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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 – 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 13 September



Friday 20 September

YEAR 6 VISIT TO PARIS, FRANCE

The year 6's have been in Paris, France this week with the year 6's from Almondsbury Primary. Hopefully you may have seen some of the photos on the website showing what a great time they have been having. I am sure they will be sharing their experiences in the coming weeks.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Many of our St Peter's students took part in the Library's summer reading challenge, 'Marvellous Makers'. Some of these children brought in their medals to show the school in assembly. We are so proud of our wonderful readers!

EGYPTIAN WOW WEEK



On Tuesday 17th September the children from class 3/4 were lucky enough to visit Bristol museum to handle ancient artefacts and see real mummies. We discussed whether they were real or replicas. Whilst walking around the museum, members of the public commented on our children's wonderful behaviour. They were a pleasure to take on a trip. On Thursday 19th September we had AliEgyptology come to school, she regaled us with horrible myths, showed us hieroglyphs and taught us how to count as the Ancient Egyptians did. What a week! Mrs. Liz Cannock

BLAISE MUSEUM TRIP

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at Blaise Museum. They got to play with lots of old toys such as spinning tops, kaleidoscopes and a tea set. They learnt lots of interesting facts about old toys such as the materials they were made from and how they worked. They were also able to explore around the museum and enjoyed the sunshine exploring parts of the grounds at Blaise as well. It was a brilliant day! Mrs Bell



YEAR 3/4 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

We have kick started our school year with sewing our own cushions. This was linked to our whole-school text 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers. The children designed their cushion, learnt running stitch and overstitch as well as threading their own needle. Each cushion had an initial in white felt, whilst the main body was different coloured felt. All the children were able to do this with minimal adult help and I'm so proud of them all. Mrs Cannock



ATTENDANCE

I am sure you are aware of the changes that the DFE has made to the Attendance guidance for both schools and parents. The teachers shared some of this information with you during the meet the teacher sessions at the start of term. If you were unable to attend these then this is the summary of the changes.

As you know your child's attendance has a direct impact on their academic achievements and outcomes. There has been a link made between the two for many years so this is not new. However, there is now a much more concerted effort from the DFE to ensure parents and schools work together to ensure attendance is the strongest and highest it can be.

These images show the impact on percentage of days missed throughout the year and the number of lessons of learning missed.



Attendance Groups

Annual Attendance %	Days attended	Days/Weeks Absent
100%	190	0
97%	184	6 days
95%	180	2 weeks
90%	171	4 weeks
85%	161	6 weeks
80%	152	More than 10 a term
75%	143	9+ weeks absent

Any attendance below 95% will be alerted and will be shared with parents. This includes lateness marks which are after the register has closed. These sessions are marked as unauthorised absence regardless of whether the children are in school or not. You will receive a phone call or a face to face chat with a member of the leadership team to discuss any barriers to attendance. Of course, children will become ill and have to have time off school, however we do need to build up resilience to manage this. We will continue to expect parents to let us know when children are ill and the 48-hour rule regarding sickness and diarrhoea apply.

We will ring parents if we have not heard from them if the children are in school on the first day and then every other subsequent day until they return unless parents ring school to update.

Once children's attendance falls below 90% then this will trigger attendance meetings with Mr Smith. These will look at the effects of the absence on the children's learning and how the school may be able to support with any barriers and reasons for the absences.

We hope that this doesn't occur. However, if absences persistent then the school will discuss the children's absence with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) and arrange further meetings with parents and the EWO, Lucy Pass.

There are also new guidelines and rules regarding extended time off from school and fines as a result, usually due to term time absence due to holidays.

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Who may be fined?

Penalty notices may be issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school. However, they should usually only be issued to the parent or parents who have allowed the absence (regardless of which parent has applied for a leave of absence).

Penalty Notices can be issued when there have been 10 unauthorised absences (1 school day = 2 sessions, 5 school days = 10 sessions). The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks. Penalty Notices are issued for any term-time or irregular absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a period of 10 school weeks.

First Penalty notice

The first Penalty Notice is issued for term time absences or irregular absences, the amount will be:

- **£80** per parent, per child (if paid within 21 days of issue)
- **£160** per parent, per child (if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of issue)

No. of parents	No. of children	Fine amount up to 21 days	Fine amount after 21 days but within 28 days
1	1	£80	£160
1	2	£160	£320
2	3	£480	£960

Second Penalty notice

The second Penalty Notice is issued for term time absences or irregular absences, issued to the **same parent** for the **same child**, the amount will be:

- **£160** per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days). This is a flat rate. **There is no discount for early payment.**

No. of parents	No. of children	Fine amount up to 21 days	Fine amount up to 28 days
1	1	Not applicable	£160
1	2	Not applicable	£320
2	3	Not applicable	£960

Further offences

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time or irregular absences **within 3 years** by the same parent for the same child (including those from other schools or Local Authorities) may result in an automatic request for Prosecution.

Education Act: 1996: It is your responsibility as the parent/carer to ensure your child's school attendance is on a regular basis and if you fail to do this without good cause, you are liable to prosecution. If found guilty of this offence you could be liable to, amongst other things, a fine of up to £2500 and/or a custodial sentence of up to 3 months.

For more information on this issue please read the South Gloucestershire parental guidance on Penalty Notices at the following link: www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/behaviour-and-attendance/school-attendance/authorised-and-unauthorised-absence-from-school/.

