NEWSLETTER

Term 5
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached this weeks newsletter. Next week is a busy week, especially with Y6 completing SATs next week.
Here is a message to all our Year 6 learners from myself... You are amazing, you can only do your best and your best will always be good enough.
The pupils have worked exceptionally hard up to this point and we all look forward to Friday, when Year 6 will celebrate with a pizza or two from Dominos - (other Pizza providers are available).

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Matt Stannard

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher Appointment: Congratulations to Mrs Knowles

A huge congratulations to Mrs Lucy Knowles who has successfully been appointed to the position of Deputy Headteacher from September 2026. We all really look forward to working alongside Mrs Knowles in her new post and helping our pupils and school community continue to flourish in the future.

"Meet a Medic" Y3 and Y4

Last week we were visited by medical students studying to become Doctors who introduced our Y3 and Y4 pupils to the world of university, studying and what it is like to become a doctor. The students commented on the conduct of our pupils and how polite, respectful and engaged they all were. Well done Year 3 and Year 4 for demonstrating our value of Service.

Emu Enterprise Spring Fayre

Huge thank you and well done to Emu class who organised and ran their Spring Fayre as part of their enterprise challenge. The £50 they were given has now become over £600. This is incredible and a demonstration of "The Parable of the Talents" (Matthew 25:14-30). Thank you to all our parents and carers who supported.

KS2 SATs

Breakfast Club for Y6 is 8:15am - 8:40am in the Junior Hall. Access is via Ellfield Close only. Please make sure all Y6 pupils are at Breakfast Club for 8:30am at the latest.

New Allergy Safety Law for Schools – From September

From September 2026, new national guidance (often referred to as *Benedict's Law*) will strengthen how all schools in England support children with allergies.

These changes have been introduced by the government to improve safety and consistency across schools, ensuring every child with allergies is well supported.

These new requirements aim to:

- Improve staff confidence and response in emergencies
- Reduce risks in everyday school life

Give parents reassurance that safety systems are in place

Our commitment

As a school, we welcome these changes, and they will further enhance and strengthen our procedures.

Our priority is to ensure that every child feels safe, included, and fully supported during their time with us.

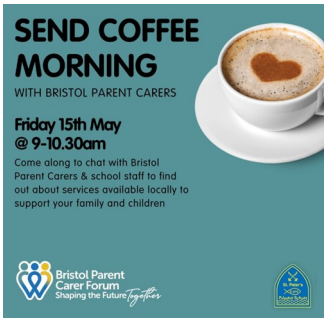
St Peter's C of E Primary School is a nut free school, has robust procedures around foods and pupils with allergies and, as a parent of a child with severe allergies, a national strategy around supporting pupils with allergies will be hugely beneficial.

News from the Lighthouse

Come along to our SEND Coffee morning hosted in partnership with Bristol Parent Carer Forum where you can find out more information on what support is available locally for your child with special educational needs and disabilities. It doesn't matter if you don't have a diagnosis, we are here to support every family in Bristol and we are parents ourselves, so we get it!

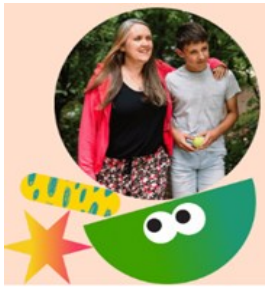
There is no need to book, but if you would like to register your interest then scan the QR code

Date: Friday 15th May **Time:** 9 - 10:30am **Location:** The Pod



Pathway for parents or carers of children from preteen to teenager

Join our learning pathway for all parents, carers and grandparents: a journey of supporting children who may be neurodivergent, have a disability or face other additional challenges as they transition into secondary school.



News from PSFA

St Peter's Fest – Save the Date!

Plans are well underway for this year's *St Peter's Fest*, taking place on **Friday 26 June 2026**. It's shaping up to be a fantastic event, with Party Peeps bringing the fun, a magic show already booked, and the bouncy castles have been secured! Ticket sales will be announced soon—watch this space.

How you can get involved

There are lots of ways you can support and help make this event a success:

- **Sponsorship & raffle prizes** Are you a local business interested in sponsoring the event or donating a raffle prize? We'd love to hear from you. Please email us at **psfa@stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk**.

Raffle donations

There will be a non-school uniform day on **Friday 5th June** in exchange for colour themed raffle prize donations. We will be making rainbow hampers as prizes for the big raffle so please bring into class your donations of hamper worthy prizes..

Colours by year as follows:

Nursery	Purple
Reception	Pink
Year 1	Red
Year 2	Orange
Year 3	Yellow
Year 4	Green
Year 5	Blue
Year 6	Silver/Gold/Black

Teddy amnesty

We'll be holding a teddy amnesty from **18th to 22nd May** — please bring in your pre loved teddies for our big teddy give away at St Peter's Fest.

