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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 – NEWSLETTER NO 02

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 11 September



Friday 18 September

WELCOME

We have welcomed some additional adults into our school community since the start of term. We have two new members of staff Ewa Pawlak, who has joined the cleaning team and Kirsty Mapstone, who has joined the lunchbreak team.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CHAPLAINCY



It is great that we now have a school Chaplain. Emily Irvine or as the children know her as Chaplain Emily is going to be in school on a Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. She will be working in classes working with the children on developing their 'big thinking' as well as supporting individual and groups of children and supporting our worship council to lead worship.



We also have Ella Downing-Sterne, who will be in school on a Thursday afternoon and will be supporting children in their wellbeing and mental health. This is part of the government promise on enabling each school to have a link practitioner to support children at school.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Year 6 have been on their residential to Paris, France this week and will be on their way home when the newsletter is sent out. I am sure they will have had a fantastic time, and you will get to know all about it in the next newsletter.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the next E-safety newsletter for your information. The focus for this month is the set up of primary specific pages on the Childline website, how to manage the use of parental controls, use of AI. There is a whole section on the use of AI images and how these can be distorted and manipulated. This is of concern to everyone and parents should consider their own posting of their child's images on social media, etc. There is also information regarding primary school pupils access to Youtube.

GENEROSITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Generosity. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know, the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at Tolerance within our British Values.

YEAR 2/3/4 EGYPTIAN WOW DAY



On Monday 14th September; Years 2, 3 and 4 came together with Egyptologist Ali, to kick-start our new topic. We wrote our names in hieroglyphics, learnt about the Pharaohs (Wearing fake beards? Even the Queens?) and listened to gruesome stories.

In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to create our own 3-animal monster, like Ahmet, who would eat your heart if you were not good enough!

Many children and adults dressed up for a fun and informative day. We cannot wait to learn even more about this fascinating subject!

SCHOOL CARPARK

As we start a new school year we would like to remind parents about parking in the school grounds. Parents are encouraged to drop their children off in the designated drop off areas, this is for children who are able to get out the car themselves – please do not park here as this causes the traffic to build up on Bank Road.

You may only park in the school grounds if you have a blue badge, this must be displayed at all times please.

NURSERY



We have had a lovely couple of weeks settling into Nursery. We have welcomed some new friends and had lots of fun building relationships. Our focus book has been the "The Colour Monster" and this has helped us to explore our feelings and to be kind and caring to others. We have had fun baking, taking trips to the park and discovering what we can do in Nursery. The babies, playdough and the farm animals have been some firm favourites. More photos can be found on the school website - <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=01%2E+18th+September+2026&pid=400>

ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION

Parents maybe aware of the change in the law since the introduction of Benedict's Law regarding schools' responsibilities around the awareness of allergies and anaphylaxis. There is a new policy adapted by school, which will be shared once approved by governors, relating to this important issue. All staff have been trained in the awareness of allergies and anaphylaxis as well as administration of medication to arrest the effects of any reaction. We now have spare EpiPens in school just in case.

If your child does have any new allergies or needs that have not been shared with school please update the office.



Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes any foods that contain nuts as well such as Nutella, etc. Please do ensure you check your child's packed lunch as to whether anything contains nuts. We have children in school who are extremely allergic to peanuts, in particular, and would need hospital treatment should they come into contact with nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2027 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2027. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school.

Monday 19 October 1.00pm	Monday 19 October 2.00pm
Friday 6 November 1.00pm	Friday 6 November 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 November 9.30am	Wednesday 11 November 11.15am

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The new DFE guidance on school uniform came into effect on 1 September. The school can only request the purchase of up to three school branded items. As you know we do expect the children to come into school in branded school jumpers or cardigans. We do ask you to buy via the Price and Buckland website (see below). The only other items we suggest are the branded school PE t-shirts. Again, if you prefer to buy your white polo shirts. You are able to buy a branded waterproof coat but these are not compulsory.

