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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 20

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 10 July



Friday 17 July

SCHOOL OF ROCK

Congratulations to Y6 and Y5 for their amazing performance of School of Rock. You wowed and thrilled the audience. A special mention to Harry for his great portrayal of Dewey and keeping the whole performance together with all the lines you had to learn! Well done to you all – you made us all very proud!



YEAR 3/4 DT

This week, we have been practicing our kitchen skills. We have made and tasted sandwiches (marmite was not so popular....), practiced grating, peeling and chopping using the bridge and claw method. Finally, we made Viking bread rolls, tasted and evaluated them. What a fun week!



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.



NURSERY

Over the last 4 weeks our focus books have been all about the seaside, the ocean, pirates and mermaids. This has been perfect with the lovely sunny weather we have had. We enjoyed lots of water play, we've made our own ice lollies, created junk modelling sea creatures, journeyed aboard 'The Scurvy Pete' pirate ship looking for treasure and visited 'The Mermaid Salon' inventing some beautiful hairstyles. At the playdough station we have explored tropical scented playdough and natural resources such as coconuts, shells and lemon/lime slices. We have furthered our Maths skills by creating repeating patterns with ice cream scoops and subitising dotty fish. We loved taking part in sports day and had an emotional celebration afternoon, sharing our Nursery journey with our grown ups. We would like to wish all the children starting Reception in September all the very best of luck, you've been amazing. Thank you for making St Peter's Nursery's first year a very special one.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The annual Library Reading Challenge is underway. This year the theme is 'Read to the Beat'. All you need to do is go down to your local library (Thornbury and Bradley Stoke are taking part) and sign up then read as many books as you can to gain prizes, certificates and medal. Happy reading.



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 'WhatsApp' has an 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](#).

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

FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR UNDER 16s THIS SUMMER

From 18 July to 6 September, kids can again hop on almost all local buses for free. No booking or bus pass required. The scheme covers all school-age children from five to 15, including those in secondary school. And there's no need to travel with a fare-paying adult and is perfect for older kids who want to travel independently or with friends. Free bus travel for under-16s will continue to be available during the summer, Christmas and Easter school holidays until at least 2029, thanks to funding from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority. For more information, please visit [the travelwest website](#).

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>

JIGSAW, THORNBURY

We have a cluster 1 funded event coming up for parents and carers. All the info and how to book is in the link below. It's the ideal session ahead of the summer holidays with changes to routines and potentially tricky transitions.

[Making Daily Life Easier - Routines and Transitions \(16-Jul-2026\) - CharitySuite Events](#)

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

There are a number of support offers for families over the summer holidays run or signposted by the local authority. Please see all of these different packages of support with links below.

Financial support/offers

- Information on different ways of getting support with the cost of living rising [Cost of living help | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Household support fund | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)
The government has provided funding for us to support people who are struggling to:
buy food
pay energy bills
cover other essential costs linked to energy and wider essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets)

- [Places Kids Eat Free in the Summer Holidays 2024 \(moneysavingcentral.co.uk\)](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk) is a website that tells families restaurants where kids eat free throughout the holidays.
- [Financial support and wellbeing | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://southglos.gov.uk)

Young people's mental health

- **Off The Record:** Free, self-referral counselling service for young people age 11-15, who are experiencing low mood, depression, anxiety, phobias, self-harm, eating problems and/or anger. Young people can call, email or text, and services operate in Patchway, Kingswood and Yate. Also offer parent support groups and sessions. Can also see [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information and up to date groups and activities.
Tel: 0808 808 9120. Text: 07896 880011. Website: [Home](#) - [OTR \(otrbristol.org.uk\)](#) Email: hello@otrbristol.org.uk
- **Kooth:** Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people 11-18. Monday – Friday 12pm – 10pm, Saturday – Sunday 6pm – 10pm. On Kooth you can: Chat to our friendly counsellors; Read articles written by young people; Get support from the Kooth community; Write in a daily journal. Website: <https://kooth.com/> [Home - Kooth](#)
- **Childline:** Free counselling via online webchat, and free support/advice available 24/7 via confidential helpline, and emails via the website. Tel: 0800 11 11. Website: www.childline.org.uk [Childline | Childline](#)
- **Young Minds** national charity offers confidential online and telephone information and support for anyone worried about the emotional, behaviour, or mental health of a child/young person up to 25 years of age, including ADHD, Autism and Aspergers. **Parents Helpline:** 0808 802 5544 Website: [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)
- **Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service** for free 24/7 support across the UK of you are experiencing a mental health crisis. Text YM to 85258.

