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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – 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 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 12 September



Friday 19 September

CONGRATULATIONS



We would like to extend our congratulations to Mrs Bell and of course Mr Bell on the news that they will be having a baby in January. It is lovely news which we are sure you will join us in congratulating them on.

SCALES AND TAILS WORKSHOPS



As part of our wellbeing weeks this September, the Friends of St Peters kindly paid for the school to have an animal encounters day. Each class spent time with a range of reptiles including; boa constrictors, ball snakes, a horned snake, chameleons and a tegu called Jax. We were also shown some sugar gliders that were very

clingy! The ladies from 'Scales and Tails' were very informative and friendly. All children were given the time to touch and hold animals, if they wanted to. It was a great opportunity for children and adults alike!

ST PETER'S NURSERY IS OPEN!

We have had a great first 2 weeks in the Nursery. We have been learning all about ourselves and each other. We have enjoyed reading our book of the week "it's ok to be different". We have been finding similarities and differences between us and our friends, finding our own facial features, making our faces out of play dough and using loose parts to create transient self-portraits.

We've practised our fine motor skills by threading pasta and had lots of fun outside with water play and exploring our forest school area.

More photos can be found on the Nursery page of our school website

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=19%2E09%2E25+update&pid=322>



YEAR 6 FRANCE TRIP

The Year 6's got away very early on Monday and are having a marvellous time over in France, visiting many icon places. We wish them a safe journey back today. We will be hearing and seeing more about the visit in the next newsletter.

KS2 PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLY



On Tuesday 16th September, KS2 were treated to a special assembly from Tom, who is the education advisor for our area from the parliament in Westminster. He came to our school to explain how the House of Lords and Commons work; what democracy is and the kind of important laws that affect us daily. Tom also showed us where our constituency lies and who our local MP is.

NEW SPORTS COACH

We have a new Sports coach this year who started with us last week. Liam Jones, will be taking the children across the school for PE and also leading lunchtime and after school clubs.



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the next E-safety newsletter for your information. The focus for this month is the new Online Safety Act of 2025 and how you are able to support and protect your child as a result of the new safety measures being implemented by numerous websites and apps. There are links to more information on this. There is also a features on Coverstar, which is a Tiktok alternative but with in-app purchasing so be aware. There is also information on AI usage and updates on how to identify potential grooming.

FORGIVENESS HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Forgiveness. 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 Tolerance within our British Values.

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.



Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes any foods that contain nuts as well such as Nutella, etc. Please do ensure you check your child's packed lunch as to whether anything contains nuts. We have children in school who are extremely allergic to peanuts, in particular, and would need hospital treatment should they come into contact with nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2026 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2026. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school. Please share with anyone you know has a child of the appropriate age.

Monday 20 October 1.00pm	Monday 20 October 2.00pm
Tuesday 6 November 1.00pm	Tuesday 6 November 2.00pm
Wednesday 12 November 1.30pm	Wednesday 12 November 2.30pm

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 are 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>



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. If you have any issues with accessing or using the App/Portal, please contact the office. 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 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**:

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

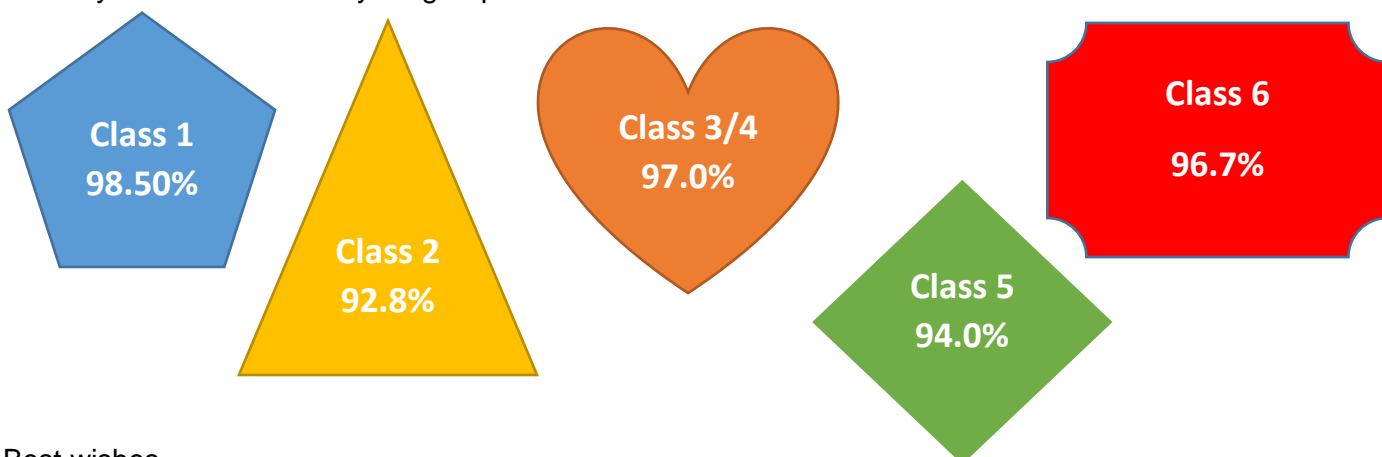
Universal Infant Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that regardless of household income your child can have a hot meal every day provided by school, free of charge.

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 year group –



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
Class 2 letter regarding Mrs Bell	Email	Class 2
Parent Governor Vacancy	Email	Everyone
Open evenings	Email	Year 6
Gymnastic competition	Email	Selected year 5 & 6
Parking letter	Email	Everyone
Scooter training	Letter	Class 3/4
Toast	Email	Class 1 & 2
WW2 Wow day	Email	Year 5 & 6

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 1

Friday 19 September	Year 6 return from Paris
Tuesday 23 September	Year 5 & 6 WW2 Wow day
Monday 29 September	Year 5 pedestrian training online
Thursday 2 October	Year 5 pedestrian training practical
Wednesday 8 October	Harvest Festival
Friday 10 October	Year 6 visit to Lifeskills Centre, Bristol
Tuesday 14 October	Flu vaccines for children
Monday 20 October	New parents for 2026 intake tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Wednesday 22 October	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
Thursday 23 October	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Friday 24 October	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

TERM 2

Monday 3 November	Start of Term 2 for all pupils
Thursday 6 November	New parents for 2026 intake tours 1.00pm and 2.00pm
Wednesday 12 November	New parents for 2026 intake tours 9.30am and 11.00am

Friday 14 November	Children in Need day
Monday 17 November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 19 November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 21 November	Individual pupil photos
Tuesday 16 December	Carols by Key Stage 2 at St Peter's Church
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas lunch
Friday 19 December	Last day of Term 2 for all pupils

Term dates 2025/2026

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

Term 1 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
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.**