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St Peter's C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents / Carers,

This weeks newsletter is full of exciting news and events. Please can I start my newsletter with a just few reminders. Firstly around uniform and the importance of uniform to instil a sense of belonging within our school community. Pupils must always be wearing the correct uniform and PE kit on days that they have PE. Your support in this matter is hugely appreciated.

Thank you to all those parents who continue to support their child/ren in routinely listening to their child read. In a world of social media and online content, as a school, we cannot emphasise how important reading is. Reading is the key to unlocking the wider curriculum and will support your child in flourishing at primary school. Little and often, from phonics to fluency, is key. There are some lovely prompts on supporting reading on the Oxford Owl website under each age category: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Reception Admissions - First Choice St Peter's C of E Primary:
Although the closing date has passed for Reception admissions for September 2026 intake, second round of applications are available and St Peter's C of E Primary may still have places available for those who select us as first choice preference, or you change your application preference to St Peter's C of E Primary. For more information please do contact the school office on 0117 3772186 or head to Bristol City Council Admissions - https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply

St Peter's C of E Primary catchment area serves the communities of Bishopsworth, Headley Park, Hartcliffe, Withywood, Highridge and Bedminster Down.

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Pantomime 2026:

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime today as M and M productions performed snow white to the whole school. The pupils and staff (especially Mr Lee) had an amazing time, oh no they didn't... oh yes they did."

Library Bus:

This week Karin Smyth, Labour MP of Bristol South, visited St Peter's C of E Primary to catch up on how our Library Bus project was going. A special shout out to Theo and our Prime Minister Eliza and Deputy Prime Minister Tamsin who did a wonderful job in meeting Karin Smyth and talking about our plans. They really did do us proud and even feature in this Bristol World story. https://www.bristolworld.com/education/bristol-primary-school-new-bus-library-5481309

Fancy Dress Day:

On **Friday 13th February**, we are raising money for Place2Be in aid of Children's Mental Health Week. Children are welcome to wear Fancy Dress on this date to celebrate 'Belonging'. Think Football uniform, cubs uniform, something you're a fan of (Pokémon, Harry Potter, Disney). You can donate through Parent Pay HERE—Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend,
Matt Stannard

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NEWS FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH

Happy New Year from St Peter's Church!
There is so much happening across the St Peter's Campus! We have Sunday Services, Messy Church, Bubble Church, Coffee Pot, the Ark softplay, Bishopsworth Playgroup, and so much more! You can book tickets for upcoming Church events on our Eventbrite page here: eventbrite
Bubble Church is on **Sunday 18th January**, join us from 10am for lots of activities! Book your tickets here: January Bubble Church tickets

Book online here for our fantastic softplay, open 6 days a week: Ark Softplay

Do you know that you can hire the Ark Softplay for Birthday parties? Give the team a call on 0117 329 5997 to find out more! 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

TERM DATES 2025/26

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:
Monday 29th June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

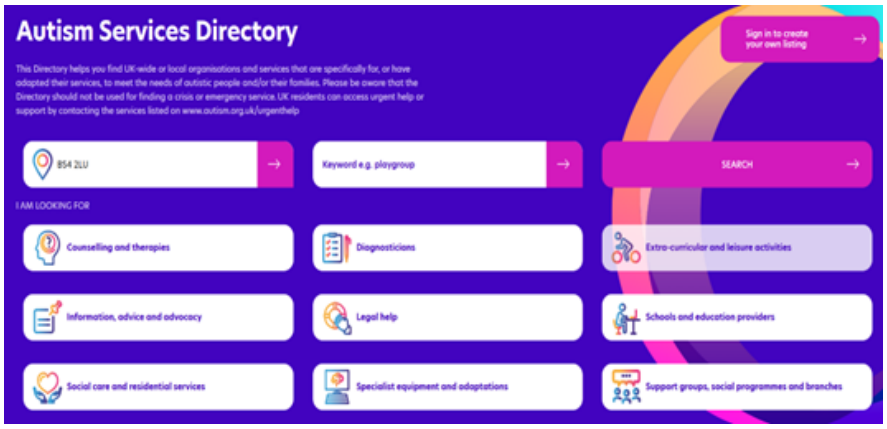
School will be closed for the following public holiday:
Monday 4th May 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 THE LIGHTHOUSE

The National Autistic Society (NAS) has a directory where you can find, and access a wide range of support. This includes activities, support and information about schools. You can search by postcode to tailor services to your area. Scan the QR code to be able to access this resource.



