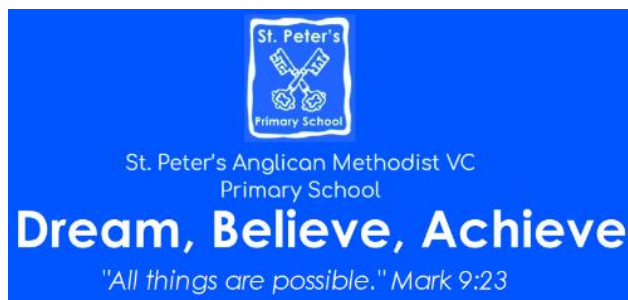




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4 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 – NEWSLETTER NO 01

Welcome back to school - It's great to see you!

Welcome back to all parents and children. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and been able to have some relaxation and recuperation and managed to get away either on a staycation or ventured further afield.

I would like to welcome all of the new children in Nursery and Reception and new parents who will be joining us this week. I am sure you and your child will have seven wonderful years at St Peter's. We also welcome the new children and parents joining other year groups in the school. All of the staff look forward to getting to know your children as well as yourselves.

We would like to give a warm welcome to 2 new members of staff joining us this September. Mr Pierre Forster will be teaching year 3/4 and Mrs Helen Mills will be teaching our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the first week 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 4 September



MEET THE TEACHER AND PARENTS WORKSHOPS

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. They start at 3.20pm until 3.50pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter. The Phonics and Writing workshop for new Reception parents is next Thursday 10 September at 9.00am. Please do come along even if your child isn't in Reception if you wish to learn more about our phonics scheme.

VENEZUELA APPEAL THANKS

Thank you very much for all your efforts in collecting much-needed supplies for the families affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela. Your generosity, dedication, and willingness to support those in need have made a meaningful difference during an incredibly difficult time.

The donations collected will help provide essential items such as food, hygiene products, and other basic necessities to families who have been impacted by this devastating disaster. Your support demonstrates the strength of our community and our shared commitment to helping others when they need it most.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your contribution and for helping bring relief, hope, and comfort to those affected.

VISITS FOR CHILDREN

We wish our Year 6's going to Paris, France a brilliant trip when they go, with Almondsbury CE Primary, on 14 September.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure Arbor is up to date with your current contact details and addresses. If you are unable to make any updates required yourself, please contact the office.

NAME LABELS

Please do ensure that you have labelled all of your children's jumpers, shirts, coats etc. It is very important that this is done as it is very difficult to return any lost property that is not labelled. Thank you.

CATERING

A reminder that the price of school meals has risen to £2.90 for pupils in key stage 2. The menu remains the same as that sent out at the end of the summer term and is available on the website and Arbor. A new menu starts in November and will be sent home in advance.

At the start of term 3 we will be changing our meals provider to a different catering company. Payments for meals will remain the same as in price and process and procedure for ordering meals on Arbor. There will be little difference to the meal quality, however, the presentation and expectations will be raised. More details will follow towards the end of this term

READING AT SCHOOL

We wanted to send out a little round-up of reading information for you all upon your return to school.

Reading books: All teaching staff will be taking the first two weeks to assess children's reading before sending home books.

Reading at home: Please listen to your child read three times weekly and comment or sign in their reading record. Children who read three times will be entered into a draw to choose a book from our book vending machine (to keep!)

Reading Steps: 1) Phonically decodable books. 2) Benchmarking books. 3) Free-readers.

For children on phonically decodable books, please follow this format when reading at home:

1. Decoding the book and new words.
2. Fluency-beginning to recognise words from sight.
3. Comprehension-understanding the text and answering more detailed questions.

Summer Reading Challenge: If your child took part in the summer reading challenge, we would love to see their medals! Please send them in on Friday 11 September to share in assembly.

Thank-you from Mrs Liz Cannock



E-SAFETY FOR PARENTS

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that parents are equipped to support their children in the ever-increasing digital world, we have purchased a monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. The first of these is being sent out electronically with this newsletter. We hope you find this helpful and give you information needed to identify how you can keep your children safe online. This month's edition highlights social media algorithms, snapchat and What's app information for parents.

WATER BOTTLES

Can we please remind parents that every child should bring in a named water bottle each day and this must only contain water – no squash please.



