NEWSLETTER

Term 4
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday and to the start of Term 4. Please find attached several notices below within the newsletter. I have also sent a separate letter to all parents in relation to the social media posts circulating online via TikTok and Snapchat.

Have a lovely weekend.

Uniform

We have had a few pupils after the half term holiday return wearing jewellery and nail varnish and with coloured hair. Please support the school by ensuring your child is dressed according to the uniform policy and guidelines, which can be found here: https://www.stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk/Uniform-08092022124339/

Statutory Assessment Weeks and Absence Requests

I am attaching the dates for upcoming statutory assessments. These are National Checks and Tests across the country and all schools must adhere to when the tests and checks are administered. Leave of absences during term time are not authorised by the school, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please also be mindful of the dates and checks relating to Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 as absences during the weeks of national assessments may mean your child is unable to complete the assessments.

Year 6: Key Stage 2 (KS2) SATs Dates

Mon 11 May: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Papers 1 and 2).
Tue 12 May: English Reading.
Wed 13 May: Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic, Paper 2: Reasoning).
Thu 14 May: Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning)

Year 2: KS1 Y2 Tests

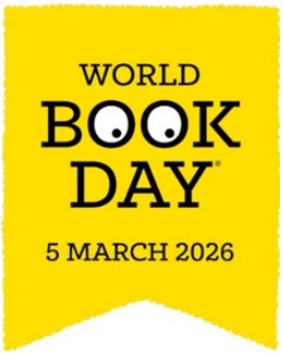
KS1 Tests: Optional English reading and maths tests can be administered during May 2026.
Year 1: Phonics Screening Check: Administered during the week beginning 8 June 2026.
Year 4: Multiplication Tables Check: Administered within a 2-week period from 1 June 2026.

Bikes and Scooters

I kindly ask all parents and carers to support the school in ensuring that pupils do not ride bikes and scooters on the premises. This is for the safety of the entire school community as we have a lot of people on site at drop off and collection. Can I also ask parents and carers to also abide by this guidance. As tempting as it is to ride / scoot off into the distance on your way out, your support is also much appreciated.

World Book Day

We have lots of events happening next week, culminating in non-uniform day for World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. There really is no need to spend money on costumes, you can come as any character from a book or simply come in non-uniform of your choice that your child is comfortable in and join in the fun. Further details relating to World Book Day will be sent to parents and carers.



Parking and Considerate Neighbours:

The school has received several emails recently from the local residents relating to inconsiderate parking (blocking private driveways), dangerous parking and obstructing the kerbs and pathways and leaving cars idling whilst dropping off. Please help us as a school to be considerate neighbours by walking and cycling/scooting to school and driving and parking safely in and around the school. May I also remind you of the safer street and road closures on Ellfield Close during drop off and collection. Only cars displaying a blue badge and residents should be accessing the road at these times. This helps us to keep our school community safe.

Girls Football Teams

Although there is a separate write up for our girls football team, I thought I would say a huge well done and congratulations to our pupils. Not only did they qualify for the regional finals, representing Bristol City against other professional teams in the finals held in Swindon, but we came an impressive 5th overall, narrowly missing out on a semi final spot. What is more impressive is this is the most successful team, either boys and girls, when representing Bristol City at regional finals. We are all super proud of your achievements.

Local Event:

And finally, BS13 is about to say good-bye to winter and step into the light and celebrate by holding a local light show on **6th March 2026.** BS13 residents only pay £1 to enter!
Go along with your brightest colours and enjoy some fire performances, bubble disco, neon face painting and much more. Visit this link to see more information and book your tickets: BS13 Glow | Heart of BS13

Matt Stannard
Headteacher
St Peter's C of E Primary School

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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 26th February 2026—

https://www.stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk/docs/Attendance/Weekly_attendance_ending_26th_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

SPORTS

Team SP visit the Robins

After qualifying for the regional qualifiers with a terrific Bristol Championships win, our girls team visited the Bristol City High Performance Centre. The team got a tour of the facilities, ate lunch with the players and were presented with a new kit following a Q and A with the Women's team.

Team SP Finish 5th at the Regionals!