Together for SEND 2026 returns to Bristol, bringing families, schools, and professionals together for a day of learning, connection, and inspiration.

This **FREE** event tackles the real challenges faced by those supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities. Offering practical insights, strategies, and support to improve experiences across education, health, and community settings.

Join workshops, talks, and interactive sessions designed for families, school staff, and anyone supporting children with additional needs

Discover practical solutions, connect with local and local organisations, and leave empowered to make a difference for every child.

Scan the QR code to book your space

Nursery—Ducklings

In Nursery we have continued to tell the story “Each Peach Pear Plum” We enjoyed searching for the characters and saying the rhymes from the story. We also read some Traditional Tales.
In our Maths sessions we learnt to say the rhyme, “5 Little Peas in a Peapod pressed” and sing “Alice the Camel”. We recorded the number of humps Alice had on 5 frames. We discussed how Alice has “less” or “fewer” humps.

On our creative table we completed “Still Life” paintings of peaches, pears and plums. The children really studied their shapes and colours and created some beautiful art. They enjoyed rolling fruit in paint and looking at the patterns they made.

In our Maths sessions we learnt ‘Alice the Camel.’ We recorded the number of humps Alice has on 5 frames. We discussed how Alice has ‘less’ or ‘fewer’ humps.

This week we started to learn about Chinese New Year. We made paper plate fans and cherry blossom collages. We tried copying Chinese writing. We learnt about the Chinese Zodiac race and made animal masks. We talked about our favourite animals and raced the small world animals in water in our tuff tray.

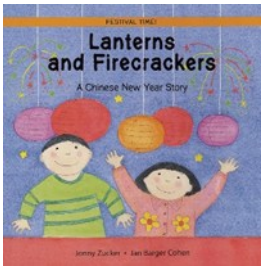
In our circle time we discussed how we need to keep trying to achieve our goals. We said “If we don’t at first succeed, try, try, try again.” In phonics we concentrated on rhyming and clapping and stamping the syllables in words.

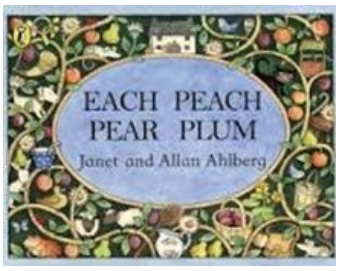
We can’t wait to continue with our Chinese New Year theme next week!

- Please could you ensure that children have a spare pair of clothes including pants and socks/tights on their peg. Our supply of spares is very low.
- Pick up on Wednesdays is at 11.20 for set one children. The gate will open from 11.15.

Hope you have a great weekend.

The Nursery Team





Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

This week we started learning our new tale of "The Gingerbread Man". We have loved repeating "*Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man".* We have written sentences about the Gingerbread Man using our sound knowledge e.g. *He is cheeky. He is fast.* In Maths we have been learning to find one less. We have also been learning about number 7.

Robins have explored mixing the primary colours (red, blue and yellow), Kookaburras will be doing this next week! In RE we have enjoyed sharing our celebrations and talking about how our celebrations make us feel (birthdays, Christmas, weddings, Eid, Hannukah).

Here is a link to the story of The Gingerbread Man	

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 week our words were: **beginning** and **end**

PE Kits

Please make sure your child has a named / labelled PE kit in school.

Best wishes

The Reception Team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We have had a fantastic week and a special visit from the pantomime today!

This week we have innovated The Billy Goats Gruff and written a story inspired by this. We are so impressed with how you are starting to work independently and use your phonics in your writing. You have knocked our socks off with these stories!

We have also evaluated the bridges that we built last week out of junk modelling and thought about what we would change if we were to do this again to improve our structures.

We used claves in music this week to play with a song that we have learnt to sing. We looked particularly at the difference between beats and rhythm. We all had a fantastic time and were great audiences whilst half the class were performing.

Homework

Just a quick homework update for you all, each group will have a sound video where they will be recapping a sound they have learnt in school and a word time video where they will practice spotting the sounds they know and reading the word. We now have 5 phonics lessons a week. In school we teach them: special friends- fred talk- read the word.

Thank you,
We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Y2— Owls and Kestrels

It has been a fabulous fortnight of learning.

In English, we have created our own traditional tales using our knowledge of tales that have been read to us - focussing on writing in paragraphs and using carefully chosen adjectives to make our work more exciting!