Community connections

We'd love to involve local community groups to make the day extra special. If you have contacts in the emergency services, dance groups, football clubs, or other organisations, please get in touch with your ideas.

Volunteers needed

This year, we're hoping to introduce a volunteer rota so everyone—including our amazing helpers—can enjoy time with family during the festivities. As a PSFA (Parents, Staff and Friends Association), we welcome help from everyone—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends.

The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be to run a smooth and enjoyable event for all. Please consider signing up to lend a hand and help spread a little joy! St Peter Fest Volunteer sign up sheet 2026 – Fill in form

Thank you from the PSFA team

Nursery—Ducklings

In Nursery we continued to tell the story of "Jasper's Beanstalk."
We innovated the story to make it our own. We voted for the character to be changed, and the story became "Ginge's Beanstalk" Ginge is Miss West's beloved family cat. Here is looking for beans in his garden, just like Jasper did.
This week we have been reading "Alien's Love Underpants" and learning to recognise, continue and create patterns. We made patterned paper pants (like in the book) patterns with beads, Duplo, mosaics and counting objects.

In phonics we learnt the sounds s, t and d.
The children have continued to practise their name writing and have new name cards to help. They cards have the Read Write Inc pictures on them to ensure the children form each letter correctly.
In our PSHE lesson we discussed eating healthily and growing. We cut up various vegetables and made pretend vegetable soup. We also talked about our families and created a family picture.

Outside the children enjoyed cleaning the cars, washing dolls clothes and hanging them to dry. Miss Philips took the children on their first visit to our Forest School. The children had great fun exploring there.
We were so excited to see that our bean plants have grown and we will send these home and the end of the week. Please send in any photos on the ILD of the sunflowers or bean plants as they continue to grow.

Dates for the diary:

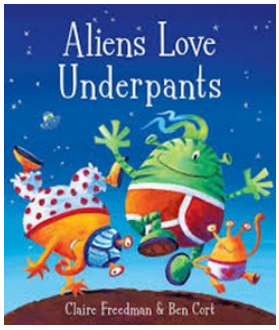
Story Sessions

Tuesday 19th May
Thursday 21st May at 3pm.

Sponsored "Danceathon"

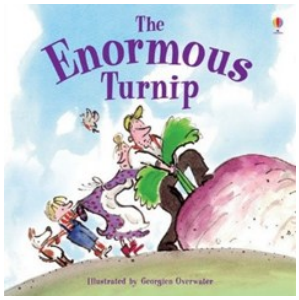
On the same days at the story sessions we will be asking children to complete a sponsored dance in our garden. Our "Danceathon" will be to raise money for some new garden equipment. We will let you know more details next week.

Hope you have a great weekend.
Best wishes from Mrs Cranfield and the team



Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

This past fortnight we have been using the stories “The Enormous Turnip” and “The Tiger who came to tea” in our learning. In Drawing Club we drew and wrote another visitor who we would like to come to tea and also what food we would give our visitor.
You can share the stories here:



In Maths we have been focusing on building numbers beyond ten, learning that 11 is ten and one, 12 is ten and two. We have ordered the numbers and compared them. We have also been learning to add more. We have learnt that when we add, the amount gets bigger.
We have been scientists, exploring pushes and pulls and observing how apples change when they are left in different liquids for a long time. We have also grown our own cress seeds and learnt about how food can decay if it is left out.
We have also been historians, learning all about shops our teachers went to when they were young.

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; *push, pull, furry, stripy, cafe*

Sun Safety

We have loved being outside in the sunshine this week. Please could you send your child with a named sunhat each day. Suncream can be applied before school.

PE

A reminder that our PE kit with trainers need to be in school please. We change for PE in school so children should wear normal school uniform on a Monday.

Best wishes from the Reception team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

Hello all,
We hope you all had a great weekend. We have had such a busy week with a lot going on.

We have loved watching our sunflowers begin to grow shoots and are enjoying looking after them.
This week we have started writing our own stories based on sea monsters and giants! We have loved thinking about how we can make our writing interesting and have been showing off our skills with some independent writing.
In our Geography lesson this week we gave weather reports comparing the weather in the UK and Tanzania. We loved using the iPads to film one another and show off our knowledge and presenting skills.

Key information:

- Just a reminder that the date of our trip is 20th May.
- Please remember to give consent for your child and book school packed lunches if needed.

Please refer to the letter previously sent home for more information.

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

Y2— Owls and Kestrels

Another great week of learning from the year 2 classes over the last fortnight.