Our team travelled to Swindon Town FC for the girls regional championships on Thursday. After drawing with Cheltenham with a classy goal by Callie B, the girls settled down and played some brilliant football beating Reading FC, Cardiff FC, Wycombe FC, Swansea City and Newport county all without conceding a goal with fantastic goals by Millie L, Rae W, Callie B and Gracie-May M.

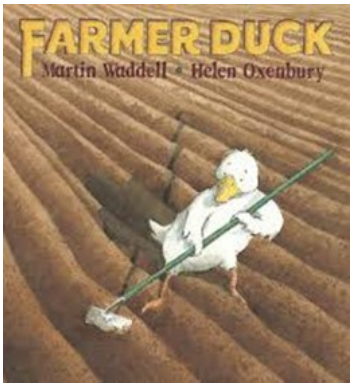
Our last group game was against Plymouth Argyle and after being 1-0 up through a lovely, weighted ball by Eliza C for Millie L to finish, we unfortunately lost 3-1. Our team regrouped and won their final game beating Bath City 4-0 with Nevaeh Crewe getting onto the score sheet.

Well done to team SP for finishing in the highest place finish a school has finished for Bristol City.

We are very proud of the work we do at St. Peter's for girls football and having recently won the Equal Access award for girls football, we are now looking forward to inviting many other girls to represent the school this term at the South Bristol Championships where we look to retain our title.

Nursery—Ducklings

This week in Nursery we have been learning about farms and farm animals, Wales and St David's Day celebrations. We made Welsh cakes and ate them in our milk time.



Our story is "Farmer Duck". It is about a lazy farmer who makes the duck do all the hard work whilst the farmer stays in bed. All the farm animals help the duck to teach the farmer a lesson and he runs away!

We enjoyed making collages using food grown on farms and of tractors and sheep. We have turned our home corner into a farm shop and it is proving very popular with everyone.

For our PSHE lesson we practised "good listening" by playing "Simon Says" and played a game called "Noisy Neighbour" where the children had to guess what everyday sound they heard.

For maths we have been sorting animals according to their type, colour and size. We learnt the song "The Ants Go Marching" and made ant patterns.

We have been enjoying the sunny warmer weather and played with balls and streamers in the garden.

Next week:

World Book Day is this Thursday 5th March. All the children are invited to come dressed as a character from a book if they would like to. For Set 1 children and full-time children they can also come dressed up on Tuesday 3rd to ensure everyone has a chance to participate.

Hope you have a lovely weekend
Mrs Cranfield

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

It has been lovely seeing all the children back this week!
We have read "Supertato" as part of our introduction to our "Everyday Heroes" topic".
Thank you for sending in pictures of your children's heroes – it has been lovely sharing them this week.

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In Drawing Club, we have created our own fruit/vegetable superhero to help Supertato and written a code to make them use their super power.
We have also drawn a trap to catch the Evil Pea! We enjoyed following the clues to find the Evil Pea's hiding place.
We have been learning about numbers 9 and 10 in Maths as well as the days of the week and using "Yesterday" and "Today".
Finally, we had fun making our own pancakes – whisking the batter and then cooking and eating them – yum! We even made one for Mr Stannard.

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: *hero*, *whisk* and *emergency*.

PE Kits

A reminder to please make sure your child's PE kit is in school for our lessons on **Monday**. Your child doesn't need trainers this term. We will start outdoor PE after Easter.

Everyday Hero Visitors

Over the next few weeks, we have some "Everyday Heroes" coming to visit Kookaburras and Robins – keep an eye on ILD to see who comes!

Best wishes from the Reception team.

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

The school nurses will be coming into school soon to complete the NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme) for Reception children. The nurses will carry out Height & Weight Measurements & Vision checks. Please scan the QR code or click on the link here if you require further information about the screening and what the information is used for.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the screening, then you do not need to do anything. However, if you **do not** wish for your child to take part you will need to opt-out using the form attached to the letter's that were emailed to you on 15th January 2026.

Please contact the school office if you require a paper copy of the opt-out forms

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

Hello all,
We have had a wonderful first week back!
Thank you for bringing in your toys this week for our history lesson. We loved looking at what they were made of, how we played with them, and different ways that they could be organised into groups.

