A World of Opportunities

St Peter's C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a busy term and the pupils are all looking forward to a well deserved half term holiday before we then head into the last term of the academic year. T6 is always busy with transition, sports days and everything else in between, so please do keep an eye on the website and newsletters for key events and dates.

Please do have a restful holiday and a lovely bank holiday & half term.

Kindest regards,

Matthew Stannard
Headteacher

St Peter's Fest - Coming Soon
Please do read the newsletter this week, as we have some exciting news about St Peter's Fest 2026. Last year was an unbelievable event and we hope to better this with more entertainment and opening an hour longer. We look forward to seeing you all there, fingers crossed for the good weather. ***THIS WILL BE A SOLD OUT EVENT SO PLEASE GRAB YOUR TICKETS AS SOON AS YOU CAN.***

Toys in School
We have sent communications out recently just asking parents and carers in supporting by not encouraging pupils to bring in toys to play with me. Not only do they become a distraction to learning in class, but they also get lost and damaged. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Value of Service
Thank you to Calvin and Rory who decided they would carry out a litter pick in the local community. They even managed to find a traffic cone, which I am sure will come in handy. Amazing boys, well done.

Maths Tables and Phonics Check
Parents and Carers of pupils in Year 4 and Year 1 will be completing the Y1 Phonics Screening Check and the Y4 Maths Tables Check after the half term break. These are statutory checks that pupils are required to check and schools are required to administer. The dates of which are as follows:

Multiplication tables check—Schools must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 1 June 2026.
Phonics screening check—Schools must administer the phonics screening check within the 1-week period from Monday 8 June **2026.**

Please find attached a hyperlink to guidance for parents, this will also be sent as a pdf to parents and carers of pupils in Y1 and Y4.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb573dad669f061d46b58/Phonics_screening_check_information_for_parents.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb4ebb5e5a06aefd46b58/Multiplication_tables_check_information_for_parents.pdf

Thank You Lidl
Robins and Kookaburras both enjoyed their trips to Lidl Bishopsworth this week. Huge thanks to Mark O Neill and his staff who were so welcoming to the children and also arranged for the cost of the small treats for the children to be covered.

Sports Days
Nursery: Wednesday 8th July 9:15am – 10:30am and 1:15pm – 2:30pm
Reception: Thursday 9th July 9:15am – 11:15am
Year 1 & Year 2: Thursday 9th July 1:15pm – 3:00pm
Year 3 & Year 4: Friday 10th July 9:15am – 11:15am
Year 5 & Year 6: Friday 10th July 1:15pm – 3:00pm

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:
Weekly_attendance_ending_21st_May_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 around 50%.

NEWS FROM THE WINDMILL

[Look inside 224 Youth Zone – Knowle West Community]

SAFEGUARDING

[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety]

Here you can find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online.

Take a look at this campaign called **"You wont know until you ask."**

In a poll of over one thousand UK parents, most said they feel confident they understand online platforms – a quarter felt they don't know what their child is seeing. This campaign is full of immediate practical advice for parents on how to talk to children about harmful online content.

SPORTS

Cricketers Shine Once Again

For the sixth year running, our girls qualified for the area finals and will battle it out in term 6 to attend the West of England Championships. The team practised for a month leading up to the event and this dedication shone through with Callie smashing sixes out of the ground in the first game and Ophelia taking two wickets against Ashton Gate School. Following this, Penny and Millie paired together to bring home 35 runs between them, managing to edge past Birdwell School. With Eliza leading the team, St. Peter's also managed to bring home a respectable score of 104 runs against Christ Church School. In our last match, Lyla, Amelia and Nevaeh all took a wicket each to edge past Southville. Well done, girls! We ended the event with our annual human pyramid!

Ashton Gate Finals

Following months of football events at the Imperial Sports Ground, both our girls and boys football team qualified for the finals held at Ashton Gate, with the boys finishing in 3rd place and the girls winning the South Bristol Championship for the second year running.

This event brings together the strongest teams from across North, South and Central Bristol in a bid to crown the top teams across the region. The boys swept through Westbury park 2-0 with goals from captain Arthur and Callie. Following this the team edged past Birdwell School 1-0. Unfortunately, the boys competition came to an end with a 1-0 defeat to last year's champions St. Ursula.

The girls were looking to add the Bristol title to an extensive list of silverware this season. After wins against Shirehampton and Westbury Park, the girls beat Birdwell School to set up a final against long standing rivals, Southville. Final score: St. Peter's 2-0 Southville. Well done to our girls team for becoming Bristol Champions!

NEWS FROM THE PSFA

Get ready for 4 hours of non-stop family fun and entertainment for all ages! Enjoy an unforgettable evening packed with:

- Family Magic Show
- Live Band Entertainment
- High-Energy Disco
- Exciting raffles and classic games
- Inflatables fun
- Delicious food stalls and a fully stocked bar

Friday, 26th June 2026
Ellfield Road — gates open from 5pm to 9pm
Tickets just £5 per person
Children 11 and under go free (but must have a ticket)
Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

Come celebrate community, music, and summer fun at St Peters Fest — we can't wait to see you there!

