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Dear Parents/Carers,

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 – NEWSLETTER NO 09

Welcome back to school in 2025 and we hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and New Year. We hope that 2025 will be a prosperous one for everyone.



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the last 2 weeks 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 10 January



Friday 17 January

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the Autumn term was significantly affected by the outbreaks that occurred with sickness. However, the overall attendance of 94.1% was below the national average and not where it was a couple of weeks before Christmas. This has also been compounded by the number of children who took term time holiday absence accounting for 0.8% of our attendance just in the last two weeks. I am sure once we pass the traditional period when illness is a real factor that we will improve in that figure. Well done to the 21 children throughout the school who managed to stave off any infections and achieved 100% attendance. I hope that everyone remains well and healthy during this term.

### WHOLE SCHOOL CRICKET COACHING



The children thoroughly enjoyed the cricket coaching that everyone participated in last week. They all practiced their throwing, catching, batting and bowling techniques led by Tom, the coach. All of the children were so enthusiastic and so many want to go to the clubs on offer outside of school, which are all free. If you didn't receive a flyer then we will be sending this out as an attachment.





### SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS YEAR 5 AND 6



A team of athletes from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Small Schools Sports Hall Athletics at Yate Academy. They took part in an obstacle relay, relay events and field events. Their sportsmanship was exemplary, and we secured some first and second places in a couple of events! They competed against North Road, Old Sodbury, St Mary's Thornbury, St Paul's, Coniston, St Andrew's and St Mary's Bradley Stoke. Their final placing was...

### BRIDGE YEAR 1 YOGA SESSION

All the Year 1 children across the Bridge schools participated in a whole yoga session to support their mindfulness and flexibility. The children enjoyed this and the yoga story of 'The Dog in the Tutu'.



## YEAR 6 STEM WORKSHOP

The Year 6 children participated in a STEM workshop provided by ElevationX called Power to Drive/Positive Power. The session focused on sustainable and renewable energy sources and the children were able to build and test electric model cars.



## BOOKS AT BEDTIME



We will be holding books at bedtime on Friday 24th January. 5pm-6pm. The children are invited back to school in their pyjamas to listen to stories read by the teachers. Please RSVP on the google invite link <https://forms.gle/fYwrZnB8x84dVzv49> if you have not done so already.

## GB ATHLETE EVENT – 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025

We're very excited to be welcoming top athlete Katrina Hart to the school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Today the children had a special assembly about the event. A sponsorship form has been sent home with your child to use in order to help raise money for the event. You can also sponsor your child by visiting: <https://greatathletes.org/> and clicking on the button "**Set up a Fundraiser Page**". Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and moneys** are returned to the school office 1 week after the event has taken place (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025). The preferred method of collecting sponsorship is online please. Please also make sure that your child/children come to school on the event day in their PE Kits!



## PEACE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Peace. 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 Individual Liberty within our British Values.

## E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

It is a new year and I am sure there are many new devices in home after Christmas. Please make sure that you have a good understanding of parental controls and how to set the parent controls on these. There is information online for a variety of devices if you need support.

In this issue of the parental newsletter, it covers Fortnite Battle Royale, which is not intended for primary aged pupils. There is a handy guide to age restrictions for a vast array of websites and games. It also discusses social media influencers and their effects on children.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In these difficult times, we would like to remind you that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check out this link [www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals). This even applies to children in Reception and KS1 who are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals as this brings in additional funding to support your child.

## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The local authority has created a set of materials for parents, carers, and family members living in South Gloucestershire, which you have free access to via the link below to expertly designed online learning and resources on nurturing emotional health and wellbeing so that our children can thrive as kind, sociable and emotionally aware people throughout their lives. Please do look through these and take up the offer of workshops. Webpage for parents: <https://inourplace.co.uk/south-gloucestershire/>

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

There are a number of websites that will be helpful for each child to investigate to help them with their home learning. This week's website is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

## 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](mailto:friendsofstpetersprimary@outlook.com) and they can let you know all the details.

