NEWSLETTER

Term 2
Issue 03
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached this weeks newsletter. It has been a busy term, but I am immensely proud of the progress the pupils are making and the support care and professionalism of our amazing staff. Lots of exciting things to look forward to, here are a just a few reminders.

Christmas 2025
There are two more weeks to go until the Christmas festive holidays, I am including some access arrangements on page 3 for some of the performances alongside a reminder of key dates.

Thank you Faye Salmon and the PSFA
The PSFA have received confirmation that they have been successful in receiving £2,000 from the WPA Foundation towards the play equipment for the nursery. I would especially like to thank Faye Salmon, a parent and PSFA member, who has been instrumental in this grant application. Many thanks Faye.

CAKESMITHS - Thank you
Thank you to CAKESMITHS for donating yummy chocolate cake for our "Posh Nosh" winners for the entire year! This is greatly appreciated and last weeks winners were very impressed with the cake, so much so that they didn't even leave a spare slice for me!

PSFA Disco with "Party Peeps"
We hope the children enjoyed the Christmas Disco with Party Peeps, it certainly did look like the children were enjoying themselves. Thank you once again to the PSFA and the team of volunteers, and staff who supported the event and made this happen.

Farewell Mrs Wootten
It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Mrs Wootten is leaving her post as a TA at the end of this term. Mrs Wootten has decided the time is right for her to concentrate on her own family and we all wish her the very best. For anyone who knows Mrs Wootten, she has been an integral part of our school's success story and supported countless pupils across the primary phase. Thank you for your service and commitment to our school community, you will be greatly missed.

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https://www.stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk/
0117 3772186

Hippodrome Tickets and ATG

Thank you to ATG who have continued to support our pupils and families in relation to this years Panto production of Jack and the Beanstalk. I hope as many pupils and families are able to attend, I am sure a few members of staff will also be attending with their families. I would greatly appreciate any positive comments in relation to the Panto being posted on our Facebook page or perhaps being sent in an email to the school, so that I am able to forward these to ATG and The Bristol Hippodrome. Watching live theatre is rather magical, and if we can continue to make this more affordable and attainable for our families and pupils by working alongside ATG, this will increase the "World of Opportunities" our pupils experience.

PE Kits

We have noticed a few pupils wearing branded tracksuit bottoms, shorts and leggings / skins for PE. This is not part of our PE school uniform, and a link to the uniform guidance is attached here. That way pupils all belong and feel valued, as well as being smart and appropriately dressed. Having pupils from Y1-Y6 coming to school in PE kits has greatly reduced the time wasted in getting changed, but we still want our pupils to be as smart as they would on a day when they wear normal school uniform. May I also remind parents that PE kit is only worn on days that your child has PE. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Christmas Fireworks

We will all have our fingers crossed for next Friday and hope for good weather for our Christmas firework display. The site opens from 5pm, accessed via Ellfield Close and more communications will go out next week.

And finally ... thank you to the Christmas Elves who creatively decorated my office in such a tasteful and festive manner...

Have a great weekend - might see you at the panto... Oh no you wont... Oh yes you will!!

Matt Stannard
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Monday 8th December 2:00pm - Nursery Christmas Songs and Crafts
Parents and carers are invited to attend. Access to site will be from the pedestrian gate on Ellfield Close from 1:50pm. Entry to Nursery through the normal drop off point in the outdoor area. Please note buggies and push chairs will need to be left outside as room is restricted.

Tuesday 9th December 9:15am Reception Nativity INFANT HALL
Parents and carers are invited to attend. After drop off please wait outside the Infant Hall by the double doors outside of Owls Class. Entry to the hall from 9:00am. Please note buggies and push chairs will need to be left outside as room is restricted.

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Tuesday 9th December Y3-Y6 Christmas Dinner - Pupils are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers

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Wednesday 17th December Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carol Service 9:30am ST PETER'S CHURCH
Parents and Carers are invited to attend (Entry is strictly limited to 2 x Adults per child). Access to St Peter's Church is from 9:10am. Please note buggies and push chairs will need to be left outside as room is restricted.

Thursday 18th December Y3 & Y4 Christmas Carol Service 2:15pm ST PETER'S CHURCH
Parents and Carers are invited to attend (Entry is strictly limited to 2 x Adults per child). Access to St Peter's Church is from 1:50pm. Please note buggies and push chairs will need to be left outside as room is restricted.