Book your tickets using this link. https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspsfa/index.cfm

St. Peter's C of E Primary School
PSFA

Nursery—Ducklings

In Nursery we continued to tell the story “Come on Daisy” and enjoyed books by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet including “Barry the Fish with Fingers” and “Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell”.

In Maths we discussed the different sizes of lily pads. We completed some measuring with counting objects- counting how many objects would fit across and around them. We have been singing 5 Little Ducks and 5 Little Speckled Frogs. We used the interactive white board to compare how many frogs were in the pond and how many were on the log.

On our creative table we made boats and rafts. We tried to make them float on the water, in our tuff tray with small world people inside them. We also made dragonflies and Daisy ducks.

In Forest School the children have been exploring, feeding the birds and playing hide and seek. They remembered how to stay safe in Forest School- Miss Phillips was very impressed!

Thank you if you managed to make it to one of our story sessions. The children love having their parents and grandparents come into Nursery, it really makes their day.

Our Danceathon was a great success. The children had a fantastic time dancing with pom poms and glow sticks. They danced their little socks off for ages! The Parent Pay link will stay live until after half term.

Upcoming Events

“Shuffle ups” - we will take the children to the Reception classes to meet the teachers next term and explore the classrooms and garden.

Sports Day
Wednesday 8th July
9:15am – 10:30am for set 1
1:15pm – 2:30pm for set 2

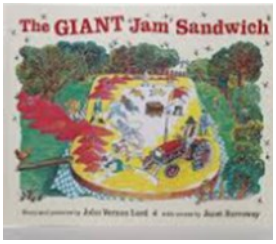
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th July - local park visit followed by a picnic at school (Park visit will be 9.15-11.00) Please let us know if you can come with us as we will need lots of adult support.

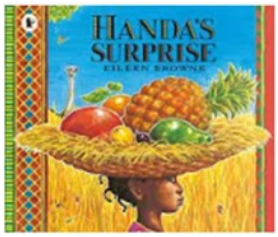
Hope you have a fabulous half term!
Best wishes from the Nursery team

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

This past fortnight we have been using the stories "Handa's Surprise and "The Giant jam Sandwich" in our learning. We have described the different fruit in Handa's Surprise and enjoyed writing instructions of how to make a jam sandwich!

You can share the stories here:





In Maths we have been focusing on showing teen numbers on a 10s frame, thinking about them as 10 and some more. We have also focused on taking away and counting what is left to get our answer.

We have been artists and experimented with paper weaving and mixing colours to create beautiful African savannah sunsets.

We have enjoyed comparing homes in different countries and going on a mini-beast hunt in our outside area.

Walk to local shop

Both classes had a lovely walk to Lidl this week! The children really enjoyed spotting their homes, buses and the roads their family / friends live on (to name a few!). We were very lucky to have the opportunity to go behind the scenes of Lidl and see where the bakery goods are cooked, where the frozen goods are kept, where the deliveries come in and even how the cardboard in compacted for recycling! Huge thanks to the Manager, Mark for taking the time to show both classes around. Thank you to the adults who were able to come along and support us on this trip as well.

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 fortnight, our words were surprise, ripe, delicious and soft.

PE

We will continue to do our PE lessons outside on a Monday in Term 6. Please remember to return your child's PE kit on the first day of term 6 (House T shirt, royal blue shorts, trainers).

Trainers can either be left in the PE bag or can come in every Monday.

Half Term Home Learning

Next term, our new topic is ***"Under the sea!".*** We will be learning about different animals who live in the sea, what it is like under the sea and about being at the seaside.

Please send in a question about "Under the Sea" that your child would like us to find the answer to on a piece of paper or via ILD.

Best wishes from the Reception team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

We have had such a busy week! We just wanted to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that came on our trip to Slimbridge this week. We had a fantastic time splashing in the park, seeing all the birds, and taking part in our workshop learning about the guardians of the wild! You will receive login details (which will be stapled to the back of reading diaries) to complete some nature activities at home. When children have completed 10 activities, they will receive a certificate and a voucher for a free family trip to return to Slimbridge.

In our DT lesson this week, we made the healthy wraps that we designed last week and took them to the hall to have a teddy bears picnic. We were so impressed with the chopping skills everybody demonstrated. Lots of children also tried a new vegetable that they were not sure if they were going like and we are super proud of them.

Enterprising

Next term we are planning a cake sale in Year 1 (hopefully week 2) as part of an enterprising challenge. We will need volunteers to help bake cakes and sell them. More information to follow.

Upcoming:

PE days are Monday and Tuesday
Cake sale (week 2)
Sports Day— Thursday 16th July 1.15—3pm

Please keep up with your reading, all books have been changed ready for half term. Remember to use the QR codes sent home weekly for homework.