As usual, we are straight back into all aspects of school life including PE and Forest School. As part of this healthy attitude to physical activity, we would like to remind all the children that it is essential to be properly prepared to participate. This is a reminder of the request that children come into school in their PE kits on their allotted PE days. The children have been told, a timetable has been put into the school newsletter and the days will be published on each class's webpage on the website.

PE kit White T-shirt/school PE top, black shorts. School r sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms when wet weather.

Footwear Trainers should be worn into school in readiness for PE.

Long Hair Hair bands and clips to tie hair back.

Jewellery All jewellery must be removed including studs. (Please supply tape for newly pierced ears for the first 6 weeks only)

Wellies Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will require wellies to be kept in school for all weather Forest School sessions.

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.



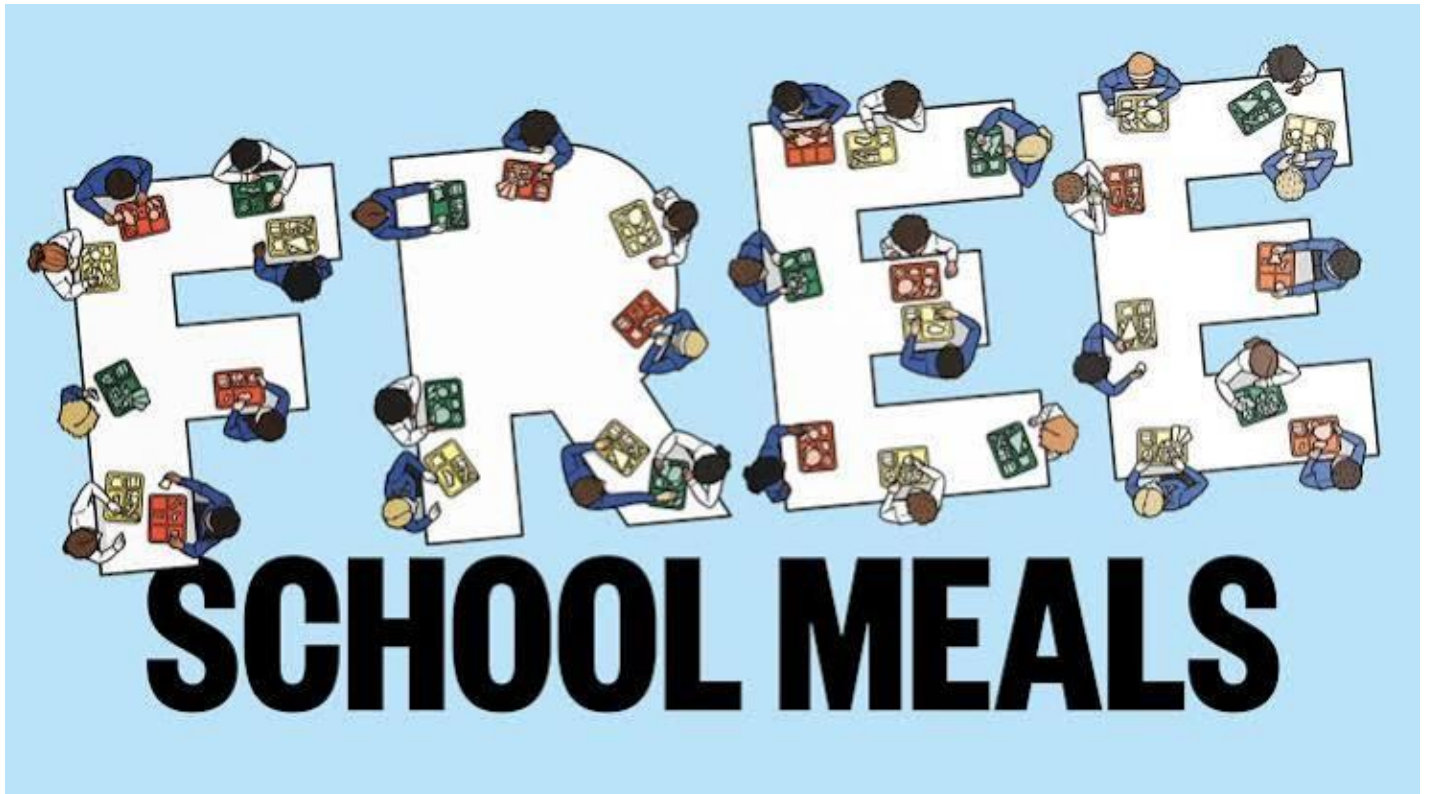


CLOTHING BANK – We have a clothing bank on site, you donate your unwanted clothes and the company pays the Friends of St Peter's money per kg collected.

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?