Adult mental health

- **South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies - Vitamins:** Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with people's differing needs, age 16+. Self-referral via the website: wellaware.org.uk Tel - 0333 200 1893 [NHS Talking Therapies - North Somerset & South Gloucestershire \(vitahealthgroup.co.uk\)](#)
- **Samaritans:** Free, confidential emotional support for those experiencing despair, distress, self-harm or suicidal feelings.
Tel: 116 123 (free, from any phone, 24/7). Website: www.samaritans.org [Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen](#) Email: jo@samaritans.org

Family/parenting support

- **Solihull** – online parenting resources for parents, carers, grandparents and teenagers in South Glos. This is **free** lifetime access to a range of e-learning and online resources which span from pregnancy to 19 years. These courses can be worked through at a pace which suits the individual, with the aim of increasing parental knowledge and confidence around child development through all stages of the parenting journey. The courses aim to nurture emotional health and wellbeing so that our children can thrive as kind, sociable and emotionally aware people throughout their lives. [inourplace | Solihull Approach – South Gloucestershire | inourplace](#)
- **NHS website:** Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression. Website: [Live Well - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- **CCP – Caring for Communities and People** – Offer outreach support and parenting courses for families at an early help level. [Home \(ccp.org.uk\)](http://ccp.org.uk)

Support for families who have children with additional needs

- **SEND and You - SAY:** Local SEN and disability information service (SENDIAS) - Information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, for children, young people and families. (previously Supportive Parents)
Tel: 0117 9897725 Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30 (answerphone at other times),
Email: support@sendandyou.org.uk
Website: [Home - SEND and You](#)
- **South Glos Parents and Carers:** Information and groups for parents who have children with a disability and/or additional needs. Offers a weekly drop in for parents and carers, support groups, workshops, counselling and events. They also run the Parent Carer forum in South Gloucestershire to collect feedback and views from families with disabled children. Website: [South Glos Parent Carers \(sgpc.org.uk\)](http://sgpc.org.uk) Email: team@sglospc.org.uk
- **JIGSAW Thornbury** Support families who have children who are 0-25 years and have any additional needs or disability. This can be anything from learning needs such as dyslexia to complex disabilities or medical problems. Many children who come have no diagnosis. Weekly support group for parents, carers and children + training courses on a range of topics. Telephone: 01454 416381

The South Glos LIFE homepage has more information about services in South Glos [South Glos LIFE](#)

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

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>



END OF YEAR



The end of the school year has nearly arrived (well it will be on Tuesday!). It has been another fun packed and eventful year: being able to share Christmas plays, the School of Rock performance and visits for the children to have those enrichment experiences. It was lovely to see so many parents who were able to join us during our Celebration afternoon to see the children's work and what they have achieved over the course of this year.

I would like to thank every one of the staff team for their dedication and brilliance over the past year. They have been true advocates for your children, the school and so supportive of them and each other. I couldn't wish for a better staff group. The children have also been immense as well. They have coped so well with all of the changes, different teachers, working in different ways and supporting each other as well.

The end of year results have also been great this year with the Reception children achieving so well against the Early Learning Goals above national averages. The Year 6's achieved so well and attained above national average, **especially in reading, mathematics and grammar at the higher standard. The results were the best for St Peter's at greater depth in a few years.** We are very proud of all the children and their continued efforts.



Best wishes for the future to you and to the Year 6's moving on. They have been a superb group of children demonstrating great resilience and confidence. We will miss them as well.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing the majority of you back in September. Thank you to those parents who will not be returning to us, we will miss your support and having you around school.

