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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 07

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 28 November



Friday 5 December



CAROLS AT THE MALL

The year 5's are in high demand with two performances this fortnight. Along with the Bridge Schools at The Mall singing Christmas carols beautifully with all the other year 5's from the schools. They all looked so angelic standing on the stairs performing to members of the public as well as their

parents. They will also be performing at Asda, Cribbs Causeway next Friday afternoon.



CAROLS AT THE CHURCH



KS2 children are singing carols at St Peter's Church on **Tuesday 16 December**. Please can the children arrive by 5.45pm and the performance will start at 6.00pm. As space is limited, we ask that no more than 2 adults per child attend. There is standing room only. Please can children wear a Christmas jumper on top of their school uniform.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

The Christmas post boxes are out. If your child has any Christmas cards, they can pop them into the boxes (outside the office) and the year 6 children will deliver them each day.



SCHOOL MEALS

Our new catering provider Innovate, part of the IFG group, have got off to a great start and have been received very well by the children. There are a wide range of dishes available every day to choose from. Please make menu selections on Arbor as far in advance as possible.



Armas tried the Baked Creamy Mac 'N' Cheese for the first time and said he'll definitely be having it again! Ernie enjoyed his Chicken Pie with Mash and Gravy and said how much he is enjoying the new menu.



CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER



Don't forget to book in for your child's Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17 December. There will be no rolls or jacket potato options that day. We play Christmas music in the hall, decorate the tables and the staff serve the dinner to the children. It is great fun for all. Please send your child in wearing a Christmas jumper.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Over the last few weeks, the children have been enjoying making bracelets, necklaces, bookmarks & even glasses chains. The possibilities are endless!



SCHOOL PARLIAMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Pete Tyzack from Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council met with School Parliament to discuss what a Parish Council is and how they benefit the community. He showed them the boundaries of the parish which reach out into the River Severn and include the Prince of Wales Bridge. School Parliament have decided to support Linking the Levels which is a partnership programme to restore, reconnect and build resilience across the Severn Levels.

Our parliament has also formed two committees: The Department for Learning which will focus on Character Education and The Department for Safety which will focus on supporting children's online safety.

CHESS CLUB



Chess club runs at Thursday lunch times from 12:30. The children enjoy challenging each other as well as socialising. It is open to all children – even if you don't know how to play but would like to have a go, you are most welcome to come and play.

Chess Club will be running again after the Christmas break. Place are limited to 16. You can even challenge Mr BM!

NURSERY

Last week we read "Whatever next!" and spent the week learning all about space. We made rockets out of boxes and had a lovely picnic on the moon. We practiced number recognition by rolling a dice and filling our spaceships with aliens and explored mark making with paint and foil. This week our focus book has been "The Gingerbread man". We've made our own gingerbread people and used icing to decorate them, developing our fine motor skills. We enjoyed watching the pantomime Sleeping Beauty with the rest of the school and we have a new cheeky visitor in Nursery. Buddy the Elf has come to join us for lots of fun and mischief! As usual, there are more photos on the school website -

<https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=05%2E12%2E25+update&pid=337>



APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2026

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2023. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2026**. If you live in South Gloucestershire online applications can be made by following this link <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page.jsessionid=5D07B22CA2CEF2CCFE00440153D700EE?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

If you live outside of South Gloucestershire applications must be made via the local authority of the area you live in.

DECEMBER PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of our e-safety newsletter for parents is attached to this newsletter. This month it features the potential risks and how to help protect your children from AI companions and chatbots. It also covers information to support parents setting up new technologies that may be bought as Christmas presents. There is also an article on Roblox and how to protect children from seeing extremist materials and views that have crept onto the games recently. Please be vigilant and stay safe online with your children.

SCHOOL NURSE COFFEE MORNING



We are hosting an open coffee morning with the school nurse team & Miss McKenzie. This is on 29th January 9.00am-10.00am. This is an informal chat if you have anything you wish to speak about.

SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME



The Friends of St Peter's treated the children to a pantomime this week. They all had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed joining in, the hall was filled with laughter. Thank you, Friends of St Peter's!

HOW IT WORKS

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It's the season of giving, and funding website [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) are spreading some festive cheer with their Christmas Crackers competition, running 8–21 December. Each day, your organisation could unwrap a £100 or £200 donation - the perfect little stocking filler to boost your funds before the new year. From 8–21 December, find the Christmas Cracker and give it a click each day for

your chance to win a lovely festive donation. Don't forget to do your Christmas shopping the easyfundraising way. With over 8,000 well-known retailers including eBay, Tesco, Boots, M&S and thousands more, you'll raise free donations for your organisation every time you shop - at no extra cost.

 Get involved [here](#).