The school will be collecting donations at the performances that will be shared between the School Fund and the Church Fund.

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 27.11.25 & 04.12.25

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Weekly_attendance_ending_4th_December_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)**

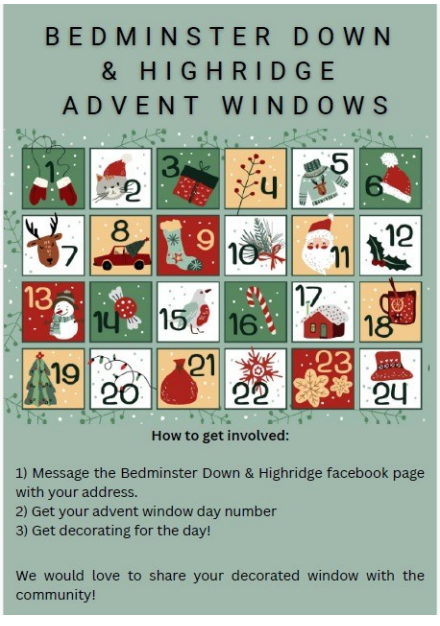
ADVENT WINDOWS

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

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.

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 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

SPORTS

Over the last 5 years, St. Peter's football team has reached the final of the Kids Cup Bristol Championships 4 times. This year, our team of superb students set out to win the competition for the second year in a row. With tough opening fixtures, our team managed to finish second in the group, meaning we qualified for the quarter finals.

Group A		PLD	W	D	L	PTS	GF	GA	GD
1	Bridge Farm 1	4	3	1	0	10	5	0	5
2	St Peters	4	1	3	0	6	3	1	2
3	Victoria Park	4	0	3	1	3	1	3	-2
4	School Of Christ The King	4	0	3	1	3	0	2	-2
5	Cheddar Grove	4	0	2	2	2	0	3	-3

Following some brilliant positional play and determination to win every ball, our team managed to pull through two penalty shootouts against Wansdyke and Bridge Farm where Jude J in Year 5 managed to stop the ball crossing the line four times. Taking penalties can be a daunting prospect but Elijah, Freddie P, Freddie F, Callie K, Kodi and Arthur M all stood up to the task to get us through.

In the final, St. Peter's played a closely contested match against a strong Birdwell side. In the dying embers of the game Birdwell managed to go one up.

A fantastic effort from our children.

Well done to Jude J, Millie L, Arthur M, Freddie F, Freddie P, Kodi, Elijah, Callie K and Eliza C.

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SPORTS

Silver for St. Peter's!

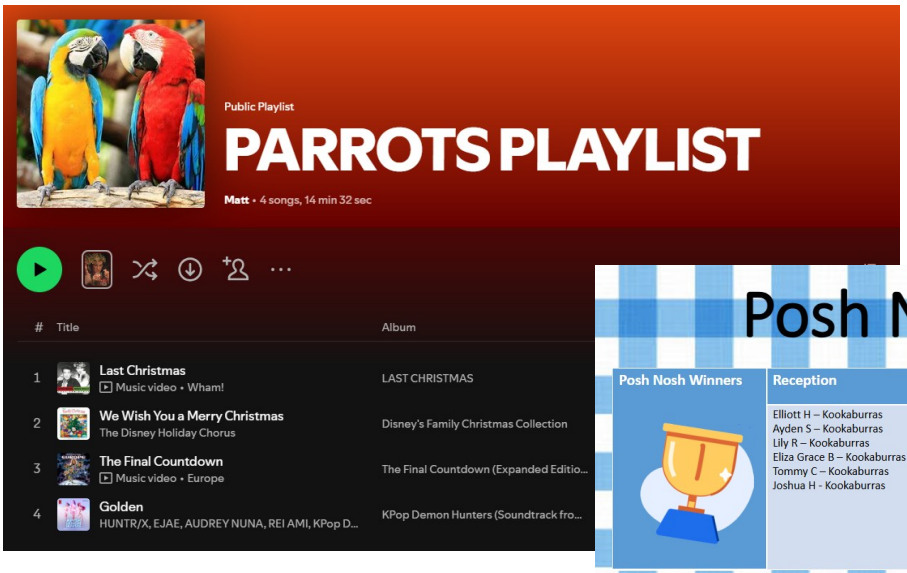
On Tuesday, team sport took 25 athletes to the South Bristol Athletics Championships. Over 6 field events and six track events, our determined team finished in second place and secured their place at the West of England championships for the third year running, where we hope to go one better than last year and secure the gold medal.

