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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 19

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 26 June



FOSP SUMMER FAIR

Friends of St Peter's Primary would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended last Friday's Summer Fair. I think we can all agree it was a lovely afternoon and a resounding success. The sun beat down, which made the fair have that definite summer feeling and the enjoyment of the children having a great time on the bouncy castle inflatables, enjoying a burger from the BBQ, having delicious samosas, buying raffle tickets, their own artwork and creations on the class stalls and generally having a lovely afternoon. One very popular part of the fair was the chance to squirt Mr BM, Mrs Cole and Ms Wright with water from the water pistols. There was a steady queue of willing children eager to get their teachers wet! Actually, they really enjoyed the cool down after a hot day. The colour hampers were a great success and included in the raffle prizes, of which there were numerous donations for.



We would like to announce that we raised a fantastic **£500**. Special thanks to all of the parents, governors and teachers who volunteered their help on the day. Without your help we would not be able to hold such fun events for our school community. If the event inspired you, you have fundraising ideas and would like to join the Friends of St Peter's Primary committee, we are welcoming new members all the time, please get in touch through our email friendsofstpetersprimary@outlook.com

POETRY PLEASE



On Wednesday, we had five children from year 6 participate in the Bridge Family of School's event – Poetry Please at UWE. They attended a poetry workshop organised by the university and performed their chosen poems in front of parents and lecturers.

TOUR d'PILNING



Our Tour d'Pilning at St Peter's was a fantastic morning filled with fun! The children enjoyed riding their scooters and bikes, while others chose to walk or run. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part, encouraging one another, and having such a great time together. We finished our morning by cooling down with some refreshing ice lollies – the perfect end to a fun-filled event!

SPORTS DAY

What a fantastic sports day! We had a gloriously sunny morning. The children of St Peter's blew us all away with their brilliant running, balancing, jumping and team work throughout. It was great to see the children mixing across year groups in our four houses: Spitfire, Hurricane, Typhoon and Meteor. Well done to the worthy winners **HURRICANE!** They came top with a score of **3070** points followed by **METEOR** with **2640** points, **SPITFIRE** with **2010** points and then **TYPHOON** with **1940** points. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, siblings etc. who came along to watch, we hope you had a fantastic day! It was then lovely to see everyone on the field for our families picnic over lunchtime before the children had a chance to share their work with parents on our Celebration afternoon. More photos can be found on the school website - <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&qcatid=2&albumid=83>



VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Mrs Cole is collecting items for the Venezuela earthquake appeal – I have attached a list of items that they are looking for if you can help at all. A box will be placed in the office area on Monday.

SINGING SQUARE – TUESDAY 21 JULY 2.40PM

We look forward to seeing you on the field, weather permitting, on Tuesday 21 July from 2.40pm for our final singing square of the school year. Everyone is invited to come along and listen to the children sing and say goodbye to the Year 6's as well as Mr Truan and Miss Bagienska.



PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR JULY

Please find attached the last parental e-safety newsletter for this academic year. As you know the government recently announced a ban on all social media for children aged 16 and under. There is an explanation of this announcement and links to the press release for parents to investigate this further. There is also a reminder that 'what's app' has a age restriction and those under 13 should not be using it. We know that this is not the case so please do read and take note of the advice. There is also some advice on live streaming regulations and on Netflix playground. As we approach the summer holidays there is a short piece on balancing screentime during the holidays.

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE SEPTEMBER 2026

We have been informed that the price of the **school meals will increase to £2.90 from 1 September**. This will be adjusted on Arbor in September and the automatic charges will take place from then.

THE GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS SCHEME



The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#).

[Savings](#).

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

JIGSAW THORNBURY



Would you like to boost your well being this summer with a Thrive in 30 Summer Challenge

This summer we are inviting children, young people and families to take part in our Thrive in 30 Challenge and boost their wellbeing in a way that works for them.

From walking and reading to creativity, mindfulness and digital detoxing, participants choose 30 simple activities that help them slow down, get outside,

feel good and create positive habits over the summer holidays.

