A World of Opportunities

St Peter's C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 3
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last newsletter of the term before the half term holiday, we have one more week of learning to go! If I do not get the opportunity, please make sure all our pupils and families get some well earned rest and spend some family time together. Please find attached this weeks newsletter, which includes an appeal for help and more success on the athletics front.

Attendance

You may be aware that since the Covid 19 pandemic, all schools nationally have needed to address attendance in schools and persistent absence, as attendance is one of the biggest factors when considering why pupils fall behind. As a school, St Peter's has made progress since 2023, where our attendance was below the national average. With the support of you all as parents and carers, we have made huge improvements. The Department for Education now sets school targets for attendance for the academic year, and ours is 94.4% for 2025-2026.

National average (primary)	94.9%
Your school's current attendance	94.7%
Your school's attendance baseline improvement expectation	94.4%
Local authority average (primary)	94.4%
Your school's attendance in 2024 to 2025	93.9%

As headteacher and on behalf of the Governing Body we ask that you continue to support school attendance. The current data from the DfE indicates we have continued to build on last year, our attendance in the first two terms was above the target set and as a school we are now broadly in line with the national average for primary schools. Thank you everyone, every day really counts!

Lego Raffle

Year 2 are trialling a Lego Raffle next week. There will be two different Lego kits up for grabs! The Year 2 staff will be selling the tickets outside **Owls** class before and after school next **Monday and Tuesday**, with the winners announced on Wednesday. Entries cost **£1.00** and all monies raised go towards our school fund.

Athletics KS1

A huge shout out to our KS1 athletics team. This is one of the first KS1 sports festivals to take place this year and our budding athletes did an amazing job. Not only did they represent the school and demonstrate all of our school values, but they also were crowned champions, quite an achievement. The pupils were so excited (although they were equally excited about the minibus trip also). Well done everyone and thank you to the staff who continue to support these events and ensure our pupils experience a "World of Opportunities."

Family Support Worker

Just to let you know, after the half term holiday Miss Gemma Metcalf will be working within the Windmill Team full time and taking up the role of Family Support Worker, whilst Mrs Katie Bogdiukiewicz is on maternity leave. This will enable us to continue to support families at St Peter's.

We Need You!!

We have work first and second Fix electrics starting on the Library Bus over the half term holiday. The next stage will be to appoint a carpenter to create the book shelves and fixtures. If you are in the trade and know someone who can come and look at the scope of works, please email the school on:
st.peters.p@bristol-schools.uk

We are also looking for any ground contractors who would quote to tarmac our stone pathway that heads around the back of the field from Fernsteed Gate to the Infant building. Again if you are interested in quoting, please contact the school on the email above.

Have a great weekend, if you like sport you have the usual football, alongside the Six Nations rugby and the start of the Winter Olympics!

Kindest regards,
Matt Stannard
Headteacher

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Clerk to Governors

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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 5th February 2026—

Weekly_attendance_ending_5th_february_2026.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

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 WINDMILL

We'd like to highlight valuable guidance from UKHSA(UK Health Security Agency) on managing winter illnesses in education settings.

You can read the full advice here: Back to school – 5 things to do to help manage winter illness. Key actions for schools and families include:

- **Stay home when feeling unwell—**Children with fever, vomiting or diarrhoea should remain at home until symptoms have cleared—this is crucial to reducing transmission.

- **Promote excellent hand hygiene—**Encourage regular hand washing with soap and warm water, or using hand sanitiser, to help stop the spread of germs.

- **Teach safe cough and sneeze etiquette—**Remind students to use tissues, dispose of them properly, and wash hands afterward—e Bug resources are available to support teaching these habits.

- **Encourage flu vaccination—**Flu vaccines—particularly the nasal spray for children—are the best defence. Eligible groups include 2–3-year-olds, school-aged children, and those with specific conditions.

- **Use NHS and e-Bug resources—**Additional information on symptoms, home care, and classroom-based educational materials is available via NHS UK and e-Bug.

We encourage all settings to share this guidance with staff and parents to safeguard the health of pupils and the wider school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining a safe learning environment.

NSPCC PANTS

Robins and Kookaburras class have been discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule in our PSHE lessons. During these discussions we will aim to teach our pupils the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, using the 'PANTS' acrostic, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse.

PANTS stands for:
· Privates are private
· Always remember your body belongs to you
· No means no
· Talk about secrets that upset you
· Speak up, someone can help

The lessons will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age appropriate. These include:
· "appropriate" and "inappropriate" touching
· your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
· naming parts of the body
· who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried.

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign and see how you can help keep your children safe in partnership with your child's school, more information can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the class teacher.

NSPCC

SPORTS

Kids Cup Success!