In maths, we have started writing multiplication sentences by using repeated addition and finding that the x sign means "equal groups of". This is an ideal time for children to start using the Times Table Rockstars.

In Geography, we have been reading maps of the local area and identifying the places that we know. We have also started to plan a journey from our school using compass directions.

On Friday, we watched a Pantomime and next week, we will be visiting the church and learning about metamorphosis.

Have a lovely weekend
Year 2 team

Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

Well done on another fantastic week in year 3. It was so lovely to have the parents in last week so that the children could show off their amazing work and progress.

In maths, we have begun our measurement and perimeter unit where the children have looked at measuring in cm, mm and meters. Alongside this, we have also looked at converting between units and practically measuring objects in the class. Please continue to work with your child daily on the Timetable Rockstars website.

In English, the children generated new ideas and planned their shared innovation and have begun writing this week. We are focussing on setting description and using features such as similes, personification and expanded noun phrases.

In computing, we have begun our stop frame animation unit where we are focussing on how this type of film is made and how it is made using the iPad. In PE, our children are benefiting from the excellent lessons by Bristol City where are focussing on working as a team, being ambitious and being fair.

PE days: Thursday and Friday

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr MacDonald, Mrs Torrington and Mrs Hacker

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

We've had a productive 3rd week in Year 4. We have got stuck into our Length and Perimeter maths unit. We have been really focused on our independent writing this week and have been enjoying reading our class book, The Legend of Podkin One-Ear KIERAN LARWOOD. We have been looking at our emotions in PSHE and how our emotions link with certain colours in Art.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child with their weekly homework! Just a reminder; homework will be set every Friday, due in the following Wednesday. For your information, we will be marking it and testing spellings on a Friday.

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 Wednesdays.

Reminders and key information: Term 3

- 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.
- PE days are on a Tuesday and Wednesday.
- We will be going swimming in Term 3:
- **Penguins (12th, 19th and 26th January) - on these weeks, Penguins will be swimming on a Monday, so will only have PE on a Wednesday.**
- **Puffins (2nd, 9th and 23rd February) – on these weeks, Puffins will be swimming on a Monday, so will only have PE on a Wednesday.**

Thank you for your ongoing support!
We're excited to continue the term full of growth and learning adventures.

Mr Mac and Miss Elliott

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

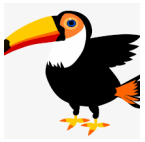
We've had another exciting week in year 5. First, a huge congratulations to our Girls' Football Team, who played brilliantly in this week's tournament! Their hard work, teamwork, and determination led them to winning the competition and are now through to the next round. We are all so proud of how they represented the school. Well done girls!

In Maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of percentages and decimal equivalents. Our reading lessons have centred around *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Raúf. The children have been discussing themes of kindness, friendship, and empathy, using the story to spark discussions.

During P.E. lessons we have begun learning and practising hockey skills. They've been exploring both dribbling and passing. In our English lessons, the class has started working on their own invent stories based on **"**Dobber and the Silver Ring." They're adding their own exciting twists to the tale and developing imaginative characters, unique settings, and adventurous plots.

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 5 Team

Y6— Toucans and Eagles



Despite the wet and gloomy weather, Year 6 have shown resilience and positive attitudes towards their learning this week.

In Maths, we have completed our unit of learning on decimals. We were very impressed with the progress children demonstrated in their exit tests. We will move on to look at fractions, decimals and percentages next.
In English we have been working on formal and informal letters. We have done lots of work on the difference between formality and informality and children have presented work to a high standard.

Next week, we will be carrying out Mock SATs in Reading, Maths and SPAG. Please do support your child in coming in prepared to tackle the challenge! These will help inform us as to where gaps are and how we can best support your child in class, in booster groups or in tutoring. We will let you know how your child got on during your parents' evening appointment the following week. Please do book in as we do not have another parents' evening before annual reports in July.

In our afternoon sessions this week, we have carried on with gymnastics, netball, PSHE, RE and computing. A reminder that P.E. is on a Monday and Thursday. If children would like to wear 'grippy socks' for gymnastics on Monday, they may. We aim to be outside for netball and playtimes wherever possible, so please can children come dressed for all weather.

Today we have enjoyed a welcome break by watching the pantomime (oh yes we have!). A huge thank you to all who have made it possible for our children to experience this.

With best wishes for a dry 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