In English this week we have started our new writing unit Supertato. We loved making our own Supertatos this week whilst we learnt the story actions to help us in our writing.
We have also begun our new maths unit- place value to 50. We have been counting within 50 this week, as well as counting in 10s!

Home Learning Update
This term our phonics home learning will look a little different.
We will be sending home one QR code for each group which will have several videos for the sounds your child is learning or reviewing **this term**. These are on the Ruth Miskin Portal and are like the ones your child used in Reception for home learning.

Each week we will send home a QR code of a video to practice word reading.
On your homework sheet, there is a QR code for each group, we have put your child's phonics teacher and book colour on each box to help you.

World Book Day
Just a reminder that next week is World Book Day. On Thursday your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or wear their pyjamas.
We are also going to take part in a book swap within our classes. Please bring in a book that you are happy to swap with another child, this way we can all enjoy a new story at home!
We can't wait to see your outfits and pyjamas!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,
Year 1 Team

Y2— Owls and Kestrels

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for everything that the new term will bring.

We have started the term with our usual wellbeing morning to settle everyone back into the term with a flourish! In English this term, we are looking at non chronological reports and writing about various African animals. We will be looking at how to hook the reader, sound like an expert, use suspense and give detail.

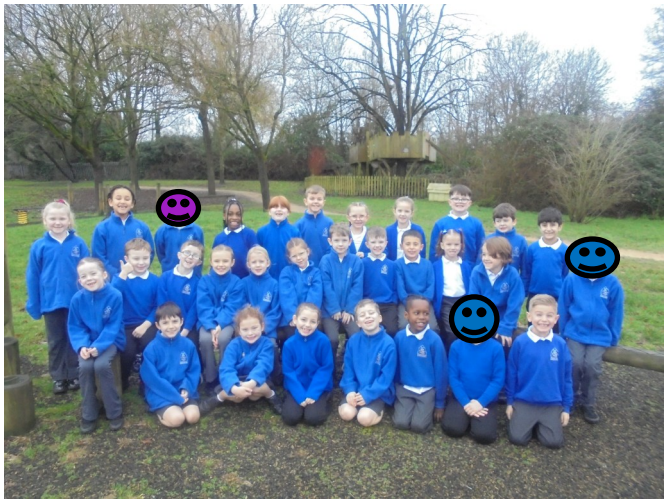
In Maths, we will be looking at fractions in both shapes and amount. Later this term, we will be exploring length, height and measure and continuing our recollection of times tables.

In Science, we are investigating animals and their habitats. In History we are looking at inventors or transport and their inventions. In PE, we are moving on to develop our stamina and endurance and well as developing our ability, balance and co-ordination skills. We are excited to start our DT project where we will design, make and evaluate our own pizzas.

Please continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week to support them with their fluency and expressions.

As always, any questions, please come and speak to us.

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 2 team.



Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

We hope you have all had an amazing break. Year 3 have hit the ground running in term 4.

In maths, the children have been consolidating their learning after a week off in measure, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It has been lovely to see some of our children becoming independent in their learning, completing homework and logging into their TTRS to practice their times tables.

In English, our unit will focus on instructions. In the first English lesson of the term, the children had a go at writing some instructions on how to make soup. Following this, the children took to making some origami pieces.

This week, year 3 went over to St. Peter's Church, where Tim and James took the morning to run through different bible parables and got the children to think deeply about each story with activities and questions. The children enjoyed a biscuit or two, too!

A big well done to all of our year 3 footballers who have been attending the Imperial Sports Ground. You have all done us proud!

Swimming Dates

Pelicans
Monday 2nd March 2026
Monday 9th March 2026
Monday 16th March 2026

Parrots
Monday 20th April 2026
Monday 27th April 2026
Monday 11th May 2026

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

We've had a positive first week back in Year 4 this term. We have started our Fractions unit in Maths and have emerged into our new quest in English; Wanda and the Toad. We had so much fun making our potions for our book to immerse ourselves in our new learning.

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 every 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 of class on Wednesdays.

