St. Peter's Anglican Methodist VC Primary School
Dream, Believe, Achieve
"All things are possible." Mark 9:23

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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 – NEWSLETTER NO 06

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 13 November





Friday 20 November

OFSTED
As you know we had our Ofsted inspection last week. The inspectors were impressed by the children, their behaviour and manners. They were a real credit to the school sharing their school values and sense of belonging to St Peter's. The report should be with us before Christmas for you then to read.

REMEMBERANCE DAY



On 11th November at 11am, the oldest and the youngest child at the school laid the poppy wreath at the cenotaph in Pilning for Remembrance Day.

CLASS HOMEWORK
Class homework can now be found on the school website on the class pages. https://stpetersprimary.ovw1.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Classes&pid=17



PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



There are still parents insisting on parking in the school to drop off their children.
We have the 'drop off zone' where the parents can quickly stop, say goodbye, 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. 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.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

We had a great turn out for children in need, with skateboarders, boxers, gymnasts, footballers and many, many more athletes. The children and staff entered the spirit of the day wholeheartedly.
In the morning, EYFS and Year 1 created wacky races in the hall, including climbing, jumping and crawling!
In the afternoon, Years 2,3, and 4 completed an obstacle course in the playground. As always, our children were full of fun, enthusiasm and raised an amazing amount of money for charity.
Thank-you all for your support. We raised a fantastic amount of £744.60!







TTRS ROCKSTAR DAY



St Peter's had an awesome relaunch of Times Table Rock Stars with the children dressing in some fantastic rock outfits. The day was spent focusing on tables and number facts with challenges across the school. Keep learning those tables and rock on!



CADBURY WORLD

Year 5/6 enjoyed a trip to Cadbury World where they learned about the origins of chocolate, its connection with the Aztecs and the Maya and how it is made today. They were fascinated by the tour and even created their own chocolate mixture to try!









BRISTOL SPORT HOLIDAY CLUB

🎄❄️ Winter Holiday Clubs – Important Updates ❄️🎄



We're delighted to share some exciting updates to our Winter Holiday Club provision!

Please see below for the latest information:

1. Reception Children Welcome! We're pleased to confirm that Reception children can now attend our Primary School Holiday Club provision. Activities will be organised into age-appropriate groups, with children split into groups such as KS1 and KS2 to ensure activities are suitable for everyone.

2. 20% Sibling Discount We're now offering a 20% sibling discount! To receive your unique discount code, please email:
📧 Foundation@Bristol-sport.co.uk

3. Morning & Afternoon Sessions We understand that flexibility is important, so you can now book individual morning-only or afternoon-only sessions, rather than a full day.

🎁 Special Winter Booking Offer! Book by Sunday 6th December and receive 10% OFF your booking! Use discount code: WINTER26

We look forward to welcoming your children for a fun-filled Winter Holiday Club, packed with exciting activities, new experiences and plenty of festive fun! Kind regards,

BSF Team

ARBOR PAYMENTS

Please ensure you pay into the correct accounts on the Abor app. If you are paying a nursery invoice & an after school club payment this will need to be 2 payments into each account for example. This is so we can account for all payments received correctly.

NURSERY

We celebrated bonfire night by reading "The Quiet Little Firework". We made some very colourful glitter firework pictures and had fun role playing in the autumn café, making hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows. We enjoyed making chocolate bonfire apples, adding lots of sprinkles. They were delicious. We had a visit from the message monster, he left us some mark making gifts so that we can write notes to him!

Our focus book was then "The Runaway Train", we learnt all about different types of transport. We took this opportunity to learn about road safety and were lucky enough to be loaned the South Gloucestershire road safety resource box, which included people who help us dress up kits, a zebra crossing and real working traffic lights. We made a road outside and rode the bikes around making sure we were staying very safe. On

Friday we took part in the silly obstacle course, using lots of physical skills – jumping, rolling, balancing and crawling.





FOSP DISCO



THORNBURY JIGSAW



Thornbury Jigsaw are running a session for parents to support parents who may be facing challenges at home. The session is in Thornbury at their centre. To access this training you will need to use the www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk and find the session to book. As a part of the Severnside SEN cluster the sessions are reduced in cost for parents at St Peter's.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) has launched its Online Parent Webinars, providing parents and carers with accessible digital training sessions to develop their understanding of a range of topics and gain practical strategies to support their child's wellbeing at home.

The forthcoming webinars are outlined below and can be accessed via the QR code or via this link to the Referral Form

Introduction to Anxiety	**January 2027**
Introduction to Exam wellbeing	**January 2027**
5 Ways to Wellbeing	**February 2027**
Tools to Thrive	**February 2027**
Exam Wellbeing	**May 2027**
Introduction to Low Mood	**May 2027**
Transitions	**June 2027**
5 Ways to Wellbeing	**June 2027**

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. Our final tour is on Thursday 7 January at 1.30pm.

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.



