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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 – NEWSLETTER NO 03

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 25 September



Friday 02 October

YEAR 6 VISIT TO FRANCE



The Year 6's had a marvellous time in Paris, France last week on their residential trip. We shared our visit this year with Almondsbury and all got on brilliantly throughout the week. We left Almondsbury very early to get to the Eurotunnel on our journey through the south of England and northern France.

Tuesday morning saw the group visit the local market town of Brie Comte Robert. After the completion of the town trail and seeing the sights, it was time to buy some very priceless souvenirs. The next stop was the huge Carrefour and the chance to purchase some French sweets and chocolates to take home. The afternoon was filled with a

visit to a snail farm to learn all about how snails are bred and raised for the vast market in France and the globe for these delicacies. On return to the chateau, we had free time and an evening making French crepes.

It was a gloriously sunny day as we set off for Paris on Wednesday starting with a walk up and down the 1340 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We all made it up without stopping and for some being very brave of how high we were going. The clear blue skies made it perfect to see the sights of Paris. After that the River Seine beckoned and a trip on the Bateaux Parisian. It was then onto the coach for a tour of central Paris visiting the Trocadero, L'arc de Triomphe and the largest roundabout in Europe which our driver Craig navigated very well, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde. Past the Louvre and back to the chateau for dinner. Our evening activity was games to earn materials to protect our eggs which were later dropped from a great height. So many group's eggs survived – great engineering!





Thursday is Disney day on the trip, and the children certainly were excited when they saw the signs at the entrance to the park. Despite being extremely busy we managed a full day of rides especially the two favourites of Hyperspace Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain. The visit to the shop and the Disney Stars Parade were a fitting end to a fun packed visit. A great day was had by all! There was a special treat at dinner for those who wanted to sample the snails in garlic butter. Over half of the children did so. Some actually liked them and had quite a few! The evening disco saw the children (and adults) throwing some great moves. Sadly, it was then time to pack to go home.

Our final part of the trip was a visit to the chocolate factory at Lascelle. Here we saw how the chocolate was made and moulded into the various delights that were on sale in the shop. It was a tough decision as to what to buy, however everyone chose their chocolates in the end.

It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made and what a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and kept them entertained and safe throughout the week – Mr BM, Ms Wright and myself. We all had a great time as the children were a credit to themselves and our school with their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. There were many comments from members of the public on how well behaved the children were in Brie, Paris and at Disney. Well done to all of them so being well behaved. There are many more photos on the school website on the year 6 classes pages .



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

In this month's edition of the online newsletter for parents is an article about 'AI Companions'. These can be used well to support children in their everyday lives by asking questions, finding information etc. However there are some caveats linked to age ratings and how much children may become reliant on these. Alongside this is information about a video clipping app 'CapCut' which isn't always appropriate in the content for sample and examples. It again comes with a health warning of how the app is used to cut and change the video making things seem different from what has actually occurred. Another app 'Discord' is highlighted again due to age ratings to be aware of. On a more positive note there are 5 suggestions of how to engage with the internet successfully with a purpose for the whole family.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Please can your children bring in rice, tinned fruit, tinned fish, rice pudding, long life milk, custard, pasta or tinned meat.

We are having a competition to make the tallest giraffe of generosity to send to North Bristol food bank.

You can bring food in from Monday 5th -Friday 9th and this needs to go straight to classes.

Please help if you can - Daisy and Zach in Year 3

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



On Friday afternoon our reception children had their year 6 buddies come down to join them. They made jam sandwiches in small groups with our year 6s helping their younger buddies spread the butter and jam. They sat with their teddies on large blankets for their picnic and a chat. While it wasn't their turn, they played with their buddies in the outside classroom. Everyone had lots of fun and the picnic was yummy!

More photos can be found on the school website:
<https://stpetersprimary.ovw1.devwebsite.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&gcatid=2&albumid=84>

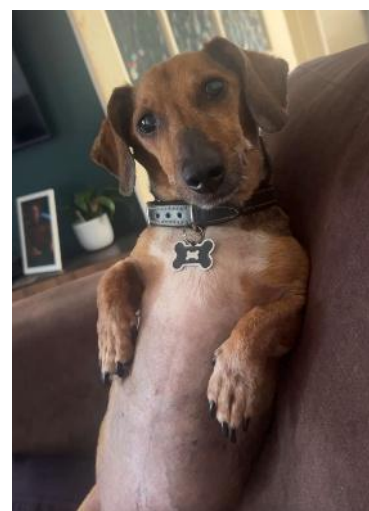
SPACE DAY THEME LUNCH



Space day was a huge success – the children enjoyed the kitchen staff being dressed up and the waffles were a massive hit with the children... and staff!

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM MR BM

I would like to thank everyone at St Peter's for welcoming my beautiful dog Dave into our school community. It has been a very emotional couple of weeks saying goodbye to my office buddy. All the children made him feel so loved and welcomed and even though he was exhausted at the end of each day, he loved spending time with the me and the children. He crossed the rainbow bridge peaceful at the ripe age of 14. I will miss him dearly but have such wonderful memories of him here at St Peter's.



NURSERY



We have continued learning 'All about me', with our focus book being "It's ok to be different". We have been drawing self-portraits, making puzzles using our faces and taking part in some relaxing mindfulness yoga sessions. In circle time we have been discussing our likes and dislikes and continuing to learn more about each other, we are making some lovely friendships.