We hope you have a wonderful break,
Year 1 Team.

Y2— Owls and Kestrels

That was a short term filled with learning and fun. It is hard to think that we will be in the last term of year 2 when we come back after the break.

Thank you for coming in last Friday to look at the children's work. They are all proud of how hard they have worked and of their successes. It gives us all great joy to see their progress. We know their potential is enormous and it is a pleasure to watch and support them in their journey.

Next term we will be thinking about the transition to year 3. Most children will manage this move with ease, but some may find the new building and the change in expectations a little more tricky. Please be assured that we know the children who will need extra help and we will offer them an enhanced transition to smooth the journey.

For our Homes from the Past history topic, we will be studying dragon tales and visiting Tyntesfield House (Wednesday 17th June). We will look at primary sources of evidence to compare how people lived in the past with changes that have been made in things that people use today. Our primary text for writing will be the alternative tale of George and the Dragon while in maths we will be consolidating the maths skills that we have gained this year and beginning to collect data and report our results in statistics.

Our art project will involve collage and rubbings, while in music, we will be getting out the glockenspiels to let the children experience playing an instrument in a band (wish us luck!!)

Have a relaxing break and see you on Monday 1st June.

Year 2 team.

Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

Year 3 enjoyed their second trip of the year. We visited the Bristol Museum to continue their learning of the Ancient Egyptians. Both Parrots and Pelicans enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian workshop where they looked at journal entries, ancient artifacts and replica Egyptian tools, jewelry and toys.

Our children also enjoyed exploring the exhibits with their key adults, and even took part in a quiz as they moved through the different levels. To finish the trip, we sketched some of their favourite items in their sketchbooks. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came on the trip.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you in June.

Mr. MacDonald, Mrs Torrington and Mrs Hacker

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

We've had a hard-working couple of weeks in Year 4! All of the children are working so hard on their times tables in maths and in their independent suspense writing in English. Last week, we conducted a digestive system investigation. The children found it super fun but also quite disgusting! Some children are glad they never have to do that investigation again!

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child with their weekly homework! As we get further into the year, completing their homework will support your child to solidify their learning. 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!

Please keep practicing times tables as much as possible. The more your children practice now, the more comfortable and confident they will feel completing the times tables check in Term 6!

This term, Miss Elliott and Mr Mac will be out on class on Wednesdays.

Reminders and key information: Term 6

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.

Please keep practicing Times Tables on TTRS and TimesTables.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun over the half term break!
Mr Mac and Miss Elliott

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

Year 5 have had a great Term 5! We have been very busy with trips, enterprise projects and new learning.

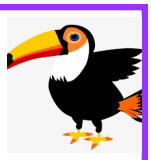
In our DT lessons these past few weeks the children have been designing and making their own sewn and stuffed toy, that a younger child would like. The children learnt and used a variety of sewing techniques to make their toy, including running stich, back stitch and blanket stitch.

In History, we have continued learning about the History of Bristol and understanding what Bristol Castle was sued for and how the rich and the poor differed in the 1500's. The children also enjoyed leaning about The Black Death and recognising how important modern-day hygiene and medicine is.

Flamingo's class went on their trip to into university and had a fantastic time learning about what different courses are available at university and the broad range of university you can attend.

Have a lovely half term,
Year 5 team!

Y6— Toucans and Eagles



Well done Year 6, you have made it to the end of a very busy term! We could not be prouder of the effort you put in to your SATs last week. No matter the results, we are absolutely certain that each of you has tried your hardest and done your very best.

As SATs have finished, we have now been focusing on writing. As you know, the SATs assess on Reading, Grammar and Maths, and Writing is assessed with teacher judgements based on the National Curriculum. Over the next few weeks, we will be working hard to get our writing to the Year 6 standard. This week, we have enjoyed writing stories based on the short film 'Alma'.

This week, we have learned about Civil Rights in History, Christian viewpoints on Creation in R.E., and have begun designing our own 3-course meals in D.T. Also this week we have covered PSHE learning on Safety and the Changing Body.

Next term, we have several dates to consider:

Week 3: **18th June-** Life Skills trip. Please check for previous communications on details. Packed lunch and uniform required please. Do ask the office for a lunch if you would like one by Friday 5th June.

Week 5: **29th June** - INSET

1st, 2nd, 3rd July- Various Transition Days. Please check with your child's secondary school for details of their specific transition visits.

Week 8: **21st July**- Leavers' Assembly (morning session) more details to follow.

Please can we ask that after half term, pupils are attending school in correct uniform. Leggings and cycle shorts do not form part of school uniform or P.E. kit. As it may be quite warm, please can children have a hat and water bottle in school every day.

With very best wishes for a lovely (and hopefully hot!) half term.

Thanks,
Team Year 6

2025/26 TERM DATES

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

DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM 6

Phonics Screening W/C Monday 8th June 2026
Health Week W/C Monday 6th July 2026

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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