We have a new Attendance Policy which has been ratified by the governing body and now on the website. ([policies](#)) Please do read this as outlines all the information plus more regarding roles and responsibilities. If you have any questions about the new policy or guidelines please contact Mr Smith.

PANDAS WRAPAROUND CARE CLUB

As a reminder, After-school club is now running 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. There is a special introductory rate of £7.50 per child attending a Friday session. 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 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>

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL



Want to help raise money for the school? Here are 5 ways you can help:

ASDA REWARD APP – If you nominate us as your chosen school on the ASDA rewards app they will donate 0.5% of your spend to us. It doesn't affect your own cashpots & it's very easy to do.

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.



TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

We have been selected to receive a community grant from Tesco. Customers receive a token each time they shop and can vote for 1 of 3 causes. This is open from the first week in October 2024 until mid-January 2025. The cause that comes in 1st place with the highest number of tokens will receive £1500, 2nd place will receive £1000 & 3rd place will receive £500. Please see the attached a flyer with more information on the participating stores.

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

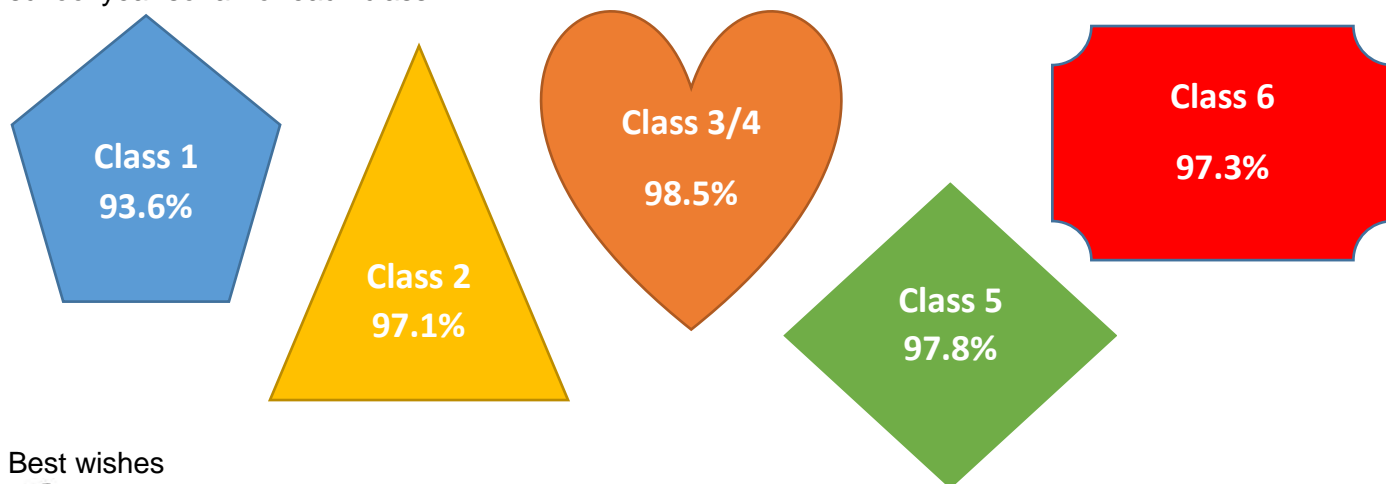
Universal Infant Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that regardless of household income your child can have a hot meal every day provided by school, free of charge.

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.

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

Communication	Year	Information
The Castle school open evening	Year 6	Information
Marlwood school open evening	Year 6	Information
Clifton College open evening	Year 5 & 6 girls	Information
Dinosaur day theme menu	Everyone	Information
Blaise High School open evening	Year 6	Information
NCMP for year 6	Year 6	Information/action

Term dates for 2024/25

TERM 1

Tuesday 8 October	Harvest Festival
Friday 11 October	Year 6 visit to Lifeskills Centre, Bristol
Monday 14 October	Selected Year 5 & 6 pupils at Bristol gymnastics centre AM
Monday 21 October	New parents' tours for Reception intake 2025 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Thursday 24 October	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
Friday 25 October	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

TERM 2

Monday 4 November	Start of Term 2 for all pupils
Thursday 7 November	New parents' tours for Reception intake 2025 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Monday 11 November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 November	Individual photos
Wednesday 13 November	New parents' tours for Reception intake 2025 9.30am and 11.00am
Friday 15 November	Children in Need day
Monday 18 November	Nasal flu vaccines for pupils 4.00pm – 7.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 20 November	4.00pm – 7.00pm Parents Evening
Thursday 28 November	Year 6 NCMP screening
Wednesday 11 December	KS1 Nativity (evening, time TBC)
Thursday 12 December	KS1 Nativity (morning, time TBC)
Tuesday 17 December	KS2 Carols at St Peter's 6.30pm
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Lunch day
Friday 20 December	End of Term 2

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 25 October 2024 Monday 2 June 2025 Tuesday 3 June 2025 Plus 1 other date to be confirmed	

Term 1 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Tag Rugby	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Mrs Bell & Miss Daly	Yr3 - Yr6	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	09/09/2024	21/10/2024
Chess	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mr Baykaa- Murray	all students	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	05/09/2024	24/10/2024
Football	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	10/09/2024	22/10/2024
Athletics	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	11/09/2024	23/10/2024

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