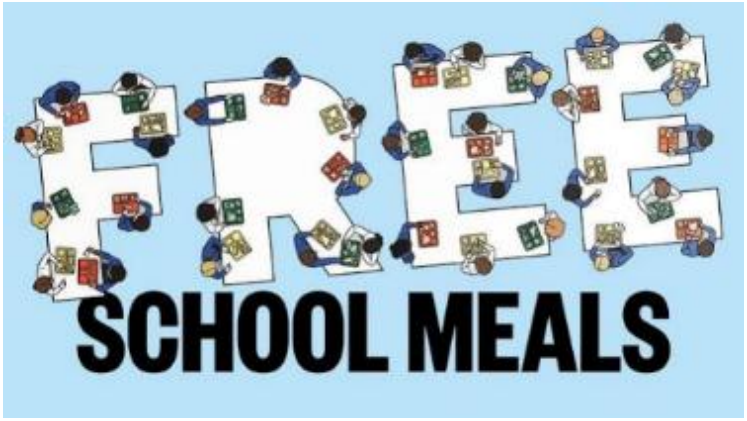


CLOTHING BANK – We have a clothing bank on site, you donate your unwanted clothes and the company pays the Friends of St Peter's money per kg collected.

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.

Friends of St. Peters

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?



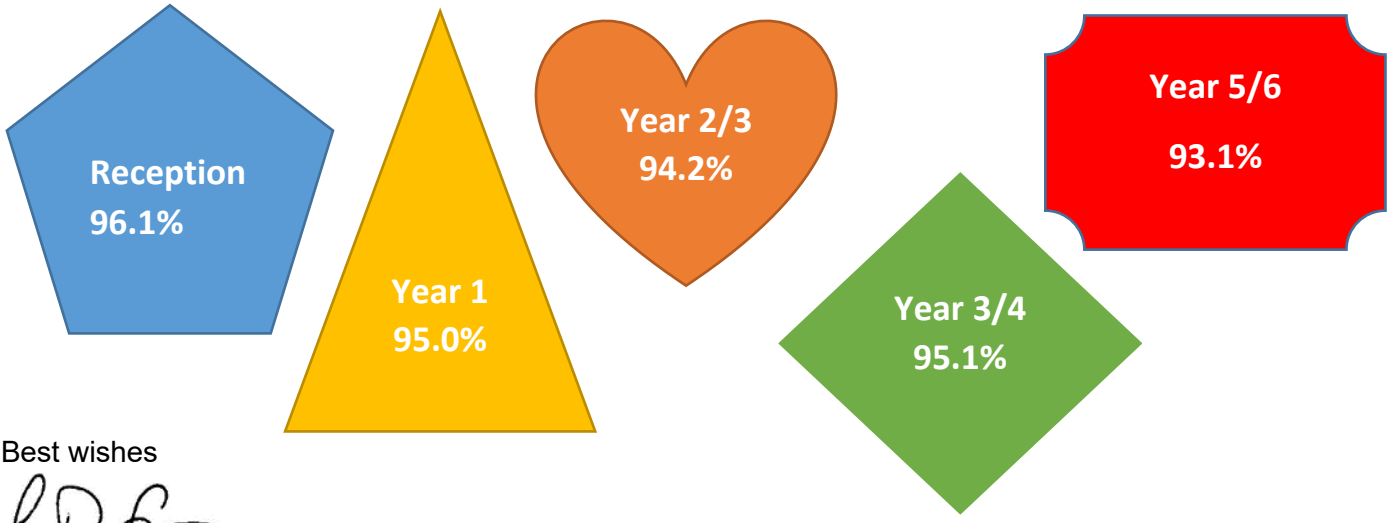
From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit attending these schools will be entitled to receive a free meal.
We have made this a legal requirement through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 and intend to lay additional regulations 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		
Flyers Cup Competition	Email	Selected year 5/6 pupils
Winter holiday club	Email	Everyone
Messy church	Email	KS2
Christmas artwork	Bought home	Everyone
Bikeability	Email	Year 5

Term dates for 2026/27

TERM 2

Tuesday 1 December	**Year 6 NCMP**
Friday 3 December	**Individual school photos**
Wednesday 9 December	**EYFS & KS1 nativity 2pm**
	Carols at the Mall for class 5/6 4.30pm
Thursday 10 December	**EYFS & KS1 nativity 6pm**
Tuesday 15 December	**Key Stage Carols at St Peter's Church 6.30pm**
Wednesday 16 December	**Christmas lunch and jumper day**
	FOSP Children's Disco
Friday 18 December	**End of Term 2**

TERM 3

Monday 4 January	**Start of Term 3**
Friday 8 January	**Pantomime for the children in school**
Monday 18 January	**Whole school cricket coaching**
Friday 29 January	**Books at Bedtime 5.00pm**
Friday 5 February	**Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Number Day for NSPCC**
Friday 12 February	**2.40pm Singing Square with invited Reception, Year 1 parents**
	End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 23 February	**Start of Term 4**
Thursday 25 February	**Wind in the Willows Ballet performance in school for the children**
Friday 26 February	**School cross country championships**
Monday 8 March	**Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm**
Wednesday 10 March	**Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm**
Monday 15 March	**Swimming for year 3 every afternoon all week plus Year 6 boosters**
Friday 19 March	**Comic Relief day**
Monday 22 March	**Swimming for year 3 every afternoon all week plus Year 6 boosters**
Thursday 25 March	**2.40pm Singing Square with invited Year 2, 3 and 4 parents**
	End of Term 4

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 2 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Chess	Friday	Lunchtime 12.30pm-1pm	Mr BM	KS2	Arbor	free	06/11/2026	18/12/2026
Football	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	03/11/2026	15/12/2026
Dance	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	R - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	04/11/2026	16/12/2026