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Dear Parents/Carers,

## SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 – NEWSLETTER NO 11

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to these children who received the Star of the Week Award from their class teachers over the last 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 07 February



### GREAT BRITAIN PARALYMPIAN COMES TO ST PETER'S

We were very privileged to have Katrina Hart, a Bronze medallist Paralympian and former Commonwealth, European and World champion in the 100 and 200 metres for those with Cerebral Palsy visit St Peter's a couple of weeks ago.

She led the children in a series of different activities to develop their stamina and fitness. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed completing the exercises and did their very best. Katrina shared her athletic story with the children and her inspiration to become a world leading athlete. She showed the children her winning races online and a small demonstration of her speed in person. The children were inspired by her and were buzzing by the end of the session. Thank you to all of those who have collected sponsor money to support the school and the Paralympians in their quest for future development of athletes throughout Great Britain. We raised a massive **£1206.30** for the school to spend on sports equipment.



## PUNCTUALITY



There are an increasing number of children who are arriving to school late after the start of the day between 8.50 and 9.10am. Can I remind parents that the start of school is 8.50am. Children should be into school by then or at that time to be able to walk around before the gate is closed. We know that there are some days when traffic is an issue however, much of the lateness is becoming consistent. Please leave enough time to get to school. Thank you.

## GOODYE AND GOOD LUCK

I have to let you know that Mrs Grotzke, who is currently on maternity leave, will not be returning to St Peter's as expected. She has made the decision to accept another post that has been offered to her working part-time with children who are not in education currently. We are sad that Mrs Grotzke will not be coming back to teach at St Peter's but we wish her well on the next step of her career.



## YEAR 3/4 UKULELE LESSON



In Year 3 and 4, We have been lucky enough to receive 10 weeks of Ukulele lessons, led by the fantastic Mr. Davies. All the children, and adults have been thoroughly enjoying these! We have been playing along to such classics as; Rockin' Robin, The Banana boat song and The Coconut song.

All Year 3 and 4 families are invited to enjoy our playing, in an assembly Led by Mr. Davies on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9:30am.

Mrs. Liz Cannock

## CLASS 1 & 2 NUMBERS DAY

Reception and KS1 celebrated Number Day. Children attended school wearing a number! They had lots of fun playing class number games and building their own numbers, robots and number blocks out of junk modelling. We raised **£66.40** for NSPCC.



## AiP STUDENT & PARENT FOOD TASTER SESSIONS

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February our catering provider AiP will be holding a taster session of the new summer menu with the children at lunchtime and at pick up time after school for the parents. Come and have a sample of food and speak to our catering provider about any questions you have regarding the menu.

## FREE MATHS CHALLENGE YEAR 5 + 6



Bloom & Soar have created a free online maths challenge for half term (ending Feb 28th) with five maths method videos covering multiplying fractions, finding fractions of amounts, prime numbers, square and cube numbers.

Each video shows the method, then children can pause to try the questions before the answers are revealed with full demonstrations if more support is needed. There is a reward chart for extra motivation! It's also great for parents who would like to know current methods. All taught by an experienced primary teacher. To join the challenge, parents can sign up here:

[www.blossomandsoar.co.uk/challenge](http://www.blossomandsoar.co.uk/challenge)

## PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Please find attached the latest e-safety newsletter. This month's edition focusses on the Squid Game 15+ game that can be accessed by children. The article highlights the parental controls and how to discuss this with your children. There is an ongoing debate/discussion about the use of mobile phones and whether children under a certain age should actually have them. One aspect of this is around the social media, messaging apps that children use and how harmful these can potentially be. There is more on one such app Snapchat.

## INFORMATION FROM PRICE & BUCKLAND – UNIFORM SUPPLIER



We are excited to announce that our new website will be launching on **11th February**. To help parents and guardians' transition smoothly, we have produced a flyer (which is shown here). Parents who have ordered from us previously will need to re-set their password and they can use the same password as before. Parents, who are new to Price & Buckland, will need to register as usual.

The new website will give parents the following benefits:

- Parents with children at different schools will be able to order from multiple schools with ease.
- Parents will be able to spread payment across 3 months through Klarna.
- Parents will be prompted how close they are to the free delivery threshold.
- Parents will have more payment options with the introduction of Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Below is the new web address and direct link to your school's new uniform 'shop'.