TERM 2—WEEK 4 & 5'S STAR'S OF THE WEEK

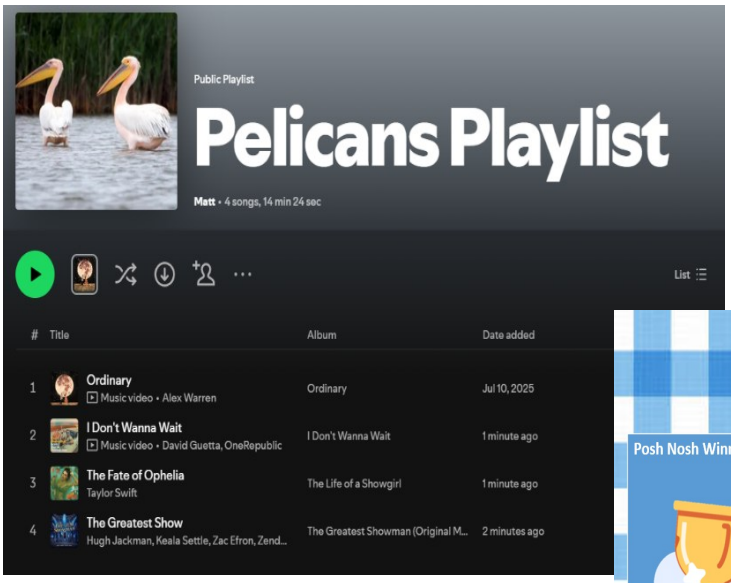
R Kookaburras	R Robins
Noah W	Mauvie-Jean G
Y1 Kingfishers	**Y1 Doves**
Roman-Blue C	Anna G
Y2 Kestrels	**Y2 Owls**
Logan S	Ollie K
Y3 Parrots	**Y3 Pelicans**
Charlie B	Ivy S
Y4 Penguins	**Y4 Puffins**
Amelia-Grace C	Orin B-M
Y5 Flamingos	**Y5 Emus**
Postponed	Maddie C
Y6 Toucans	**Y6 Eagles**
Mollie T	Jacob C

R Kookaburras	R Robins
Albie K	Arianna H
Y1 Kingfishers	**Y1 Doves**
Paisley G	Maisie W
Y2 Kestrels	**Y2 Owls**
Elsie B	Medard Z
Y3 Parrots	**Y3 Pelicans**
Riley T	Lacey-Gray P-T
Y4 Penguins	**Y4 Puffins**
Harriet D	Dolly B
Y5 Flamingos	**Y5 Emus**
Mason P & Amelia T	Buddy V
Y6 Toucans	**Y6 Eagles**
Magnus N	Eliza C

TERM 2 WEEK 5'S FRIDAY PLAYLIST



TERM 2 WEEK 4'S FRIDAY PLAYLIST



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

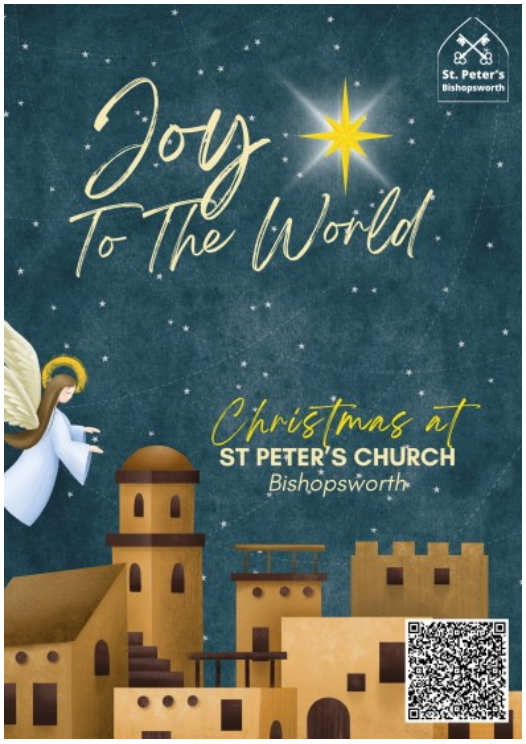
School will be closed for the following public holiday:

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



Christmas at ST PETER'S CHURCH

Dec 7

Sunday 10.30am
POP-UP NATIVITY!
Enjoy a relaxed café-style service with an interactive nativity for all ages.
(Come dressed up as your favourite Nativity character!)

