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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 13

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the first weeks of term. They have been working hard and displaying the right attitudes and values of the school, including being Ready, Respectful and Safe. You can also find their picture on the school's website.



Friday 13 March



Friday 20 March

YEAR 2 MULTI SKILLS

St Peter's hosted the 2nd Y2 Bridge Multi-Skills event on Thursday 19 March. Y2 children from Almondsbury, St Chad's, Oldbury and The Manor took part in six events including skipping, ladder run, keep-it-ups, Captain Ball, beanbag target throw and dribble drills. The weather was gorgeous and the children had an amazing, energetic morning. A huge thanks to Y6 and Tom (Bristol Sports) for running the event.



YEAR 5/6 PARLIAMENT TRIP

Year 5 and 6 had an amazing day out in London visiting the Houses of Parliament, Parliament Square and Downing Street. The children thoroughly enjoyed the tour around the Houses of Parliament and were able to take part in a workshop.



RED NOSE DAY

The children came dressed in some whacky, hilarious outfits to raise money for Red Nose Day. All the classes chose their favourite joke and they were presented in celebration service. Well done everyone! We raised £141.90!

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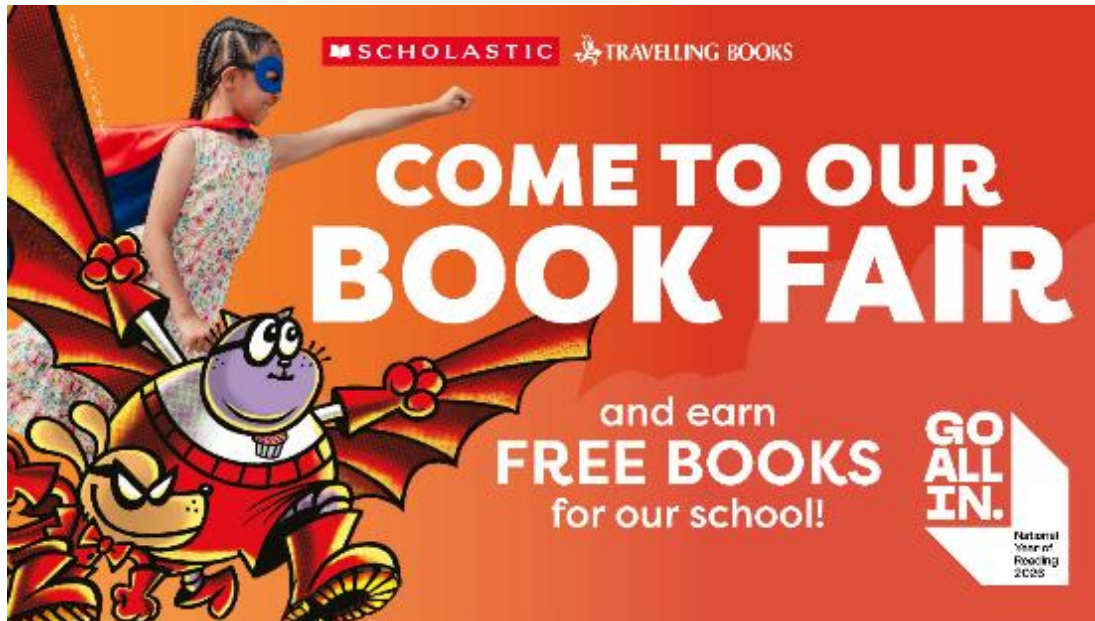
Our book last week was "Owl Babies" we spent the week learning all about nocturnal and diurnal woodland animals. We explored torches in the dark den with animal silhouette puppets, we made toilet roll owls and we practised our phonics, learning our new sound 'd'. This week our book has been "Dear Zoo". We have enjoyed our small world savannah, making marks in the sand and finding out all about the animals that live there. The Den has been turned into 'The Zoo Vets Surgery' and we have used great imagination helping all the poorly animals, looking after them and making them better. We have also enjoyed lots of sunny outdoor play, with the water and the mud kitchen. Today we had great fun dressing up for Comic Relief.

More photos can be found on the school website -

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=20%2E03%2E26+update&pid=352>



BOOK WEEK



Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March we will have the book fair in the hall, every day after school. Children will have a £1 book token that they can use towards a purchase of a book. Payment by card is preferred but cash is welcome. We invite children to dress up as a favourite book character on Friday 27th March and would especially love to see children bring in a copy of their favourite book to talk about in class. As always, dressing up is optional and can be anything from a small prop (who doesn't love Harry Potter glasses?) to a whole costume! There will be a special assembly, fun book activities during the day and a prize for the best dressed in each year group. I cannot wait for this wonderful day! Liz Cannock, English Lead.

FIDGET TOYS



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We are having a large number of children bringing in fidget toys/ sensory toys into school. Which although have their benefits, are now becoming a distraction due to the types of toys being brought in and the amount of children bringing things in. Please can we request these items are kept at home and if your child has a specific SEND need which requires them to use a fidget, please discuss this with the school's SENCo Miss McKenzie. If you have already done this and it has been agreed your child can use one, they can continue to do so.

DROP OFF/PARKING ON SITE



There are still parents insisting on parking in the school to drop off their children.

The only place this is permissible is the 'drop off zone' where the parents can quickly stop, say goodbye, allow their children to exit the car and then drive off to allow other parents to do the same.