From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit attending these schools will be entitled to receive a free meal.

We have made this a legal requirement through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 and intend to lay additional regulations extending this duty to maintained nursery schools.

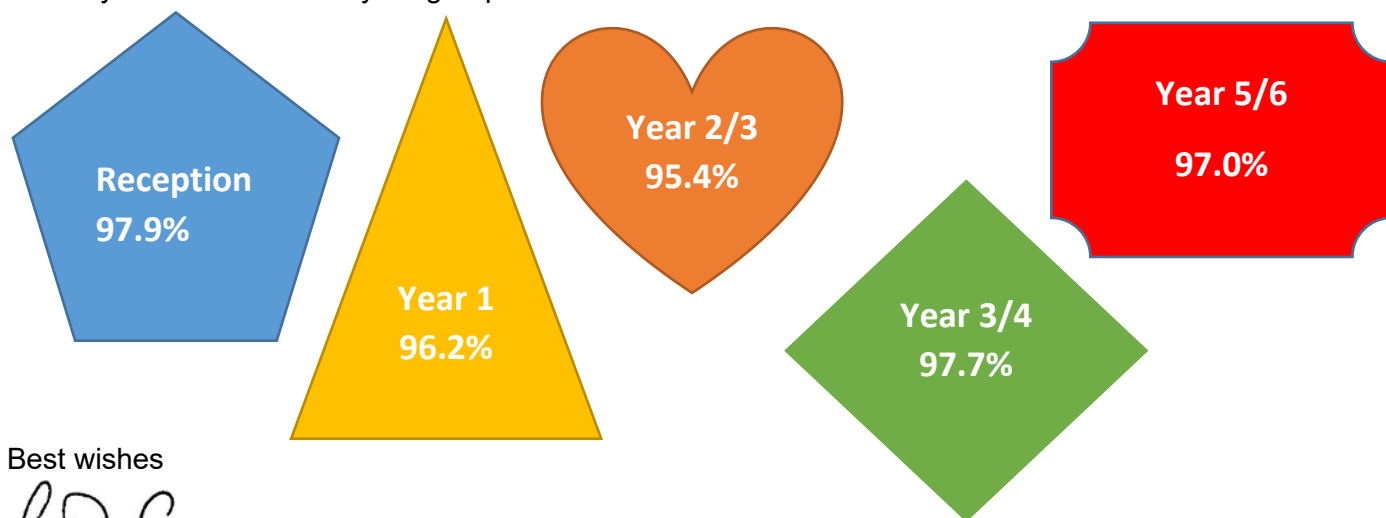
Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM**, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- **Expanded FSM**, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit

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 group –



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

Meet the teacher	Emailed	Year 3/4
Meet the teacher	Emailed	Year 1
Break the rules day	Emailed	Everyone
Bristol Sport holiday club	Emailed	Everyone
Space day theme menu	Emailed	Everyone
Toast	Emailed	Nursery/Reception/Year 1

Term dates for 2026/27

TERM 1

Friday 18 September
Monday 21 September
Friday 25 September
Wednesday 7 October
Monday 19 October
Thursday 22 October
Friday 23 October

Year 6 return from France
Reception parents mathematics workshop 2.45pm in the Hall
Break the rules day
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 6 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 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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