PANDAS WRAPAROUND CARE CLUB

As a reminder, After-school club runs from **3.20-6pm Monday to Friday** as a result of us receiving some government grant funding to support working parents in providing childcare from 8am-6pm Monday – Friday. Breakfast club continues to operate 7.30-8.40am Monday – Friday. Bookings and payments should be made via Arbor.

The clubs are intended to be a relaxing environment for the children and therefore are not formally structured. There is a variety of activities for the children to participate in. Arts & crafts are always available along with a large variety of games and puzzles, role play, dressing up etc. We also take the children outside to play (weather permitting) and sporadically put on a film or suitable children's TV programme or allow the children to have short sessions on the school i-Pads accessing educational Apps. We seek feedback from the children on the activities they would like to participate in to ensure it is child-led.

PRICE & BUCKLAND UNIFORM (JUMPERS & CARDIGANS)

Orders for uniform can be placed by following this link <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/st-peter-s-anglican-methodist-vc-primary-school.html>

Support for families with school uniform costs

Do you need help to buy school uniform for next term? We have funding to reimburse up to £50 for primary school uniform and £80 for secondary school uniform (maximum of three children per household). To apply, you need to take receipts showing proof of purchase and your bank statement (unless you paid in cash) to your nearest One Stop Shop in Kingswood, Patchway or Yate or you can call [01454 868009](tel:01454868009). You will be asked to fill in a financial statement of your income and expenditure.

You can apply if you:

- live within South Gloucestershire
- are struggling to pay bills and/or meet your monthly outgoings
- have no other means of support through family, friends or donations

Successful applicants will be reimbursed for purchases between 1 June and 13 September 2024. Payments will be made towards the cost of essential clothing for school use including PE kits, shoes and coats. You will not be reimbursed for stationery, bags, lunch boxes, or other non-clothing items. If your application is successful you will be reimbursed within 14 working days. Funds will be paid directly into your bank account. For more information on support available visit www.southglos.gov.uk/CostofLiving.

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>

ARBOR PAYMENTS



All bookings for meals, clubs, trips and wraparound care need to be made and paid for using the Arbor App or Parent Portal. Please read our step by step instructions and watch the helpful videos on our website for our new parents. Thank you

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Arbor+Parent+Portal%2FApp+%26amp%3B+Payments&pid=151>

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL

Want to help raise money for the school? Here are ways you can help:

EASYFUNDRAISING – Sign up to Easyfundraising on their website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and nominate our school, every time you shop with participating retailers online they will donate a percentage to the school, this varies for each company but it doesn't cost you a penny. You can also add a donation reminder so it reminds you that the retailer website you are browsing is part of the scheme.



CLOTHING BANK – We have a clothing bank on site, you donate your unwanted clothes and the company pays the Friends of St Peter's money per kg collected.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF ST PETERS – Become a member of the FOSP to help with fundraising ideas and events – email friendsofstpetersprimary@outlook.com and they can let you know all the details.



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.

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

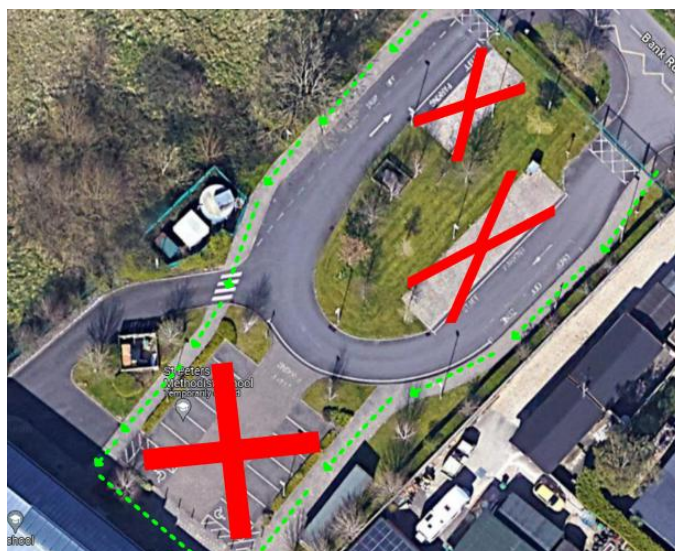


There are still parents insisting on parking in the school to drop off their children.

The only place this is permissible is the 'drop off zone' where the parents can quickly stop, say good bye, 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.