Our book of the week last week was 'We're going on a Bear Hunt!' We had lots of fun activities going on, playdough bear cutters, colour sorting bears and a narrow gloomy cave in the role play area. We have been using the Story Suitcase to explore different textures and props, while retelling the story. We went on our own bear hunt in the forest area and had fun making Jam Sandwiches for our Teddy Bears picnic.

More photos can be found on the school website:
<https://stpetersprimary.ovw1.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=02%2E+2nd+October+2026&pid=405>

ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION

Due to the changes in the new Benedict's Law, as stated in the previous newsletter, we need to be very careful about what 'treats' may be brought into school for birthdays, etc. Please check with your child's class teacher as they will be aware of an allergies, etc or with the office staff.



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.



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.

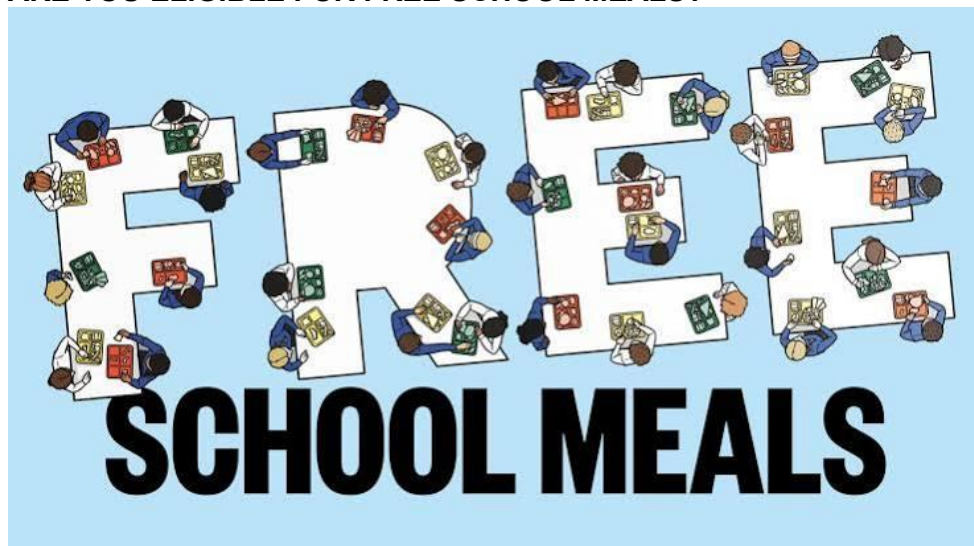


CLOTHING BANK – We have a clothing bank on site, you donate your unwanted clothes and the company pays the Friends of St Peter's money per kg collected.

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?



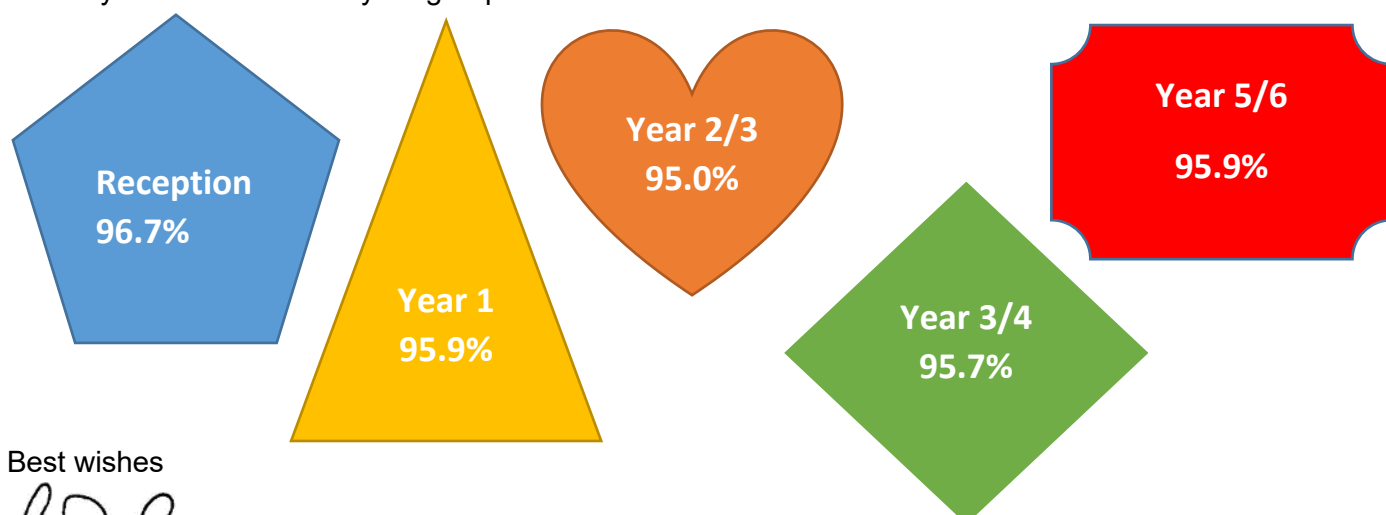
From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit attending these schools will be entitled to receive a free meal. We have made this a legal requirement through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 and intend to lay additional regulations 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

Letter of good behaviour	Email	Camp year 6 students
Free school meals	Email	Everyone
Image consent	Email & paper	Everyone

Term dates for 2026/27

TERM 1

Thursday 8 October
Monday 19 October
Thursday 22 October
Friday 23 October

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

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

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

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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