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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 – 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 29 November



Friday 06 December

FOSP CHRISTMAS MARKET

After a hiatus the FOSP Christmas market was back last night. Despite the terrible weather the hall was packed with so many parents and children. They had all come to support FOSP in their fund-raising efforts for the school. It was lovely to see the hall so busy and people spending their hard-earned money on the stalls organised by FOSP as well as those who had come bringing home made gifts and items. I know that the teachers couldn't keep up with all the requests for raffle tickets of which there were so many prizes.

We were treated to the brilliant singing of our fledgling choir led by Miss Bagienska and accompanied by John-Mark. They sounded lovely and entertained the crowds. Father Christmas looked resplendent in his traditional green costume and holly wreath headdress. The queue was never ending.

Thank you to all that came and especially the members of FOSP, parental and staff helpers who made it all such a special and successful evening.



YEAR 3/4 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



On Thursday 28th November we visited the River Severn to complete some geography fieldwork. First, we got on our warm clothes ready to get on a mini bus but not all of us could get on at once. After we got on the minibus in two groups, we went down the slippery, icy path-way.

Some children fell while the others were having so much fun skating along the ice. We had three activities to do: traffic counting and compass skills, physical geography and drawing a picture of the Severn bridge. We

found lots to look at on the riverbank and across the river, which was flowing quickly after all the rain. It was good to see what was washed up on the bank. It was quite muddy. There was lots of traffic on the Severn Bridge we could see. We found out the direction the river was flowing. When we finished the three activities we got together again and went down the slippery icy pathway. The cold ones went back to school first and had hot chocolate. Then everyone came back and had hot chocolate too.

By Maddison and Sophia



CAROLS AT THE MALL, CRIBBS CAUSEWAY – THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Year 5 will be performing with the Bridge Family of School's at the Mall, Cribbs Causeway on Thursday 12th December.

1. Meeting Point: Please bring your child to the fire exit doors next to 'Rituals' on the ground floor by **4:15pm**. The children will then be ushered into the corridor in their school groups where they will be escorted into their singing positions.

2. Performance Location: The children will be performing in the centre of the Mall. They will be positioned on the stairs and on a stage covering the fountain. The carols will begin at 4:30pm and finish by 5:00pm.

3. Collection of children: As the Mall will most probably be quite busy at the end of the performance, they have requested each school meet in a specific location for collection.

• St Peter's: outside Superdry (ground floor opposite information desk)



CHRISTMAS POSTBOX



The christmas post boxes are out. If your child has any christmas cards they can pop them into the boxes (by the purple chairs) and the year 6 children will deliver them each day.

AiP CUPCAKE TASTING COMPETITION

Our kitchen manager Kirsty held a cupcake tasting competition Thursday to guess the hidden vegetable. Every child got a taste and a guess and the winning guess with brussel sprout was from Serah! Well done!



CAROLS AT THE CHURCH – TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER



The KS2 children are singing carols at St Peter's Church on Tuesday 17 December, please can the children arrive by 6.15pm and the performance will start at 6.30pm. As space is limited, we ask that no more than 2 adults per child attend. There is standing room only.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER



Don't forget to book in for your child's Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18 December. There will be no baguettes or jacket potato options that day. We play Christmas music in the hall, decorate the tables and the staff serve the dinner to the children. It is great fun for all. Please send your child in wearing a Christmas jumper.

MEALS

Can parents please remember to pay for all meals in advance (you can top up your account with a nominal amount, say £10 (or larger amount if you prefer), and we can let you know when your balance is running low). Can you please also make a meal choice on Arbor each day (even if your child is having a packed lunch), this can be done in advance for the whole term in you wish. When meal choices are not made, it takes up valuable time for the teachers and office staff in the mornings. Thank you

SCHOOL MEALS PARENTAL SURVEY



AiP, our catering contract, has put together a parental survey that we would like to encourage you to add your views to. The survey is around the quality and variety of the school meals in school. Please follow the link to add your answers.
<https://forms.office.com/e/LdyY43xssU>

FOODBANK

<https://www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk/>

If you need help from our local foodbank please get in touch with the office, it is highly confidential and very simple process. If you have any questions please speak to Jemma in the office.



ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP YEAR 4



On Friday 22nd November we had a workshop about road safety from South Glos Council. First, we met Debbie, then she told us what to do and she said to answer some questions. Then she told us about the road safety and she said to use the traffic men. She also showed us that the middle seat was the safest and that we should always use our seat belt. She showed us how to do our seat belt. I think you should always wear your seat belt and sit in the middle seat. Phoebe and Rose sat in a car which had two seats. She told us a story about her friend that had a head injury because he didn't have a helmet on. Then we got a helmet with an egg in and it didn't smash but without a helmet it did smash.

Written by Ted & Tommy

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2023. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2025**. If you live in South Gloucestershire online applications can be made by following this link <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page.jsessionid=5D07B22CA2CEF2CCFE00440153D700EE?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

If you live outside of South Gloucestershire applications must be made via the local authority of the area you live in.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

It's time once again for the monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. This month to focus feature is related to the set up and age restriction set up of new technology which may be bought as Christmas presents. There are links to support parents in doing this embedded in the newsletter. It also features a recap on the use of Roblox and being positive online in messages and emails. This links to support in discussing cyber bullying with the children.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



With the cold weather setting in this week and the dark early evenings we decided to have a movie night at after school club. The children picked a Christmas film to watch and they got comfy on bean bags with blankets. The children have also started to do some Christmas crafts during sessions.

The club runs Monday – Friday from 3.20-6pm. Bookings can be made via the Arbor App.

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 4 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.



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.

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		
NCMP Post measurement letter	Email	Year 6
Carols at the Asda	Email	Year 5
Inset day information	Email	Everyone
Nativity ticket information	In-app message	Class 1 & 2
Mr BM return to school information	In-app message	Class 6
Tulip photography reminder deadline	In-app message	Everyone
Christmas delivery	In-ap message	Everyone

Term dates for 2024/25

TERM 2

Wednesday 11 December KS1 Nativity 6pm at St Peter’s Church, Pilning
 Thursday 12 December KS1 Nativity 10am at St Peter’s Church, Pilning
 Tuesday 17 December KS2 Carols 6.30pm at St Peter’s Church, Pilning
 Wednesday 18 December Christmas Lunch day and Christmas jumper day
 Friday 20 December 2nd Camp deposit of £75 due
 Friday 20 December End of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday 6 January Start of Term 3
 Thursday 9 January Whole school cricket coaching session – all need PE kit today
 Friday 17 January Orchestra session for key stage 2
 Tuesday 21 January Year 5 pedestrian training session for road safety
 Friday 24 January Books at Bedtime at 5.00pm
 Friday 7 February NSPCC Number Day for EYFS and KS1
 Thursday 13 February 2.40pm Singing square in the Hall invited EYFS and KS1 parents
 End of Term 3
 Friday 14 February INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

TERM 4

Monday 24 February Start of Term 4

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 Friday 14 February 2025 Monday 2 June 2025 Tuesday 3 June 2025	

Term 2 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Choir	Tuesday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Miss Bagienska	everyone	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	12/11/2024	17/12/2024
Chess	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mr Baykaa- Murray	KS2	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	07/11/2024	19/12/2024
Football	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	05/11/2024	17/12/2024
Dance	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	06/11/2024	18/12/2024

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