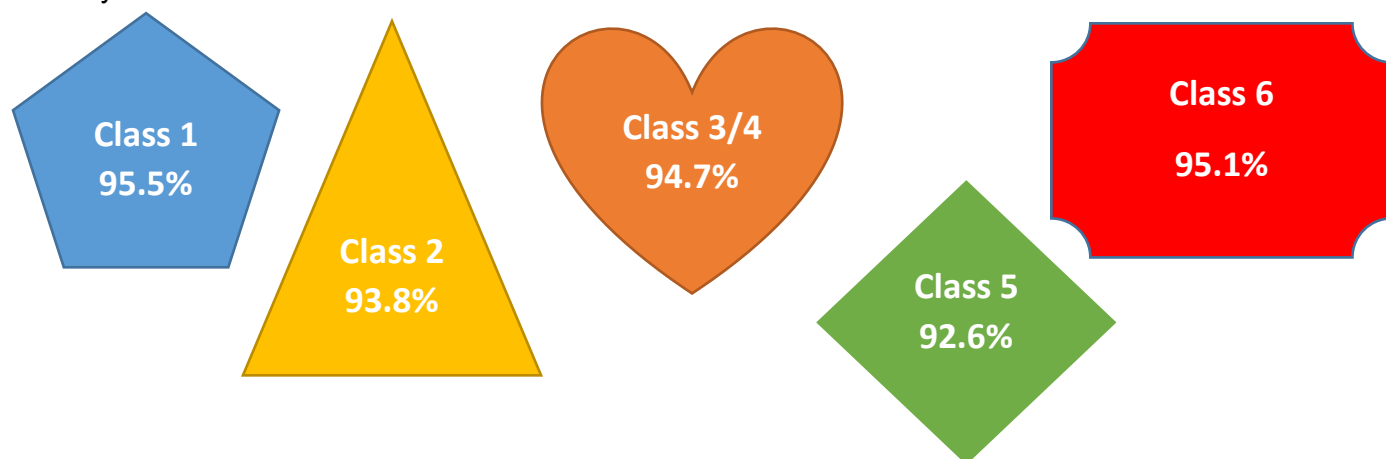


GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We say a fond farewell to Mr Truan and Miss Bagienska, who we will miss terribly. We wish them both the best of luck for the future as they move onto pastures new.

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

Meet the teacher information	Email	All children
Parental declaration forms	Email	Nursery children

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 6

Monday 20 July

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 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 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	

Term dates for 2026/27

TERM 1

Tuesday 1 September
Wednesday 2 September

Thursday 3 September
Friday 4 September
Monday 7 September
Tuesday 8 September
Wednesday 8 September

Thursday 9 September
Monday 14 September

Friday 18 September
Monday 21 September
Wednesday 7 October
Monday 19 October
Thursday 22 October
Friday 23 October

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Start of new academic year for years 1 to 6
Home visits for new Reception children
Home visits for new Reception children
Reception in school morning or afternoon for Teddy Bears' picnic
Reception children in school morning or afternoon
Meet the teacher – Miss Houlford (yr1) and Mr Forster (yr3/4)
Reception children in school morning and lunch
Meet the teacher – Mrs Cannock (yr2/3) and Mr BM and Miss McKenzie (yr5/6)
Reception parents Phonics and reading talk 9.15am in the Hall
Year 6 visit to Paris, France
Reception children start full-time
Egyptology WOW day for years 2, 3 and 4
Meet the teacher - (Reception)
Year 6 return from France
Reception parents mathematics workshop 2.45pm in the Hall
Harvest Festival
New Reception intake 2027 tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
End of Term 1
INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

TERM 2

Monday 2 November
Wednesday 4 November
Friday 6 November
Wednesday 11 November

Monday 16 November
Tuesday 17 November
Wednesday 18 November
Friday 20 November
Tuesday 15 December
Wednesday 16 December
Friday 18 December

Start of Term 2
Year 4 visit to Lifeskills
New Reception intake 2027 tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Remembrance Day
New Reception intake 2027 tours 9.30am and 11.15am
Parents evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Nasal flu vaccinations for children
Parent evening 3.30pm- 6.00pm
Children in Need day
Key Stage Carols at St Peter's Church 6.30pm
Christmas lunch and jumper day
End of Term 2

Term 1 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Cricket	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	15/09/2026	20/10/2026
Dodgeball	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	16/09/2026	21/10/2026

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