Families can choose to complete one of our ready-made challenge packs, including:

- **30 Walks in 30 Days** featuring themed walks such as gratitude walks, nature walks and friendship walks. [Thrive in 30](#)
- **Our Summer Bucket List Challenge** packed with activities such as outdoor reading, kindness challenges, gardening, art and family games. [Thrive in 30](#)

Alternatively, families can create their own challenge, such as:


- 30 days of reading
- 30 days of colouring
- 30 acts of kindness
- 30 minutes outdoors each day


Families can sign up, create their challenge and download their welcome pack here:

[JIGSAW Thornbury fundraising registration form](#)
[Thrive in 30](#)

Are mornings, mealtimes, bedtimes or leaving the house a daily struggle? You're not alone. Making Daily Life Easier: Routines and Transitions Workshop

For parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities.

 Thursday 16th July 2026

 6:30pm – 8:00pm

 JIGSAW Thornbury, 15/17 St Mary Street, Thornbury, BS35 2AB

Explore why transitions can be challenging, what may be happening beneath behaviours, and practical strategies to make everyday routines smoother and less stressful for the whole family. Practical advice, supportive conversations, and ideas you can use at home straight away.

For more information and to sign up click here 

[Online Training Resource](#)

Community Café – Saturday 25th July | 11am – 1pm | JIGSAW Thornbury

Families wanting to learn more about JIGSAW or get help signing up to the challenge are warmly invited to join us at our Community Café:

Families can:

- Enjoy a drink and treat from our fantastic youth-led café team.
- Learn more about how JIGSAW can support children and young people with additional needs and their families.
- Find out more about our summer activities

HOMESTART

Help give children a better start in life

If you have a listening ear and parenting skills to share, Home-Start Bristol & South Gloucestershire would love to hear from you! We're looking for volunteers to support families with under 5s who are struggling. Our volunteers do home visits or help at parent groups, giving 2 hours a week to make a real difference to families. Volunteers receive training and are supported by an expert staff team. Why not join our free volunteer training course starting on 2nd October? Find out more at homestartbsg.org.uk or call 0117 950 1170 and make a real difference to families in need in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Thank you.



SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings for this summer for children and young people aged 5 to 16. There are lots of fun clubs and activities to choose from generally between Wednesday 22 July and Friday 28 August 2026, although some providers may offer different dates. Places are fully funded for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Eligible pupils can be booked on up to 16 days of activities. See all the activities available and book at www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

STAYING SAFE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please watch the following video that provides a quick overview on posting photos safely, balancing screentime and tackling cyberbullying. <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Summer-Online-Safety-July-2026.mp4>

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>



EDIE'S BIG CHOP FOR THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

On 10th July, Edie in year 4 will be cutting off all of her hair to donate it to The Little Princess Trust. The charity provides free real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment and other conditions, helping to restore confidence during an incredibly difficult time. They also fund vital childhood cancer research.

Edie is taking on this challenge to help make a difference, and every donation — no matter how big or small — will help support the amazing work they do.

💖 If you'd like to support Edie and this fantastic cause, please donate here:

https://littleprincesstrust.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/edies-fundraising-page431?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-CL&utm_content=MPC&utm_ref=UBS

Please like, share, and help us spread the word. Let's help Edie raise as much as possible and support children who need it most. 🙌💖

#LittlePrincessTrust #HairDonation #Fundraising #CancerSupport #BigChop #MakingADifference

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_LLATZLOphDLn1RA-uUgSDixPZg/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.

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

RSE lesson	Year 1 & 2	Email
Leavers lunch information	Year 6	Email
School of Rock performance tickets	Year 5 & 6	Email

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 6

Monday 13 July
Tuesday 14 July
Monday 20 July

Year 5 and 6 show starting at 6.30pm
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Year 6 Leavers Lunch
Leavers Service – Year 6 parents invited to attend to start at 1.30pm

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 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	