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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 03**

### **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 26 September



Friday 03 October

### **YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO FRANCE**

After a long journey and several delays, Year 6 arrived safe and sound in France where they enjoyed a week of exploring and excitement

Tuesday morning saw the group visit the local market town of Brie Comte Robert. After the completion of the town trail and seeing the sights it was time to buy some very priceless souvenirs. The next stop was the huge Carrefour and the chance to purchase some French sweets and chocolates to take home. The afternoon sessions were adventurous activities of orienteering, team challenge and sensory trail. The children thoroughly enjoyed the latter walking around the planned trail with their thick blindfolds on having to rely on their group of friends to lead the way. The evening was filled with a visit to a snail farm to learn all about how snails are bred and raised for the vast market in France and the globe for these delicacies.



It was a gloriously sunny day as we set off for Paris on Wednesday, starting with a walk up and down the 1340 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We all made it up without stopping and for some being very brave of how high we were going. The clear blue skies made it perfect to see the sights of Paris. After that the River Seine beckoned and a trip on the Bateaux Parisian. The children were superbly behaved and so quiet going around the Musee d'Orsay to look at some precious art from Van Gogh, Monet, Renior and others. It was then onto the coach and back to the chateau for dinner.



Thursday is Disney day on the trip, and the children certainly were excited when they saw the signs at the entrance to the park. Despite being extremely busy we managed a full day of rides especially the two favourites of Hyperspace Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain. The visit to the shop and the Disney Stars Parade were a fitting end to a fun packed visit. A great day was had by all! There was a special treat at dinner for those who wanted to sample the snails in garlic butter. Over half of the children did so. Some actually liked them and had quite a few! The evening disco saw the children (and adults) throwing some great moves. Sadly, it was then time to pack to go home.

Our final part of the trip was a visit to the chocolate factory at Lascelle. Here we saw how the chocolate was made and moulded into the various delights that were on sale in the shop. It was a tough decision as to what to buy, however everyone chose their chocolates in the end.

It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made and what a great way to start the school year.

Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and kept them entertained and safe throughout the week – Mr B-M, Ms Wright and I also had a great time as the children were a credit to themselves and our school with their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. There were many comments from members of the public on how well behaved the children were in Brie, Paris and at Disney. Well done to all of them so being brilliantly behaved, especially on the journey out. The coach driver told us that they were the best children he'd ever taken away.

There are many more photos on the school website on the year 6 classes page & some camp reviews from the children attached.

### YEAR 3/4 SCOOTER TRAINING

Year 3 and 4 took part in scooter training, provided by South Gloucestershire council, but run by Mrs. Cannock. To start with, we watched a video on how to check our equipment is safe before going outside. We then practiced skills on the school playground; such as using the back brake (rather than our feet), maneuvering through obstacles and completing a figure of 8 in a smooth fluid movement. All the children listened well and their skills had visibly improved by the end of the short sessions.



### ECO WARRIORS

Miss B will be running an Eco Warriors club in term 2 on a Friday morning, 8.15am-8.40am. This is open to all year groups but has a maximum capacity of 8 students. Please sign up via Arbor.

Please note as spaces are limited, if your child does not attend every week, their place will be given to another child.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We have our Harvest Festival coming up on Wednesday 8 October. We will be collecting for the Russell Trust foodbank to support families in need in our local area. We would love to receive donations of the following items: Coffee, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Custard, Nappies, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo & Toiletries, Pasta, Cereal, Tea bags, Baked Beans. No fresh produce please.

### Our Most Needed Items...

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Meat

Instant Mash

Long Life Milk

Custard/Rice Pudding

Long Life Fruit Juice

Sponge Puddings

Size 4 Nappies

Jam

Sweet Snacks

\*When donating food please ensure that it has a 'sell by date' of at least 6 months in advance which is clearly marked.\*

## NURSERY



In Nursery last week our book was “The Colour Monster”, and we enjoyed activities exploring our feelings, sorting colours and retelling the story with finger puppets. We made playdough monsters, discovered a little bit about raindrops and how the weather makes us feel.

This week we have read “Goldilocks and the three bears” widening our understanding of big, medium and small. We have measured bears using cubes, enjoyed role playing in the bears cottage and tried different flavoured porridge. We discussed the importance of a healthy breakfast and sorted healthy and unhealthy foods. Baby bear got himself stuck in a tree and we all worked together, sharing ideas about how we could rescue him – more photos are available on the website to view

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=03%2E10%2E25+update&pid=326>

## PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

This month in the parental e-safety newsletter the focus is on how AI can affect mental health of children and how parents can talk to children about this aspect of the new technology. There is also a feature on the use of YouTube looking at YouTube kids and what parents need to be aware of in the use of this site or app by their children.

We know that there are many different groups that are set up on whats app. There are benefits and challenges to these groups especially in terms of group chats, locked chats and privacy settings. There is a guide on how to navigate these.

## 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](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

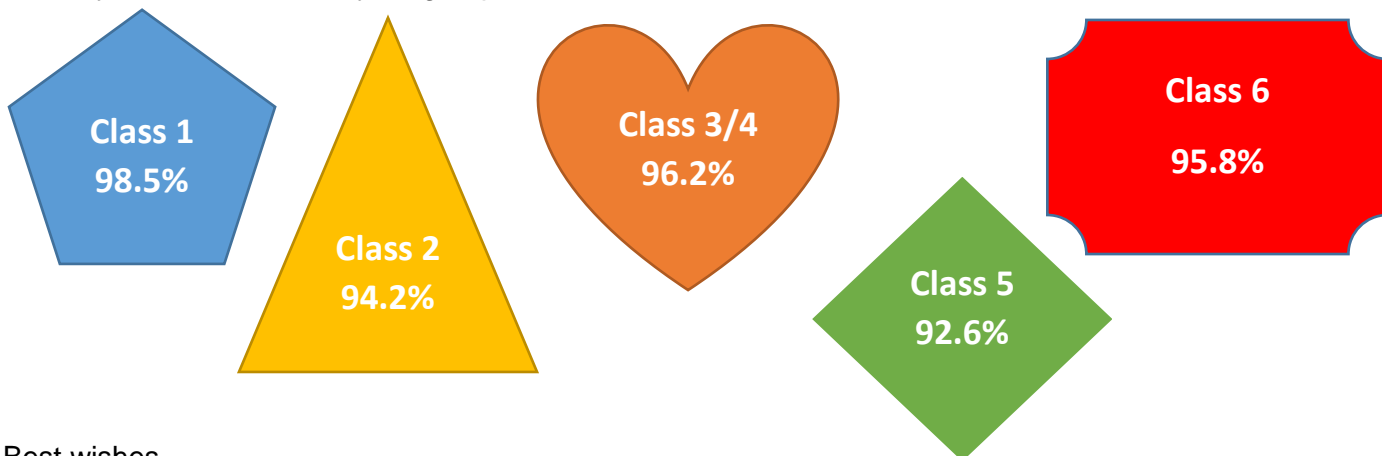
Universal Infant Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that regardless of household income your child can have a hot meal every day provided by school, free of charge.

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.

## 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		
NCMP letter	Email	Year 6
Flu vaccination reminder	In-app message	Everyone
Roman workshop	Email	KS2

### Term dates 2025/26

#### TERM 1

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
Choir	Tuesday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mrs Bell/Miss Wright	Young Voices members	Via the office	free	30/09/2025	21/10/2025
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.**