Dec 13

Saturday 10am
CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH
Join us for a fun morning where families can explore the Christmas story through creativity, fun, and food.

Book your tickets on **Eventbrite**:
https://december-messy-church.eventbrite.co.uk

Dec 21

Sunday 9.15am
CHRISTMAS BUBBLE CHURCH
A lively, toddler-friendly Christmas service with songs, stories, and puppets!.

Book your tickets on **Eventbrite**:
https://december-bubble-church.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunday 10.30am
FAMILY SERVICE
A welcoming all-age Christmas service for the whole family.

Sunday 6.00pm
CAROL SERVICE
Celebrate Christmas with traditional carols, and readings.

Dec 24

Wednesday 4.00pm
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
A fun Christmas Eve service with Christingles and sharing the light of Christmas.

Wednesday 5.30pm
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Another chance to join this family-friendly Christmas Eve celebration.

Wednesday 11.15pm
MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION
A reflective late-night service welcoming Christmas with Holy Communion.

Dec 25

Thursday 10.30am
CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE
A joyful Christmas morning celebration for all ages.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE
www.stpetersbishopsworth.co.uk
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE FRONT

NEWS FROM THE WINDMILL

Make walking to school fun this December and try Bristol City Council's Active Advent Calander. Try a different activity from the tree for each journey to school and see how many you can tick off.

SAFEGUARDING

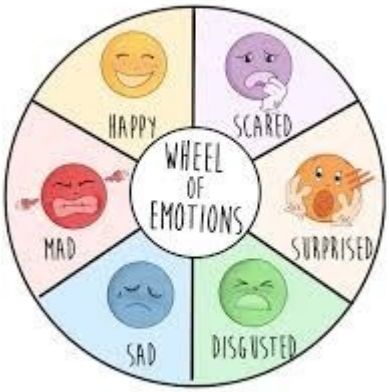
Thank you for welcoming, Al Letch, our Education Mental Health Practitioner to FAB recently to talk about children who are worrying. Al has shared some resources with us to support children who are worrying, attached to this newsletter. Do get in touch with school if you feel your child is in need of additional support. Al also recommends the Young Minds parent helpline on **0808 802 5544**.

[What is Anxiety?]

[Deep Breathing Exercise Rainbow]

[Calming Techniques]

[Breathing Techniques]



NEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

Five tips to support the after-school 'meltdown'

Picture the scene: your child comes out of school and the teacher says they've behaved like the perfect child all day, but the moment you get home they have a complete meltdown. Your child screams, shouts, lashes out, sulks or generally acts in an unruly manner.

If that scene is familiar to you, you're not alone. This type of behaviour is what some psychologists refer to as *'after-school restraint collapse'* and it's not unusual. It happens because your child has been busy managing their emotions all day as they navigate the complexities of school life. When they get home, that's their safe space to let it all out! So, now you know what it is, what can you actually do about it? Parents' Toolkit has been speaking to educational and child psychologist *Dr Anisa-Ree Moses*, for some tips on how to support these out-bursts of emotions after-school. Scan the qr code to find out more.

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

Over the last few weeks in Nursery we continued to tell the story of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?" We used animal masks and repeated the words of the story.
For Maths we have been naming and describing 2d and 3d shapes and singing the song "Five Elephants went out to play."

We have been very busy on our Creative table painting the animals from the story "Brown Bear" and making Christmas cards and crafts. On our tuff tray we decorated Christmas trees and practised using scissors. We listened to the story of Christmas, wrote invitations to our sing-along and practised writing our names. We continued to rehearse our fantastic Christmas songs.

For PSHE we read "You Choose" and discussed how we are all different and enjoy varying activities, books, toys, and places.

We now have a very festive home corner. The children helped decorate the tree and it's very bright, colourful and full of Christmas cheer!
You may have noticed that we have a new wooden boat in our garden. We have had great fun pretending to go on journeys in it. We have been dressing up and playing with balls and giant hoops.

We look forward to seeing you at our singalongs!

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

This fortnight, we have been reading "Whatever Next" by Jill Murphy and "The Tallest Candle" (A Nativity story). We have drawn our own characters and rockets and created a code for them in Drawing Club!

In Maths we have been learning to find one more and one less than a number from 1 – 5. We have spotted that when we find one more, the number gets bigger and when we find one less the number gets smaller! We have also been learning about shapes with four sides e.g square, rectangle.