Our girls football team won the Bristol Kids Cup earlier this term and have now qualified for the regional finals held in Swindon. They battled through eight games, without conceding a goal to then win the final against Southville Primary School 1-0.

One day before the event, the team will travel to Bristol City's high-performance centre to have a tour, watch the women's team train and receive new kit for the regional finals.

Good luck, girls!

St Peter's Achieve Silver!

Twenty-seven SP athletes travelled to the City Academy for the Regional Athletics Finals. The competition saw twelve of the top schools across Bristol, Bath and Somerset come together to go against each other in twelve track and field events. Over the last two years, St. Peter's have finished in 3rd and 2nd place and another top three finish was the target.

After 3 hours of running, jumping and throwing, team SP came away with the silver medal, finishing in second place.

Nursery—Ducklings

Over the last few weeks in Nursery we continued to learn about Chinese New Year. We looked at a globe and found countries including England and China. We performed a dragon dance and tried eating noodles with chopsticks. We have learnt a new story about Nian the monster and some new songs including "Gung Hay Fat Choy" (Happy New Year).

We have been busy practising our fine motor skills by threading, making dragons with beads and using fine paint brushes to copy Chinese writing.

This week we began to tell the story of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." We made fantastic Bear Hunt story maps. We used Duplo to make houses for bears. In phonics we concentrated on initial sounds and using Fred talk. The name writing each morning is going very well.

Children's Mental Health week is next week. Children are welcome to come to Nursery dressed in fancy dress day on Tuesday and/or Friday. – We will be celebrating "belonging matters" and so children can wear something that shows they belong to a group / club or simply dress up to show something you are a fan of.

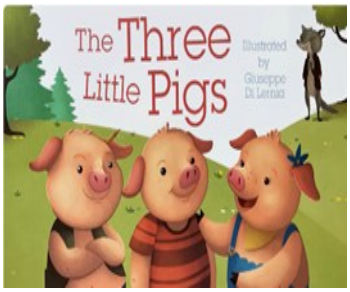
In Bristol there are some Chinese New Year celebrations. Please see Bristol Museum's itinerary for February 28th below.
11.00am Traditional Lion dance – University of Bristol Lion Dance Troupe
1.30pm Traditional song – Sidcot School
1.45pm Performance and Traditional song – Avon Chinese School
2.00pm Tai Chi demonstration – Bristol Wutan
2.30pm Pop music with a Chinese twist – KALA CHNG & Everybody Dance Now (Movema and Filwood Community Centre)
3.00pm Traditional and modern Chinese dance – South Gloucestershire Chinese Association
3.30pm Traditional Lion dance – University of Bristol Lion Dance Troupe
4.00pm Chinese Performance – Badminton School
4.15pm Kung fu demonstration – Bristol Wutan

Spare Clothes
We are very short of spare clothes in Nursery including socks, tights, jogging bottoms and tops. If you have any of Nursery's we would really appreciate them coming back to us. We would also appreciate any donations of these.

Thank you. Have a great weekend
The Nursery Team.

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

It has been lovely to meet up with you all this week and share your child's progress with you.

This week we have been reading "The Three Little Pigs"		https://youtu.be/FNYBQsay_Ek?si=WYljYJw5SZCx438R

In Drawing Club (Literacy) we have drawn a house and then written a code to make something happen to the house so the pigs can escape from the wolf!

In Maths, we have been learning to combine two groups and then count how many altogether. We have also been learning more about subitising and saying what we can see in groups e.g. in four I can see two and two.

We have been Historians and compared our homes now with our teacher's homes when they were young and we have created our own "That's not my house" collage page.

Word Aware/ Vocabulary

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: *construct, first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), architect*

Half term home learning

Next term our topic is Everyday Heroes. We are asking that each child draws a picture of their hero, for example, a doctor, a vet, a teacher or someone who they look up to e.g. a big brother or sister, Granddad etc.

We will be sharing these during the first week back so please send them in on Monday 23rd February.

Have a great half term!

Best wishes from the Reception team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We have had a fantastic week. Thank you for coming to see us at parents' evenings this week, it was lovely to discuss all of the fantastic work the children have been doing with you all!

This week we have been writing our own instructions for how to trap a werewolf or ogre! We thought about where they might live, what their homes might look like, and what trap would be strong enough to hold our characters!

In computing we have been using our directional language and programming Beebots on the iPads. We took turns in our classes to give instructions to travel from one colored square to another.

In science this week we discussed the differences between herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. We thought about what different animals eat and what kind of diets we have ourselves.

In our indoor PE lessons this term, we have been doing gymnastics. So far, we have looked at different ways of travelling, balances, rolls, jumps, and using ribbons whilst moving. We have been so impressed with how well you have all been doing and your enthusiasm for sport!

Reading

A big well done to you all for your key word practice. We cannot believe how many certificates we are sending home to you all for completing them!