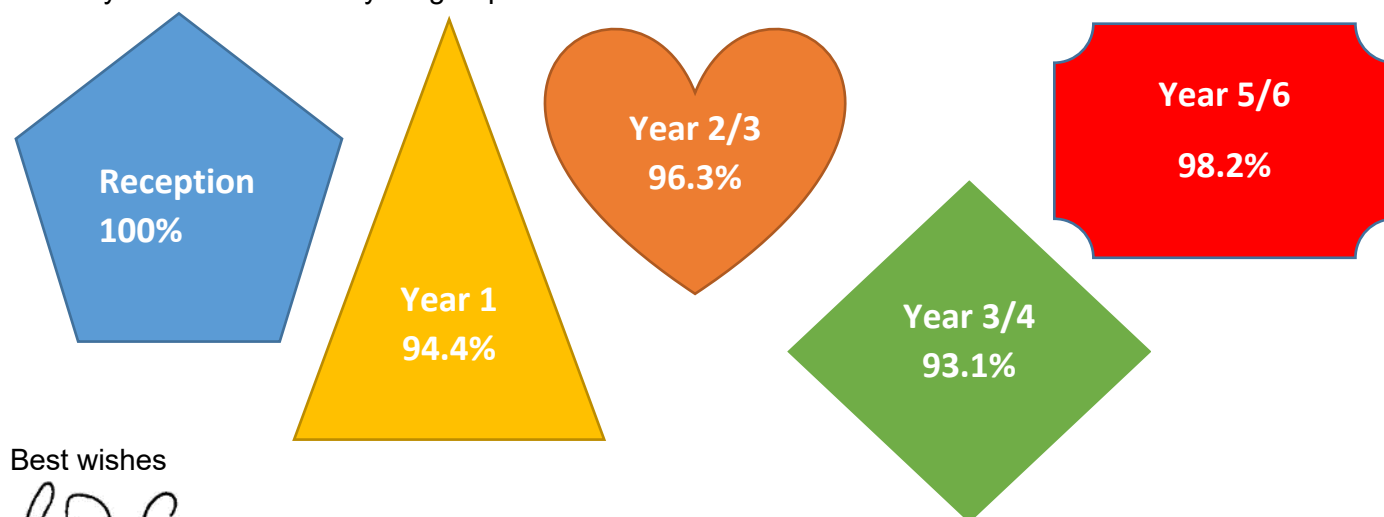


Walking in to School

A number of parents are also walking with their children through the car parks. This is very dangerous. Please use the footpaths provided (dotted green arrows), do not cut through the car park (red crosses) and set a good example for our children.

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 group –



Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

Extended free school meals information	Emailled	Everyone
Shoe box request	In app message	Class 2/3
Egyptian WOW day	Email	Class 2/3 & 3/4
Nasal flu vaccines consent	Email	Everyone
Year 6 transition letter	Email	Year 6

Term dates for 2026/27

TERM 1

Tuesday 1 September	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 September	Start of new academic year for years 1 to 6
	Home visits for new Reception children
Thursday 3 September	Home visits for new Reception children
Friday 4 September	Reception in school morning or afternoon
Monday 7 September	Reception children in school morning or afternoon
Tuesday 8 September	Meet the teacher – Miss Houlford (yr1) and Mr Forster (yr3/4)
Wednesday 8 September	Reception children in school morning and lunch
	Meet the teacher – Mrs Cannock (yr2/3) and Mr BM and Miss McKenzie (yr5/6)
Thursday 9 September	Reception parents Phonics and reading talk 9.15am in the Hall
Monday 14 September	Year 6 visit to Paris, France
	Reception children start full-time
	Egyptology WOW day for years 2, 3 and 4
	Meet the teacher - Mrs Mills (Reception)
Friday 18 September	Year 6 return from France
Monday 21 September	Reception parents mathematics workshop 2.45pm in the Hall
Wednesday 7 October	Harvest Festival
Monday 19 October	New Reception intake 2027 tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Thursday 22 October	End of Term 1
Friday 23 October	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

TERM 2

Monday 2 November	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 4 November	Year 6 visit to Lifeskills
Friday 6 November	New Reception intake 2027 tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Day
	New Reception intake 2027 tours 9.30am and 11.15am
Monday 16 November	Parents evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday 17 November	Nasal flu vaccinations for children
Wednesday 18 November	Parent evening 3.30pm- 6.00pm
Friday 20 November	Children in Need day
Tuesday 15 December	Key Stage Carols at St Peter's Church 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Friday 18 December	End of Term 2

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 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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