We have learnt about Mae Jemison who was the first black woman astronaut to go into space – we have learnt that she never gave up on her dream even when faced by people who told her she couldn't do it.

We had a great trip to St Peter's Church where we learnt about the Nativity story with Rev. Tim and James. We also played lots of games and decorated a bauble with Nativity character stickers.

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 were: **astronaut, nativity, same, different** and **audience.**

Nativity Performance – Wriggly Nativity – Tuesday 9th December, 9.15am & 2.30pm (Infant Hall).

Tuesday 9th December	**NO FOREST SCHOOL DUE TO CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**
Tuesday 16th December	**Both Classes**

Best wishes

The Reception Team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We had a fantastic week! We loved seeing all the Christmas decorations around the school. We have also done some amazing singing this week in preparation for our Christmas performance.

We have been writing all about space in English this week and have written so many facts about the planets, the stars, and the moon. We have really concentrated on remembering our capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. In Maths we have been looking at fact families and subtraction along a number line.

We have continued looking at winter in science this week and spoke about what clothes we need throughout the winter months. We talked about how hats, gloves, scarves, and coats all help to keep us warm in the cold weather!

The reading you have been doing at home is fantastic. Just a reminder that we will change reading books once they have read it three times at home.

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

Year 1 Team

Y2— Owls and Kestrels

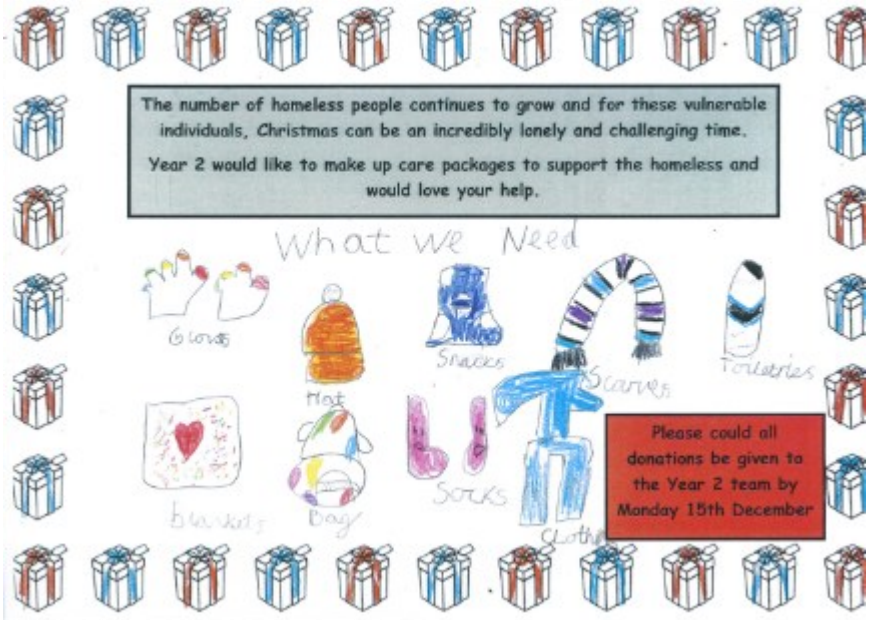
It has been another fabulous fortnight of learning for the year 2 children. December is here and the season's festivities have started. It was great to see so many children at the school disco, having fun and supporting the school.

In RE we have been finding out about the meaning of advent and thinking about the reasons for giving at Christmas time. In the spirit of giving, we have thought about those people who are less fortunate than us and the children have created posters to help support our collection for homeless charities. An example of the posters has been attached. If you are able to help with donations, please send them to your child's class where they will be gratefully received.

In other learning, we have completed our investigation of shapes and we are now studying money. In English, we have learned the story of The Elves and the Shoemaker and used this to inspire our writing. While in computing, we have thought about the composition of digital photograph and we have practiced taking photographs using ipads.

Look out for Christmas lunch next Tuesday, Firework display next Friday and the KS1 singing performance on the last week of term.

Festive Cheers!
Year 2 Team



Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

There has been so much progress made in year 3 this term, from handwriting all the way to including features of persuasion in their writing. Please continue to read with your child at home and complete homework.

In maths, the children have finished part A of their multiplication and division unit. They will now move onto part B where they will look at more problem solving and reasoning activities as well as more complex methods. Please continue to practice daily on Times Table Rockstars, their fluency in their multiplication facts makes the learning a lot simpler.

