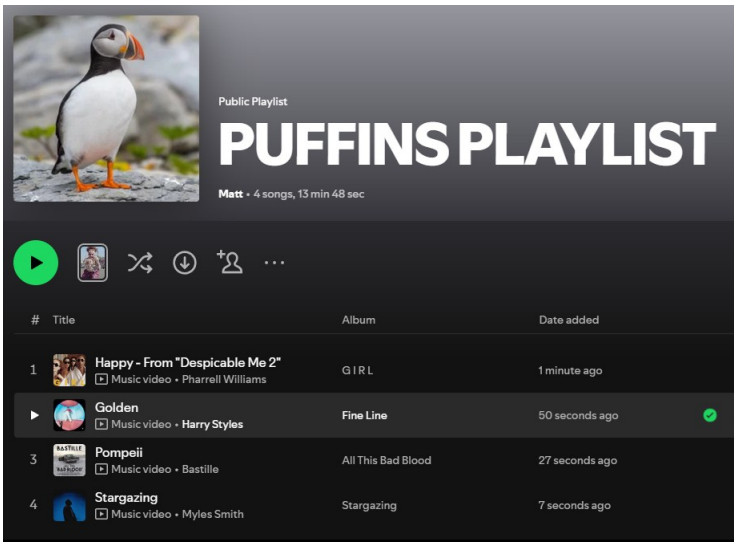


SPORTS

Girls Football

On Tuesday evening, our year 5 and 6 girls football team travelled to THE Imperial Sports Centre for a Bristol FA event. With brilliant wins against Southville, St. Bonaventure and Evergreen, our determined girls were focussed on the final against Knowle Park. Team SP played some brilliant football with accurate passing to unlock the opposition defence and win 3-0. We will now advance into the finals in Gloucester.

Well done to Darcey, Penny, Eliza, Callie, Rae, Millie, and Nevaeh. Congratulations to Gracie-May Marsh for making a fantastic debut and scoring a penalty.

Athletics Winners!

A group of 25 SP children travelled to Merchants Academy for an athletics event. Children participated in groups over 6 key field events and then progressed to relays to finish. Every child did fantastically well and supported each other brilliantly. To add the already successful competition, our children won the event beating three other schools to the gold medal.

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 WINDMILL

Anti-bullying week

Last week, we were proud to take part in Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme: Power for Good. The week kicked off with Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us all unique. Through assemblies, activities, and discussions, we raised awareness about the impact of bullying and empowered students to speak out and support one another.

Papaya Parents/Smartphone Free Childhood

This week, year 5 and year 6 had interactive workshops with a Papaya guest speaker. The aim of the workshops was to help children build awareness, confidence, and healthier screen habits. Children were able to share reasons why excessive screen time can be detrimental to their physical and mental health. If you would like move information about this, please follow this link: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/talks

SAFEGUARDING

CAPO—(Children Affected by Parental Offending)—Here are some useful links.

PACT - Home - Prison Advice and Care Trust
PACT is a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions and their families.

Barnardos - https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/bristol-children-affected-parental-offending-service
The service provides therapeutic support for children and young people with an opportunity to explore and process difficult emotions surrounding their parent's imprisonment. The service is accessed through a referral from social care.

Children heard + seen - https://childrenheardandseen.co.uk/
Support children with a parent in prison. They are committed to addressing their needs, listening to their concerns and ensuring their voices are heard.

NEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

Bristol Parent Carers are offering a free online information session, details below. To book for this go to 01. Practitioner Led Sessions by Bristol Parent Carers | Eventbrite now or scan the QR code. There are other course also available including sensory support, eating and sleep guidance.

The festive season brings joy and excitement, but for autistic individuals, the lead-up to and duration of Christmas can present unique challenges. This session explores how the holiday period impacts autistic children and young people, both at school and at home.
In this session, we will cover:

- Sensory changes at Christmas
- Routine changes, especially in schools!

Communication changes (as there are often different social requirements at Christmas on children and parents)

SCAN ME

This month is type 1 diabetes awareness month.

The symptoms are not well known for parents so we are hoping to raise some awareness to ensure you know the signs and what to do if you see them. Knowing the 4 'T's are a really good place to start. Please can you also share with your family and friends. Please see the poster for guidance.

Thank you as always for your care and commitment.