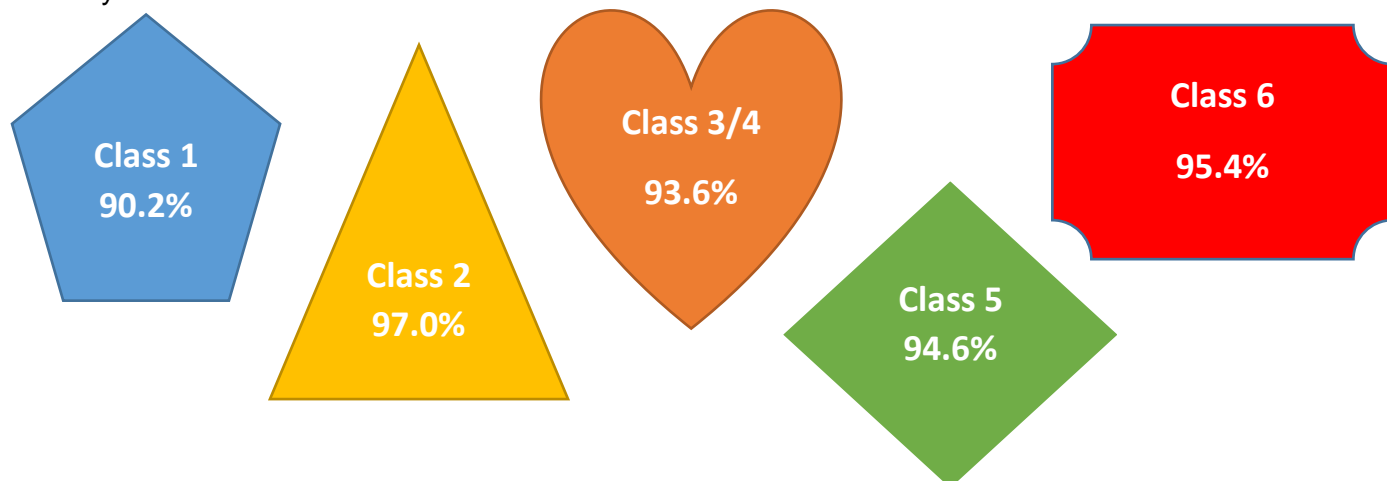


## TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

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 1<sup>st</sup> place with the highest number of tokens will receive £1500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive £1000 & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

GB Athlete event letter	Email	Everyone
Swimming	Email	Year 3/6
Year 6 revision guides	Email	Year 6
Bristol Flyers competition	Email	Selected year 5
KS2 Kurling competition	Letter	Selected KS2
Netball Competition	Email	Selected year 5 & 6
SATs revision guides	Email	Year 6

### Term dates for 2024/25

#### TERM 3

Friday 17 January	Orchestra session for key stage 2
Monday 20 January	Year 5 and 6 Bristol Flyers Basketball Event (selected team)
Tuesday 21 January	Year 5 pedestrian training session for road safety
Friday 24 January	Books at Bedtime at 5.00pm
Monday 27 January	Bristol Sports Netball competition AM
	KS2 Kurling competition (selected team) 2.50pm pick up
Friday 31 January	GB Athlete Katrina Hart visiting
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
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day with Special Lunch Menu
Monday 10 March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 12 March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Friday 21 March	Comic Relief Day
	Year 5 and 6 visit to Bristol
Monday 24 March	Year 3 and 4 ukelele performance to parents (time to be confirmed)

Year 3 swimming at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre starts every afternoon for the fortnight

Friday 4 April

2.40pm Singing square in the Hall invited Year 3 and 4 parents  
End of Term 4

**TERM 5**

Tuesday 22 April

Start of Term 5

Monday 5 May

Bank Holiday Monday – School closed

Monday 12 May

Year 6 SAT week

Friday 23 May

2.40pm Singing square in the Hall invited Year 5 and 6 parents  
End of Term 4

**TERM 6**

Monday 2 June

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 3 June

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Wednesday 4 June

Start of Term 6

Monday 9 June

Year 1 phonics week

Year 4 MTC week

Tuesday 22 July

2.40pm Singing square on the field invited all parents (weather permitting)  
End of Term 6 and school year

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 3 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Choir	Tuesday	Lunchtime (fortnightly) 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Miss Bagienska	everyone	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	14/01/2025	11/02/2025
Chess	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mr Baykaa-Murray	KS2	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	09/01/2025	13/02/2025
Football	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	07/01/2025	11/02/2025
Gymnastics	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	08/01/2025	12/02/2025
Knitting	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mrs Lewis	Yr6	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	16/01/2025	13/02/2025

**\* BRISTOL SPORTS ARE NOW OFFERING A SIBLING DISCOUNT OF 25%, CALL THEM ON 0117 963 0683 TO BOOK.**