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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 01**

# **Welcome back to school - It's great to see you!**

Welcome back to all parents and children. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and been able to have some relaxation and recuperation and managed to get away either on a staycation or ventured further afield.

I would like to welcome all of the new children in Nursery and Reception and new parents who will be joining us this week. I am sure you and your child will have seven wonderful years at St Peter's. We also welcome the new children and parents joining other year groups in the school. All of the staff look forward to getting to know your children as well as yourselves.

### **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 5 September



### **MEET THE TEACHER AND PARENTS WORKSHOPS**

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. They start at 3.20pm until 3.50pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter. The Phonics and Writing workshop for new Reception parents is next Tuesday 9 September at 9.00am. Please do come along even if your child isn't in Reception if you wish to learn more about our phonics scheme.

## VISITS FOR CHILDREN

We wish our Year 6's going to Paris, France a brilliant trip when they go, with Almondsbury CE Primary, on 15 September.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure Arbor is up to date with your current contact details and addresses. If you are unable to make any updates required yourself, please contact the office.

## NAME LABELS

Please do ensure that you have labelled all of your children's jumpers, shirts, coats etc. It is very important that this is done as it is very difficult to return any lost property that is not labelled. Thank you.

## CATERING

A reminder that the price of school meals has risen to £2.75 for pupils in key stage 2. The menu remains the same as that sent out at the end of the summer term and is available on the website and Arbor. A new menu starts in November and will be sent home in advance.

At some point during term 2 we will be changing our meals provider to a different catering company. Payments for meals will remain the same as in price and process and procedure for ordering meals on Arbor. There will be little difference to the meal quality, however, the presentation and expectations will be raised. More details will follow towards the end of this term

## READING AT SCHOOL

We wanted to send out a little round-up of reading information for you all upon your return to school.

**Reading books:** All teaching staff will be taking the first two weeks to assess children's reading before sending home books.

**Reading at home:** Please listen to your child read three times weekly and comment or sign in their reading record. Children who read three times will be entered into a draw to choose a book from our book vending machine (to keep!)

**Reading Steps:** 1) Phonically decodable books. 2) Benchmarking books. 3) Free-readers.

For children on phonically decodable books, please follow this format when reading at home:

1. Decoding the book and new words.
2. Fluency-beginning to recognise words from sight.
3. Comprehension-understanding the text and answering more detailed questions.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** If your child took part in the summer reading challenge, we would love to see their medals! Please send them in on Friday 12 September to share in assembly.

Thank-you from Mrs Liz Cannock



## E-SAFETY FOR PARENTS

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that parents are equipped to support their children in the ever-increasing digital world, we have purchased a monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. The first of these is being sent out electronically with this newsletter. We hope you find this helpful and give you information needed to identify how you can keep your children safe online. This month's edition highlights social media algorithms, snapchat and What's app information for parents.

## 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.



## PANDAS WRAPAROUND CARE CLUB

As a reminder, After-school club runs 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. 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.

## PRICE & BUCKLAND UNIFORM (JUMPERS & CARDIGANS)

Orders for uniform can be placed by following this link <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/schools/st-peter-s-anglican-methodist-vc-primary-school.html>

## Support for families with school uniform costs

Do you need help to buy school uniform for next term? We have funding to reimburse up to £50 for primary school uniform and £80 for secondary school uniform (maximum of three children per household). To apply, you need to take receipts showing proof of purchase and your bank statement (unless you paid in cash) to your nearest One Stop Shop in Kingswood, Patchway or Yate or you can call [01454 868009](tel:01454868009). You will be asked to fill in a financial statement of your income and expenditure.

You can apply if you:

- live within South Gloucestershire
- are struggling to pay bills and/or meet your monthly outgoings
- have no other means of support through family, friends or donations

Successful applicants will be reimbursed for purchases between 1 June and 13 September 2024. Payments will be made towards the cost of essential clothing for school use including PE kits, shoes and coats. You will not be reimbursed for stationery, bags, lunch boxes, or other non-clothing items. If your application is successful you will be reimbursed within 14 working days. Funds will be paid directly into your bank account. For more information on support available visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/CostofLiving](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/CostofLiving).

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



## 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**:

<b>Universal Credit</b> - provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
<b>Income Support</b>
<b>Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance</b>
<b>Income-related Employment and Support Allowance</b>
<b>Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</b>
<b>The guaranteed element of Pension Credit</b>
<b>Child Tax Credit</b> (annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
<b>Working Tax Credit run-on</b> - 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.

## PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



There are still parents insisting on parking in the school to drop off their children.

The only place this is permissible is the 'drop off zone' where the parents can quickly stop, say good bye, 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 badge or legitimate reason and have an agreement in advance from either Mr BM, Mr Smith or the office **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.