Nursery—Ducklings

Nursery have had a great few weeks. We have started to learn our Christmas songs and the children are already very excited about performing them!

Apologies for putting the wrong date in the last newsletter. The dates are Monday 8th December (not Tuesday 9th as stated) and Friday 12th December. Both are at 2pm Hope you can make one of them.

We have been continuing to learn the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and changed it to become "The Very Sleepy Hedgehog." For Maths we have been learning to recognise, continue and create repeating patterns. We read story books with patterns including "Aliens love Underpants" and "Elmer" We have also made short and long caterpillars.

For PSHE we have been learning about turn taking, sharing and wating for a turn. We talked about Remembrance Day and completed some activities for "Anti-Bullying Week".

In Phonics we have using the "Stretchy sound box" to help us learn to hear and say initial sounds. We decorated and laminated the first sound in our names.

We have also enjoyed some music sessions with dancing and instruments we have completed a circuit and in the garden we used the parachute.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

Over the last two weeks, we have been reading the stories of "Mr Gumpy's Outing" by Jon Burningham and "Mrs Armitage on wheels" by Quentin Blake.

We have been writing animals and types of transport using our sound knowledge. In Maths we have been learning about number five and how we can represent four and five. We have also been ordering numbers to five. We have learnt about the artist Kandinsky and have created our own pictures in his style.
We have also had a busy week marking and learning about Remembrance Day, Odd Socks Day and Children in Need Day – we even squeezed in a visit from Pudsey Bear!

Here is a link to the story of Mr Gumpy's Outing:	Here is a link to the story of Mrs Armitage on Wheels. There is also a version on BBC iplayer!

Stay and Watch Phonics

Thank you for coming along to our "Stay and Watch Phonics" sessions this week. We hope it has given you an insight into how we teach Phonics and will help you support your child with their reading at home.

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.
This fortnight our words have been: **old, new, journey** and **squabble,**

Hats and Gloves

As the weather is turning colder, please send your child with warm coat, a named hat, and pair of gloves.

Junk modelling

Next week we are going to be making space vehicles using junk modelling! Please send in any empty and clean plastic tubs, pots, tubes etc for us model with (e.g. yoghurt pots, pringle tubes, cereal boxes).

Forest School

Your child will need a pair of wellies, old joggers, or leggings to change into and a waterproof coat.

Tuesday 25th November	**Robins**
Tuesday 2nd December	**NO FOREST SCHOOL DUE TO TO REHEARSALS**
Tuesday 9th December	**NO FOREST SCHOOL DUE TO CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**
Tuesday 16th December	**Both Classes**

Dates for your diary;
Tuesday 9th December – Reception Nativity Performance (am & pm)

Best wishes
The Reception Team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We had a fantastic week this week! We loved seeing all your odd socks last week and fantastic outfits for Children in need!

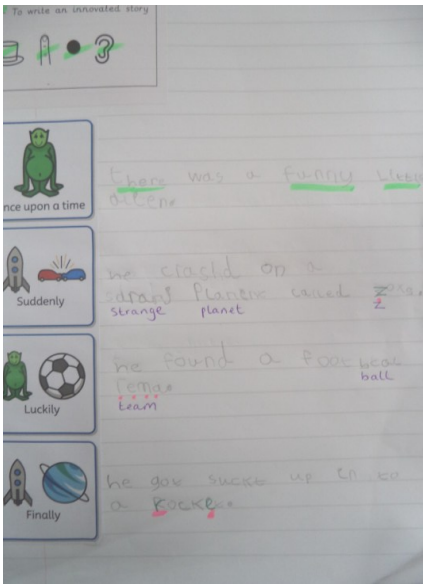
In English we have planned and written our own alien stories. We have worked hard to use our phonics knowledge when writing by finding the sounds on our sound mats.

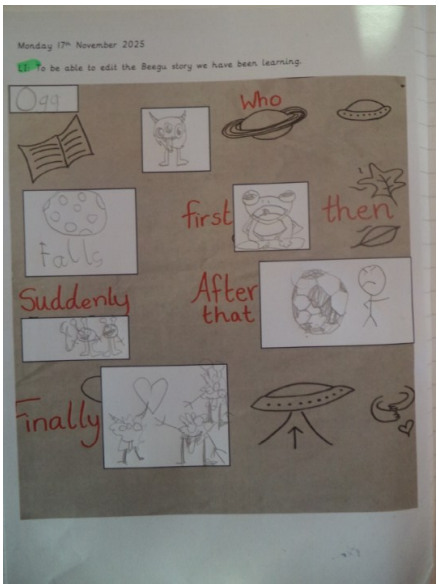
In Maths, we have started looking at part-whole models to help us recognize fact families. We have worked hard to start adding numbers together and writing our own number sentences!