This should take no longer than a few seconds. Some parents have been seen waiting as their child walks up the path. It is inconsiderate and dangerous as lengthy queues form behind waiting to get in to the school and blocking Bank Road. At the end of the day parents must park their cars on the street and walk into the school unless you have a disabled parking badge or legitimate reason and have an agreement in advance from either Mr BM, Mr Smith or the office **We close the**

gates at 15.05. Blue Badge Holders are still permitted to park on the grounds however we would ask that you arrive no later **15:05**. These measures are in place for the safety and wellbeing of our children at St Peter's and fairness to all parents. Please respect this and park accordingly. Please also ensure anyone else collecting your children on your behalf are aware of this.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school website is packed with information and should be the first place you should visit if you are looking for dates or times. The School calendar is updated regularly with times and dates of important events for your children – please check this regularly for updates.

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits you should apply for **benefits-related Free School Meals**:

Universal Credit - provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
Income Support
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit (annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

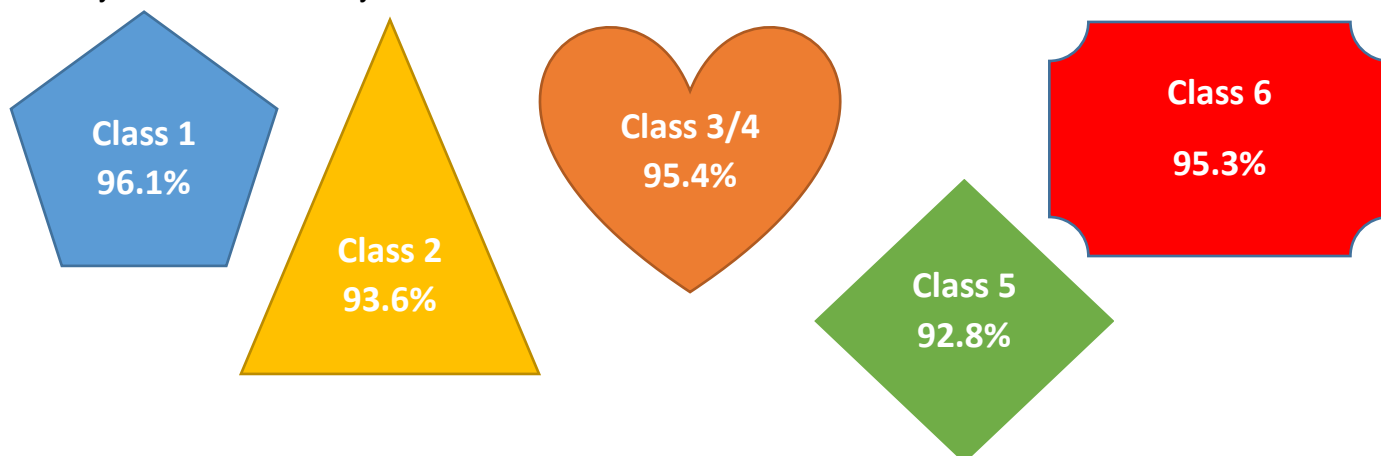
Universal Infant Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that regardless of household income your child can have a hot meal every day provided by school, free of charge.

Applying for benefits-related Free School Meals when your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 (or any year group) will support your child's learning in school and help for your family in the holidays. Schools receive additional funding called Pupil Premium for each eligible child which can be used to support children in school, such as small group work and exciting activities. Currently, families who have applied for Benefits-Related Free School Meals have received supermarket food e-vouchers and activity clubs in school holidays.

If you think you might be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSMs) and your child is aged 4 to 18 years visit the [Schools Meals webpage](#) or speak to one of the office staff.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Each week we monitor the attendance of the whole school. These are the average attendance figures for the school year so far for each year class –



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

Castle school SEND evening	Email	Selected year 5
Holiday clubs running locally	Email	Everyone

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 4

Monday 23 March Book fair every day after school in the hall
Thursday 2 April 2.40pm Singing Square with invited Year 3 and 4 parents
 End of Term 4

TERM 5

Monday 20 April Start of Term 5 for all children
Monday 4 May MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – School closed to children
Monday 11 to Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 14 May
Wednesday 20 May Year 3/4 celebration of sport
Friday 22 May 2.40pm Singing Square with invited Year 5 and 6 parents
 End of Term 5

TERM 6

Monday 1 June INSET DAY – School closed to children
Tuesday 2 June INSET DAY – School closed to children
Wednesday 3 to Year 4 MTC testing week
Friday 12 June
Thursday 9 June Class photo day
Monday 8 to Friday 12 June Year 1 phonics testing week
Monday 29 June Start of Sports Week
Friday 3 July Sports morning
 Family picnic and Celebration afternoon
Monday 13 July Year 5 and 6 show
Tuesday 14 July Year 5 and 6 show
Monday 20 July Year 6 Leavers Service
Tuesday 21 July 2.40pm Singing Square with all parents on the field (weather permitting)
 End of school year

Term dates 2025/2026

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026
INSET DAYS	Monday 1 September 2025 Thursday 23 October 2025 Friday 24 October 2025 Monday 1 June 2026 Tuesday 2 June 2026	

Term 5 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Colouring club	Friday	Before school 8.15am - 8.40am	Miss Bagienska	Everyone - limited to 15 children	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	01/05/2026	22/05/2026
Cricket	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Mr Truan	Yr3,4,5 & 6	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	22/04/2026	20/05/2026
Football	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	21/04/2026	19/05/2026
Basketball	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	22/04/2026	13/05/2026

*** BRISTOL SPORTS ARE NOW OFFERING A SIBLING DISCOUNT OF 25%, CALL THEM ON 0117 963 0683 TO BOOK.**