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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 16

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the last 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 8 May



Friday 15 May

VIKING WOW DAY

We were lucky enough to have Nick, a Viking expert, come into school and teach class 3/4 about the Vikings as the start to our new topic. We learnt about the history of Britain - did you know it used to be made up of many kingdoms, each with its own king! We played a game about food the Vikings would have eaten (carrots used to be purple!), handled artefacts, replica weapons and tried on chain mail. It was a great start to our new exciting topic.



BRISTOL SPORTS MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



We are pleased to share that Bristol Sport Foundation will be running Holiday Clubs over May half term at St Peters Primary. These will be on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th May.

The Bristol Sport Foundation offers a wide range of themed activity days such as Multi-Sport, NERF Games, Gym & Dance. Full details can be found on the poster attached.

Use this link to book in: [Bristol Sports Foundation | Shop | Abler](#)

CLASS 2 JAMAICA DAY

What a wonderful time we had in Class 2! The morning was spent getting to know what Jamaica is like as a country and its culture. We listened to Bob Marley and tried some Jamaican Water Crackers (which went down extremely well) and sipped some coconut water. After break, Year 2 had the task of researching some key facts about Jamaica and Year 1 cooked us all some plantain, a fruit which is hugely popular in the Caribbean and grows on the islands. In the afternoon, we did some painting and practiced mixing paints for our colour wheels. It was a fabulous day!

The kitchen cooked up a Jamaican theme menu that was a huge hit with the whole school, including all the staff!



EXTENDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2026 the Government are introducing expanded free school meals to families on Universal Credit. Currently you may be entitled to free school meals due to benefit related income, or your child is in Reception, year 1 or 2 and entitled to the Universal Infant Free School Meals. The expanded free school meals will mean free school meals for children whose family claim universal credit and have an income over £7,400 (so not entitled to the benefit related free school meals). The Government estimate this change to help over 500,000 children, saving families up to £495 per child annually.

Please remember to answer the google form that was emailed to you yesterday to help us estimate how these changes will impact us as a school. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdR7XOoKkOoUgE0vlahgHA_LLATZLOphDLnI_RA-uUgSDixPZq/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=113676723434543537040

Thank you to everyone who has answered so far. If you have any questions, please speak to Jemma in the office.

YEAR 6 SATs

Year 6, you have been absolutely amazing this week during your SATs. Not only did you give it your all, but you persevered and never gave up. Your determination to achieve your full potential is inspiring. We are all very proud of you. Well done Year 6, our superstars of the week.

Miss McKenzie, Mr B-M and Mrs Lewis



NURSERY

Our focus book last week was “The Little Raindrop”. We spent the week learning all about different weathers. We had fun role playing in our weather station, recording the temperatures and rainfall and plotting the weather on the map. We discovered how rainbows are made and had lots of fun mixing our own colours to create rainbows. We had a visit to the allotments to plant our own seeds and helped water and look after the vegetables we planted, this helped understand why rain and sun are important for plants. We have been continuing to learn our new sounds in Phonics and are doing great. In Magic Maths we have been looking at capacity furthering our mathematical knowledge and widening our vocabulary by exploring ‘full’ ‘empty’ ‘half full’ and ‘nearly empty’.

Our focus book this week has been “The Big Bad Bug”, we have been learning all about ‘mini beasts’. The children have enjoyed our ‘mini beast café’ with bug ‘pick ‘n’ mix’ learning to share with each other and taking turns using the tongs.

We have been using our tweezers to strengthen our fine motor skills by taking pom poms out of our spider’s web. We were really lucky to find some bugs on our scavenger hunt on the school grounds, we lifted logs and stones to see who was living underneath.

The children have enjoyed making bug hotels using natural resources in our garden area and we have transferred our Caterpillars (who have now cocooned) to their butterfly net ready to meet our butterflies very soon!



SINGING SQUARE



Parents of children in class 5 & 6 are invited in to watch the singing square at the end of term 5, Friday 22nd May 2.40pm. Please wait by the hall doors and you will be let in by a teacher when they are ready.

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>



Y6 Cake Sale Fundraiser

The Cake Sale

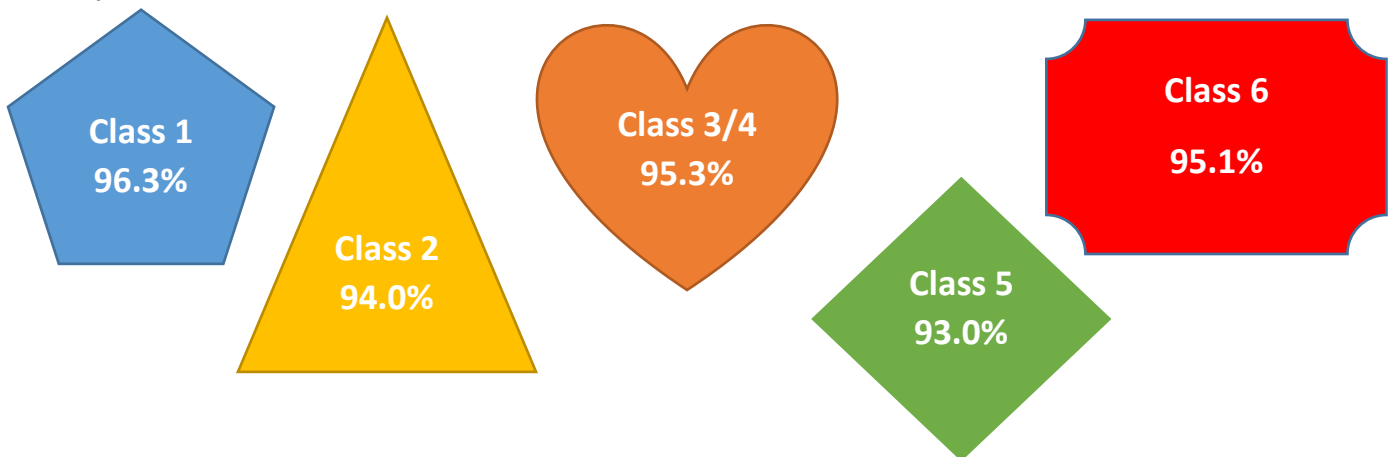
Tuesday 19th May 3:20pm



Have a photo with Mr BM's and Miss McKenzie's
pet dinosaur for 50p too!

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 class –



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

Free school meals survey	Email	Everyone
Festival of Sports	Letter	Selected children from each eligible class

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 5

Friday 15 May FOSP disco
 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
 Friday 12 June Class photo day
 Monday 8 to Year 1 phonics testing week
 Friday 12 June
 Wednesday 17 June Class 1 & 2 trip to Noah’s Ark
 Thursday 18 June Class 6 trip to Legoland
 Monday 22 June Year 5 Jailbreak competition
 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 Lunch and 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
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Term dates for 2026/27

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027
INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 September 2026 Friday 23 October 2026 Monday 7 June 2027 Tuesday 8 June 2027 Plus one TBC	