In English, the children have designed their new spy gadget and are focussing on persuading people to buy it. They have generated ideas, planned their writing and will begin writing next week. In PE, we have been focussing on our dance unit, ask your child about the toolkit of disco moves they have created!

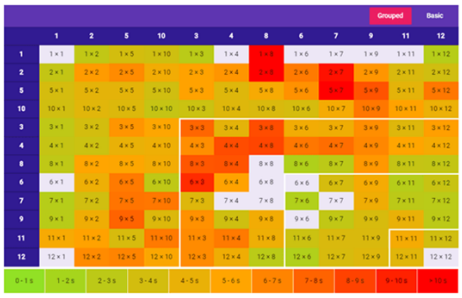
In DT, we have been looking at what makes a healthy diet and the food options that are available to us. They created their ideal menu of food where they looked to create a healthy, balanced diet. In one of our lessons, we had a taste test. Check out the photos below!

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

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

We've had a fun filled week in Year 4! We have continued with our new maths unit: multiplication and division and have been learning all about factors. We have undertaken some fun science experiments, which we have all taken enjoyment from! We have also been busy rehearsing our Christmas carols ready for our Christmas carol service!

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!



Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend, beginning to enjoy the lead up to Christmas!

Mr Mac and Miss Elliott

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.
- **Tuesday 9th December: Christmas dinner and jumper day.**
- **Friday 12th December: Caerleon school trip.**
- **PUFFINS PARENT VOULENTEERS: as our school trip is fast approaching (next Friday) we are really in need of some more parent volunteers! Please support if you can!**
- **Thursday 18th: Year 3 and Year 4 Carol concert 14:15pm. Please send your child with a Christmas jumper.**
- **Friday 19th: Last day of term.**

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

What a fantastic week in year 5!
Many of the children began the week by directing and preforming 'Nativity' the musical to their peers and teachers in the pod! The children not only had their scripts but also had scenery and songs for us to enjoy!

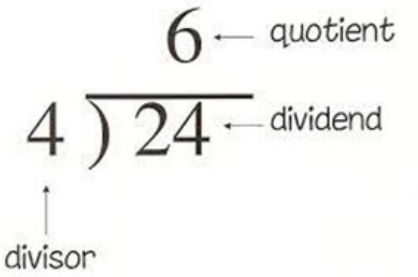
Our week has been very busy with assessments! The children have successfully completed a grammar paper, a spellings test, a reading assessment, an arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers. While we are aware that this is a lot, it is no more than would be expected of Year 6s for their SATs and this is a crucial way that we help to help build a resilience and understanding for the assessments right from the start of Year 5.

Around our assessments, we have been learning column multiplication and the bus stop method for division. We have been really impressed with the way that the children have tackled these longer and more complex methods with new technical vocabulary. In our English we have started a non-chronological report that was written by Mr Walker. The children have loved feeling the connection to the teacher through our learning and have discovered that children across the UK, like us, are benefiting from Mr Walker's excellence!

In our music we have been looking at minor melodies and identifying the minor sound (specifically with the minor pentachord) within songs and instrumental pieces. In art, the children have looked at statues by the artist Alberto Giacometti. We hope to create some statues of our own before the term is through!

We are reaching the final few weeks of our optional homework task. If your child has been working on a space themed poster, game, PowerPoint, it would be great to see them before the term is through as we plan on sharing our hard work as a cohort.

Year 5 team



Y6— Toucans and Eagles

Well done, Year 6. We are so impressed with the hard work and resilience you have demonstrated this week as we have been completing another round of mock SATs. These are really important benchmarks to assess the progress made since last term. We completed assessments in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths and Reading. We will share progress next term.

We have also been working hard in our lessons; in Writing, we have carried on with our work on Alien Landing. We have learned the tools for excellent mystery writing and have planned our innovations ready to write next week. In P.E., we have continued with Dance and Basketball. The 'jive' was a particular favourite!

In R.E., we have been looking at Jesus as the Messiah. We have also been practicing hard for our Carol Concert on Weds 17th December.

Please can you support your child in completing their weekly home learning. Do speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. It is helpful in consolidating the work we do in class.

We have lots of exciting things happening over the next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas. Please check the main part of the newsletter for dates and information.

Finally, you will no doubt have read in Mr Stannard's part of the newsletter that the incredible Mrs Wootten will be leaving us at Christmas to spend time with her family. We will be planning a special goodbye to her for the end of term but we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best- we will miss her terribly!

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