Our reading champions also have certificates to give to children that are doing lots of reading at home!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,
Year 1 Team

Y2— Owls and Kestrels

It has been wonderful to share the progress and growth of the Owls and Kestrels in our parents' evening this week. If you have been unable to make an appointment, please come and talk to us so that we can arrange time to talk to you. The children are proud of their work and we would love to show it too you.

This fortnight we have been continuing our work on multiplication and division of the 2,5 and 10 times tables by making equal groups. Times Table Rockstars will help the children to develop their fluency of times table facts. The children were given their log in details last term, but if they ned to be reminded, please let us know.

In English, we have been learning a discussion text. "Should the Wicked Step Mother be Jailed?" has allowed us to look at the features of balanced arguments and to consider both side of a discussion. On the one hand ..... On the other hand .... will be sentence openers that we ill use when considering whether or not Jack, The Troll and Goldilocks should suffer the same fate!

Last week, we went to the church to think about the resilience that Joseph showed when he was cast out by his brothers. We are really lucky to be supported by the church and equally fortunate that they offer a cafe church to each of the school's year group. Thank you to all who went.

In computing we have been looking at programming and debugging and in music, we have been making sweet melodies using percussion instruments to represent different animals.

Have a lovely weekend!
Year 2 Team

Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

As we close in on another term, year 3 are working harder than ever. It's been lovely to show you all the excellent work they have produced this term at parents evening. Please continue to work on their multiplication at home on the TTRS website, as this will support their maths work moving forward.

In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of measure, converting measurements from cm into mm and meters. We have moved onto calculating perimeter of 2D shapes and comparing perimeters using rulers.

In English, we have moved onto our non-fiction unit where the children have been busy researching volcanoes so that they can apply knowledge and understanding to a shared Innovation.

In DT, Parrots and Pelicans have been sewing and designing their wallets and purses; using felt, buttons and Velcro to finalise their designs. Next week, they will evaluate their product.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr MacDonald, Mrs Torrington and Mrs Hacker

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

We've had a productive week in Year 4. We have come to the end of our Length and Perimeter maths unit and next week will be starting our new unit on fractions. We have been looking at capital cities of Europe in Geography and how human impacts affect our school environment in science.

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!

Thank you for your continued support! As we approach the end of Term 3, we're excited to immerse ourselves in even more learning as we head into Term 4.

Mr Mac and Miss Elliott

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 dates, Penguins will be swimming on a Monday, so will only have PE on a Wednesday.**
- **Puffins (2nd, 9th and 23rd February) – on these dates, Puffins will be swimming on a Monday, so will only have PE on a Wednesday.**

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

We have had a few weeks in Year 5! Starting off with our trip on Monday to M-Shed learning about the history of Bristol and taking part in national storytelling week. The children's behaviour was exemplary; they made us all very proud. The children loved the trip and returned to school with lots of enthusiasm about the history of Bristol.

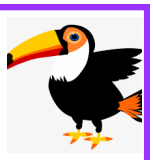
In English we have been using imperative verbs, rhetorical questions, sentences of 3 and repetition to persuade the audience. Both classes have written TV adverts about how superb St Peter's School is and preformed their advert to the class. They were very persuasive!

In our Maths lessons we are reading and interpreting tables, line graphs and timetables, which is a very tricky concept, but they have been persevering! Year 5 have also been mastering their arithmetic skills and many children are now working on the extended arithmetic questions.

Next week we are going to cooking a vegetarian pasta dish as part of our DT topic, where the children will learn the aspects of a healthy meal and how to safely use cooking equipment.

Have a good weekend!
Year 5 team

Y6— Toucans and Eagles



Well done year 6, you completed another set of Mock SATs last week and we are so proud of the effort you put in and the progress you are making. This week, we have spent time reviewing these tests as a class and in small group sessions. It was lovely to be able to share your child's current attainment and progress with you in parents' evening.

In maths this week we have been consolidating our learning on fractions, decimals and percentages. In writing we have started a new unit, "The Ice-Dagger Dragon". We have learned about the features of a non-fiction report and are looking forward to writing our own reports next week. We have continued to focus on gymnastics and netball in our P.E. sessions and citizenship in PSHE.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and also Safer Internet Day. Children are encouraged to dress up on the last day of term. As part of Safer Internet Day, we will be learning about on-line safety. We are aware of WhatsApp groups being created involving many pupils in the year group. We would encourage you to take this opportunity to check in with your child about their online presence and monitor the groups they are part of. The age of use for WhatsApp is 13 in the UK.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Next week is the final week of term and we will be busy completing our current units of learning ahead of the half term. After half term, we will be focusing on reviewing concepts and having a focus on key skills in Reading, Maths and SPAG. Please have a lovely rest and come back ready to smash it!

Have s lovely weekend,

Year 6 Team

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