<https://price-buckland.co.uk/st-peters-primary-school>

<https://youtu.be/-wg3-jEq0Pg>

Please note that you can receive free delivery for any value of order to the school. You just need to scroll down to the end of the order page to select this option.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We would like to remind you that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check your eligibility by following this link [www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals). This also applies to children in Reception and KS1 (who are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals) as this brings in additional funding to the school 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.



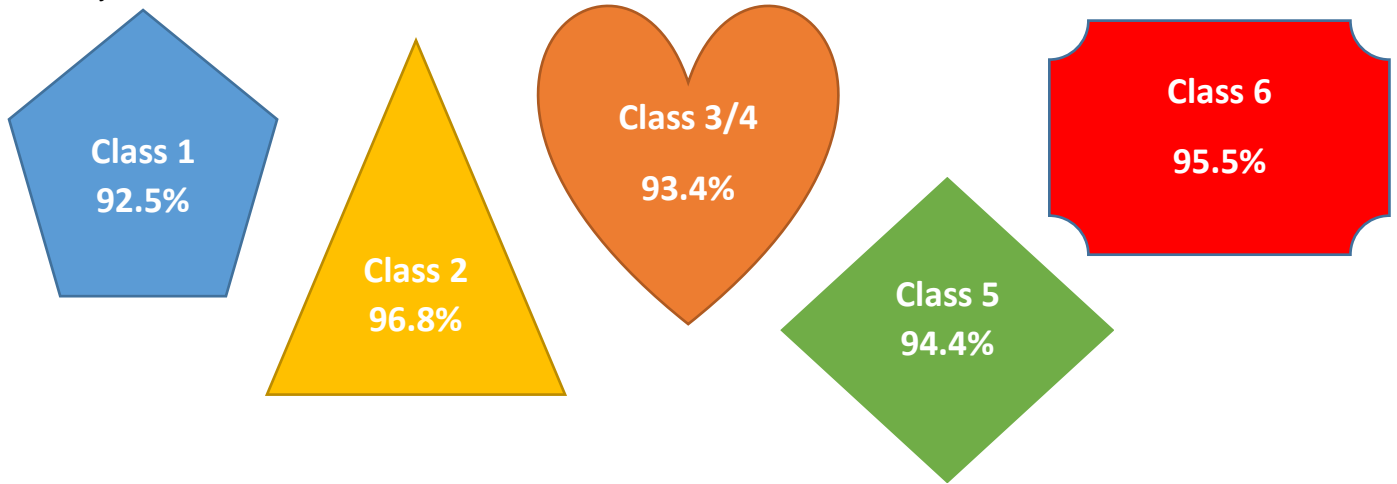
**CLOTHING BANK** – We have a clothing bank on site, you donate your unwanted clothes and the company pays the Friends of St Peter's money per kg collected.

**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.



## 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

World Book Day	Email	Everyone

### Term dates for 2024/25

#### 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 – 6.30pm**

Friday 21 March

**Comic Relief Day**

Monday 24 March

**Year 5 and 6 visit to Bristol**

**Year 3 (& year 6 catch up) swimming at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre starts every afternoon for the fortnight**

Thursday 27 March

**AIP taster session of the new menu in the playground after school**

Wednesday 2 April

**Year 3/4 ukulele performance for parents 9.30am**

Friday 4 April

**2.40pm Singing square in the Hall Year 3 and 4 parents invited**

**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 Year 5 and 6 parents invited**

**End of Term 4**

**TERM 6**

Monday 2 June  
 Tuesday 3 June  
 Wednesday 4 June  
 Monday 9 June

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils  
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 Start of Term 6  
 Year 1 phonics week  
 Year 4 MTC week

Tuesday 22 July

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

Term	Starts	Ends
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 4 Clubs**

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Chess	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mr Baykaa- Murray	KS2	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	27/02/2025	03/04/2025
Dance	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	25/02/2025	01/04/2025
Tag Rugby	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	26/02/2025	02/04/2025
Knitting	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mrs Lewis	Yr6	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	27/02/2025	03/04/2025

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