Thank you for all your reading at home! We have begun testing key words in school now so your child may come home with new words to learn.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Year 1 Team





Y2— Owls and Kestrels

In Year 2 this week we have been busy innovating our class text to 'The Great Flood of Bishopsworth'. The children have been working really hard to write at length, spell keywords correctly and focus on their handwriting. Next week, they will be creating their own reports about Guy Fawkes.

In Maths we are moving on from addition and subtraction to shape. We will be naming 2D and 3D shapes, counting the sides and verities as well as looking at lines of symmetry within shapes.

The children have emersed themselves in PE this term, especially in out dance topic where we are exploring dance and movement through The Great Fire of London.

In History, we have been continuing to learn about Guy Fawkes and the difference between old and modern London.

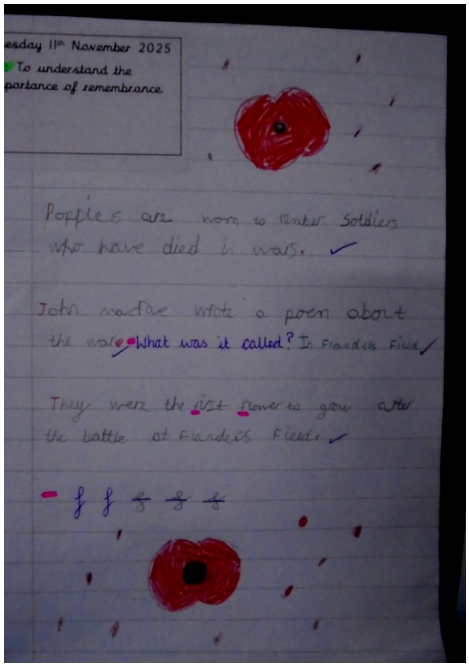
Last week, the children developed their understanding of Remembrance Day and the importance of the poppy. They wrote key facts about why people choose to wear a poppy.

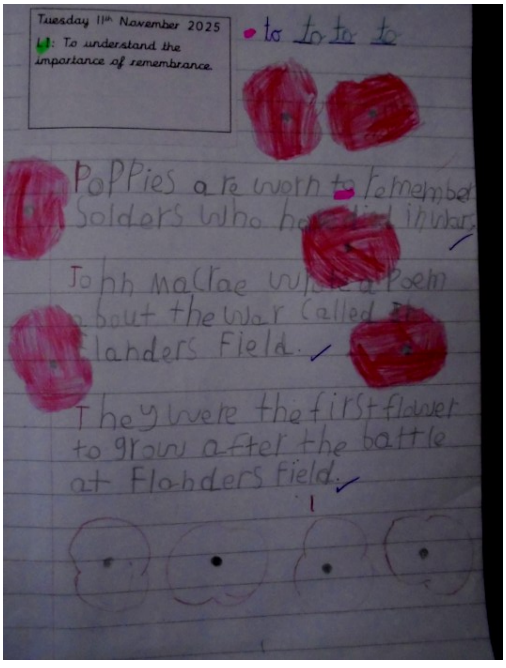
On 1st December we have 2 students from UWE (Miss Saidani—Owls & Miss Hunt—Kestrels) joining us to complete their UG3 placement - please do say hi if you see them!

Help needed

If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer to come into school and listen to children read/help test keywords we would really appreciate your support.

Have a lovely weekend!
Year 2 team.





Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

What a fabulous week! The children have impressed all of the adults in year 3 with their amazing writing.

In English, the children planned, wrote and edited their writing to such a high standard. They have been working extremely hard on transferring their wonderful handwriting from their handwriting lessons, into their writing. Have a look at some of the pictures below. They included fronted adverbials, ellipses, direct speech and empty words to build suspense in their shared innovation.

In Maths, the children have been using arrays to complete multiplication calculations. They have been looking deeper into their column methods for addition and subtraction as well as practising the inverse calculation to check answers.