Reminders and key information: Term 4

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 back to normal, on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World book day

Your children can dress up as a character from a book or Pyjamas.
We will also have a book swap on this day, where your children are welcome to bring a book from home to swap with a friend.

Thank you for your continued support! We're looking forward to diving into our new learning this term. Fingers crossed for more sunshine and fewer rainy-day playtimes!

Mr Mac and Miss Elliott

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

What a busy first week back into Term 4!

Emus and Flamingos have been super busy starting their new units in English, Maths, Science, PE, computing and art.

This term in English we are focusing on a portal story 'The Arrowhead' which has interested the children as they are gripped on the powerful powers of the ancient arrowhead. Within this unit the children will be writing their own portal story and generating ideas to create their own powerful object.

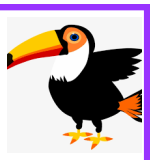
For maths, we have begun area and perimeter which is a familiar concept to year 5, however we are challenging them with reverse calculations. We are also continuing out arithmetic lessons to improve the children's speedy calculations.

In science, we will begin looking at properties and how materials can change, we will be exploring this mostly practically. In art we are looking at still life art and looking into famous artist such as Vincent Van Gough and Georg Fegel.

This week, some of the girls from year 5&6 have had the opportunity to meet the Bristol City Women's football team to collect their new kit and have lunch with the players!
This is a fantastic experience, and all girls came back beaming.

Year 5 team!

Y6— Toucans and Eagles



Welcome back year 6!

We hope you had a lovely half term. Hasn't it been nice for the days to get slowly brighter?

This week, we have been reading the start of Kiran Millwood Hargrave's 'Island at the End of Everything'. We had a go at writing our own mysterious story openings with a hidden secret.

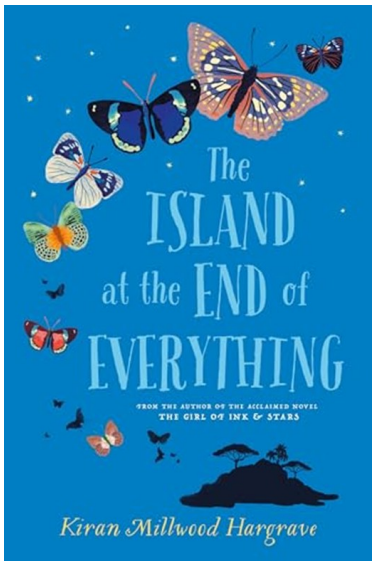
In Maths, we have covered our unit on converting measure, including metric and imperial units. Home learning will be linked to this- please support your child in completing this as it helps progress in class. In science, we have started a new unit of learning. We have been looking at classification and have studied Linnaeus' naming and classification system.

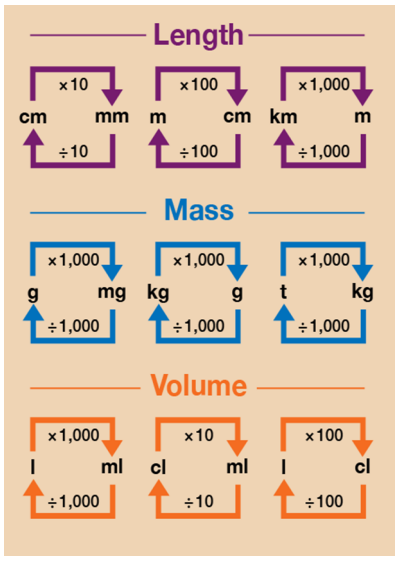
In PSHE, we have started a new unit on Economic Wellbeing, which we are very excited about as it will link to real life skills. PE continues to be on a Monday and Thursday this term. Please can all children come in wearing correct PE kits on those days. As our P.E. on Thursday is provided by an external provider, please can we ask that for that day only, children bring their kits to change into for the session.

Next Thursday is World Book Day. Children are encouraged to come to school as their favourite book character or wearing pyjamas or anything else that is inspired by books. Please make sure that your child is wearing suitable footwear for being in school.

Let's hope the sun manages to shine over the weekend!

Best wishes, Y6 Team





TERM DATES 2025/26

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

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

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