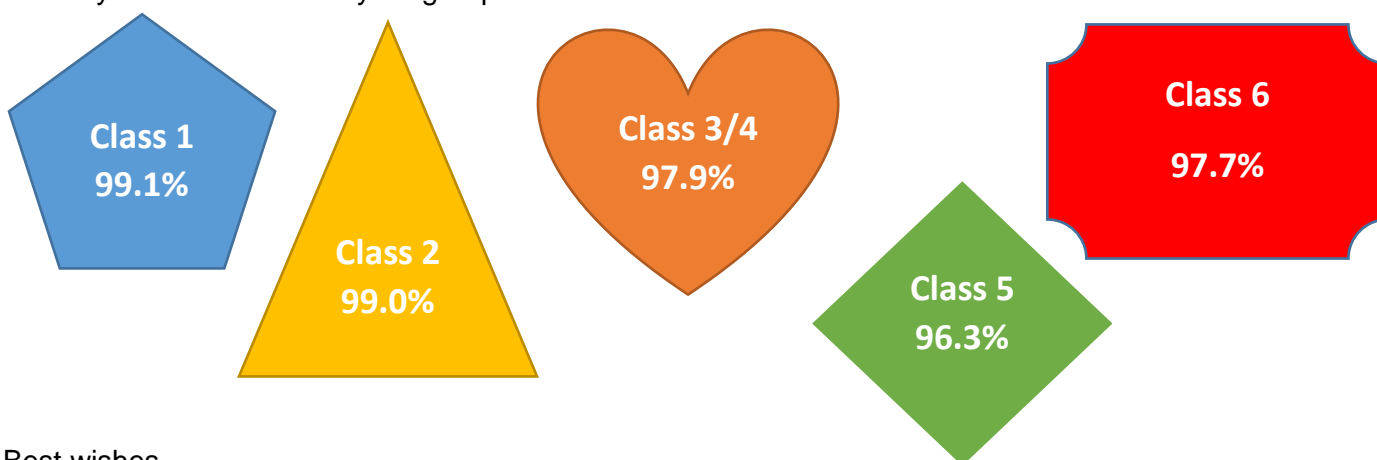


## Walking in to School

A number of parents are also walking with their children through the car parks. This is very dangerous. Please use the footpaths provided (dotted green arrows), do not cut through the car park (red crosses) and set a good example for our children.

## 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

Secondary school information	Email	Year 6
Flu vaccination consent	Email	Everyone
Uniform grant	Email	Everyone
Camp 2025 medical & Indemnity forms	Email & Paper	Year 6
WW2 Wow day	Email	Year 5 & 6

**Term dates 2025/26**

**TERM 1**

<b>Monday 8 September</b>	<b>Nursery sessions start</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 September</b>	<b>Meet the teacher 3.20 – 3.50pm – Mrs Bell and Mr Truan’s classes</b>
<b>Wednesday 10 September</b>	<b>New Reception children mornings and for lunch Meet the teacher 3.20 – 3.50pm – Mrs Cannock and Mr BM’s classes</b>
<b>Thursday 11 September</b>	<b>New Reception parents Phonics workshop 9.00am in the Hall</b>
<b>Monday 15 September</b>	<b>Year 6’s visit to Paris, France New Reception children start school full-time Reception parents’ mathematics workshop 2.45pm in the Hall Meet the teacher 3.20 – 3.50pm – Miss Bagienska</b>
<b>Friday 19 September</b>	<b>Year 6 return from Paris</b>
<b>Monday 29 September</b>	<b>Year 5 pedestrian training online</b>
<b>Thursday 2 October</b>	<b>Year 5 pedestrian training practical</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Friday 10 October</b>	<b>Year 6 visit to Lifeskills Centre, Bristol</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 October</b>	<b>Flu vaccines for children</b>
<b>Monday 20 October</b>	<b>New parents for 2026 intake tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 October</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1 for pupils</b>
<b>Thursday 23 October</b>	<b>INSET DAY – School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Friday 24 October</b>	<b>INSET DAY – School closed to pupils</b>

**TERM 2**

<b>Monday 3 November</b>	<b>Start of Term 2 for all pupils</b>
<b>Thursday 6 November</b>	<b>New parents for 2026 intake tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 November</b>	<b>New parents for 2026 intake tours 9.30am and 11.00am</b>
<b>Friday 14 November</b>	<b>Children in Need day</b>
<b>Monday 17 November</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 19 November</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 21 November</b>	<b>Individual pupil photos</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 December</b>	<b>Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 December</b>	<b>Carols by Key Stage 2 at St Peter’s Church</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 December</b>	<b>Christmas lunch</b>
<b>Friday 19 December</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2 for all pupils</b>

**Term dates 2025/2026**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Monday 1 September 2025</b>	<b>Friday 24 October 2025</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 3 November 2025</b>	<b>Friday 19 December 2025</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 5 January 2026</b>	<b>Friday 13 February 2026</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 23 February 2026</b>	<b>Thursday 2 April 2026</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 20 April 2026</b>	<b>Friday 23 May 2026</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>	<b>Tuesday 21 July 2026</b>
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Monday 1 September 2025 Thursday 23 October 2025 Friday 24 October 2025 Monday 1 June 2026 Tuesday 2 June 2026</b>	

**Term 1 Clubs**

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>RUN BY</b>	<b>WHO FOR?</b>	<b>HOW TO SIGN UP</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>
Football	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Mr Truan	Year 5 & 6	On the Arbor app	free	10/09/2025	22/10/2025
Chess	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mr Baykaa- Murray	all students	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	25/09/2025	16/10/2025
Tag Rugby	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	09/09/2025	21/10/2025
Hand Ball	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	10/09/2025	22/10/2025

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