In Geography, we have been looking at villages, towns and cities and focussing on land use in each area. The children created a colour coded map in one of their lessons.

In Science, we have been learning about the force of friction and its impact on moving objects. We conducted our very own experiment with a ramp, which had different surfaces to see the effect it had on a moving car.

Please continue to practice your times tables on Times Table Rock stars!

On 1st December we have Mr Williams, a student from UWE joining us to complete his UG3 placement - please do say hi if you see him!

Have a great weekend!
Mr MacDonald, Mrs Hacker and Mrs Torrington

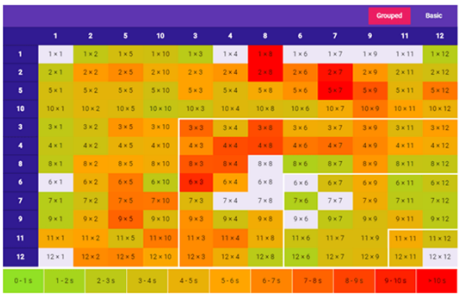
Y4— Penguins and Puffins

What a fantastic week it's been in Year 4! We're so proud of the determination and resilience many of the children have shown towards term 2 —it's clearly shining through in the fantastic work they are producing, particularly with their writing this week!

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 continued to learn and practice actions for our warning story 'keep off the tracks'. The children have kept up their enthusiasm and commitment to learning the actions alongside the story! We have been amazed by their effort towards their guided and independent pieces of writing. There is so much imagination and thought going into their work, we are delighted to see it!

In Maths, we have moved onto our new topic of *multiplication and division*. The children have really show that their hard work and determination pays off! In Science, we have been investigating solids, liquids and gasses. The children had a lot of fun with rice and water on Tuesday as they carried out an experiment, exploring the different properties between a solid and a liquid! In History this term, we are learning all about Romans. On Wednesday, the children got to explore the equipment worn by Roman legionaries.



Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child with their weekly homework! 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!

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.

Friday 12th December: Caerleon school trip

PUFFINS PARENT VOULENTEERS: we would really apricate more parent volunteers for our school trip to Caerleon. Please let us know if you can support.

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

What a fantastic week in year 5! Many of the children began the week by directing and preforming ‘Matilda’ the musical to their peers and teachers during their lunch time play. It was phenomenal!

Regarding our learning, both classes have written fantastic innovations on our text of ‘The Red Eye’ by using our tool kit to create suspense. In our Maths lessons we have been mastering fractions, by finding equivalent fractions and adding mixed numbers. In our Science lessons, the children have been learning about space and how the planets in the solar system orbit the sun. They created a moving model by each adopting a planet to recreate our solar system. In PE the children have been practicing their passing, dribbling and attacking skills in basketball.

In our Geography lessons, year 5 have been using Digi maps to explore the different biomes across the world. In our RE lesson, we have been exploring ‘The Mashiah’ and giving our opinion. In music, the children have been practising their singing skills by varying their tempo.

Reminder for Emus class, swimming will be on Monday afternoon.

Please wear uniform to school and the children we change at the leisure centre.

Year 5 team

Y6— Toucans and Eagles

Brrr! The weather has turned chilly this week, but Year 6 have been keeping warm with busy brains.

In Maths this week, we have started our new learning unit on Fractions. Please look out for home learning to support progress in this area. We also recommend websites such as TopMarks that offer learning games in a range of topics.

In Writing, we have been completing our independent discussions- “Camp Green Lake should be closed down”. Next week, we will start a new fiction unit- keep your eyes peeled for some spooky happenings!

Year 6 have continued to work hard in their P.E. sessions with Mr Scott, both in Dance and Basketball. Please ensure children are coming in with winter P.E. kits on for Wednesday’s session as we do aim to be outside (unless the rain is torrential!). Eagles had their final swimming session too.

We have continued to be hugely engaged in our History topic of WW2. This week, we have been lucky enough to read extracts from Mrs Thomas’ great-great grandfather’s war diary, and loved reading the St. Peter’s Log book from war time! We could hardly imagine what it must have been like for children at the time- although we enjoyed the idea of a week off school to harvest potatoes!

Despite it being November, the Christmas word (sshh!) is being mentioned already. Please keep a look out for communications around dates. We will be having a Phase 4 (Y5/6) carol concert at the church in the last week of term.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,
Team Y6.

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