The children are working hard towards the end of year goals now, their progress has been awesome, and we are starting to get ready for the final term.

In English, we have used Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are as stimulus for our writing. We have written a report about our own Wild Thing and a description of a scene using adjectives and positional sentence openers. We wrote a letter to King Max, asking him to come back to the island, by using conjunctions and questions for persuasion.
In Maths, we have now finished our weight, length and capacity unit and we are now learning to tell the time.
In science we are continuing to look at habitats and how plants adapt to their surroundings, while in geography we are starting to make comparisons with Bristol and Dar Es Salam, the capital city of Tanzania.

Thanks for all the reading that is happening at home. Many children are flourishing with their fluency and expression. Please keep the good work going and remember that our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.

Many thanks,
The year 2 team.

Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

Hello everyone,

In maths, we have completed our unit on money. The children have worked incredibly hard to find change, add and subtract money and convert money between pounds and pence.
In English, year 3 have begun their shared innovation of a warning story and have been using toolkit features such as: personification, prepositional phrases and similes. Ask your child to give you an example of each!

In PE, the children continue to develop their indoor athletics understanding and skills as we build towards sports day in term 6. We have also had a go at cricket fielding.
In DT, we have been planning our pneumatic toys which use air to create a moving part.

Please send your child in with a cardboard box and any items they would like to use to create their toy. We will supply a balloon, a pump and a tube.

Have a great weekend,

Mr MacDonald, Mrs Torrington and Mrs Hacker

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

What an exciting 2 weeks we have had in Year 4!

Last week we had our year group church visit, which we all very much enjoyed! We were also grateful to have a whole afternoon to Meet-A-Medic, organised by Dr Eric Albone MBE, Director of Clifton Scientific Trust. During the afternoon, we had medical students join us from UWE who talked to us about being a doctor and taught us more about the digestive system. The children had the opportunity to interact with basic medical equipment such as a stethoscope, tendon hammer, and skeleton models. It was such an engaging and inspiring afternoon

We have started our Money unit in Maths and are getting ready to do some writing for our English suspense unit; Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat. Our class book for this term is Varjak Paw by FS Said.

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!

Reminders and key information: Term 5

- 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.
- Due to SATS week: Children will not eat lunch until 1:15.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Mac and Miss Elliott

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

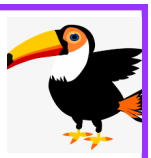
The past two weeks have been super busy in year 5! We have started to look script writing and character descriptions for our creative writing challenge all about Matilda the musical. In maths we have started our new unit of decimals and challenging the children with reasoning questions.

Emus class carried out their school fair as part of the whole school enterprise challenge and turned their £50 into a whopping **£636.95**, what a massive achievement Emus! Miss Dineen would like to give a shout out to Gracie-May for planning, creating and running her own lucky dip stall raising over £65! Flamingos are still planning what they are going to do to raise money.

Year 5 are also going to 'into university' workshops this week and next week where they will: understand what university is; explore courses they can study; and look at location options. This will open a world of opportunities for both classes.

Best wishes from Y5 Team

Y6— Toucans and Eagles



Great work this week, Year 6!
You have been really focused and determined this week as we have been completing our last sessions of revision before SATs.
In Maths, we have been revising fractions, percentages and time. In Grammar, we have been reviewing key skills around punctuation and word classes. In Reading, we have also been recapping some key skills around vocabulary and inference.
In P.E. we have continued our cricket unit and enjoyed practising our professional throwing skills! We have also learned about identity in PSHE.

As the weather hopefully gets warmer (finally!) please can we ask that pupils have appropriate uniform on (not cycle shorts) and a hat and water bottle in school. We will encourage pupils to stay in the shade over lunch time on hotter days and we may have to ask pupils to remain in the shade if they don't have a hat on such days, to avoid illness.

Next week is SATs week. We are so proud of the effort put in by your children across the year and want the week itself to reflect this. During SATs week, children are invited in from **8:15am-8:40am** on **Mon- Thurs** to share a breakfast and chat!
Whilst this is not compulsory, we do feel it provides a good opportunity for the children to relax with friends and be ready for the day. We will likely call you around **8:45am** if your child has not arrived in school. We have carefully considered each child when organising the week and have been able to facilitate small groups with additional adults to ensure every pupil is best supported. We have also arranged for sports coaches to support across the week to provide a nice balance of activities!

Please do speak to us if you have any questions.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend,
Team Year 6

TERM DATES 2025/26

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

KS2 SATs Monday 11th—Friday 15th May 2026
Phonics Screening W/C Monday 8th June 2026
Health Week W/C Monday 6th July 2026