FOSP CHRISTMAS FAYRE



CHRISTMAS DONATION DROPS
DROP BOX CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOOL FOYER

- 17th–28th November: Raffle prize donations
- 1st–5th December: Gifts for parents
New, unused gifts that children will wrap during the market to give to someone special.
- 8th–12th December: Class raffle boxes
One Christmas-themed item per child (this is to go directly to their classroom please).
- 12th December: Non-uniform day
Bring a bottle for the bottle tombola.
- Until 12th December: Christmas jumpers
Can be left in the donation drop box at any time.

Thank you for your support

Christmas Jumper Collection

We're collecting pre-loved CHRISTMAS jumpers for children and adult of all sizes.

Please donate your clean, gently worn Christmas jumpers to the drop box in the school foyer.



Your donations will be sold at the Christmas Fayre to raise funds for the school.
Thank You!

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>

If you have any old uniform that no longer fits your child there is a donation bin in the school foyer that the friends of St Peter's collect for 2nd hand uniform sales. We are in need of jumpers and cardigans only at the moment please.

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>



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

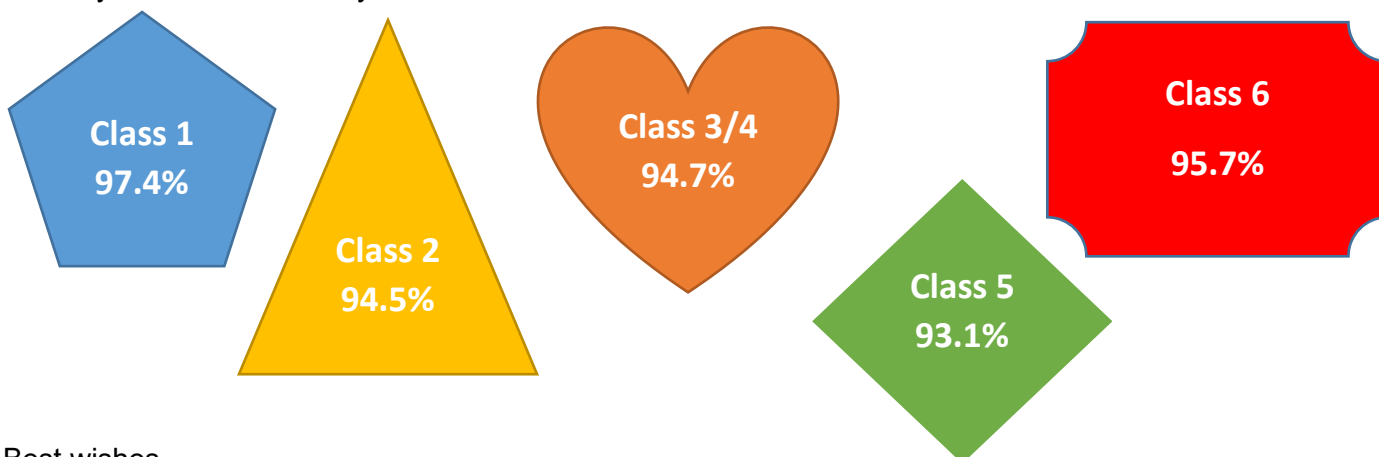
Universal Infant Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that regardless of household income your child can have a hot meal every day provided by school, free of charge.

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 class –



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

Carols at ASDA	Year 5	Email
NCMP Post measurement letter	Year 6	Email
Christmas artwork delivery	All	In app message
Nativity drop off information	Class 1 & 2	Email

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 2

Wednesday 10 December	Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm
Thursday 11 December	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.15am
Friday 12 December	Year 5 carols at ASDA, Cribbs Causeway PM. FOSP Christmas fayre 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Monday 15 December	Flyers Basketball competition for selected yr5 & 6 pupils
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 3

Monday 5 January	Start of Term 3 for all children
Tuesday 13 January	Young Voices, Birmingham for children in the choir
Monday 26 January	Bristol Sport Netball competition for selected year 5 & 6 pupils
Thursday 29 January	School Nurse coffee morning drop in 9.00- 10.00am
Thursday 12 February	Class 3/4 Roman Baths trip
Friday 13 February	2.40pm Singing Square with invited Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 23 February	Start of Term 4 for all children
Monday 9 March	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening
Tuesday 10 March	Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London
Wednesday 11 March	3.30pm – 6.00pm Parents Evening
Thursday 2 April	2.40pm Singing Square with invited Year 3 and 4 parents End of Term 4

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 3 Clubs

CLUB	DAY	TIME	RUN BY	WHO FOR?	HOW TO SIGN UP	COST	STARTS	ENDS
Choir	Monday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Miss Wright	Young Voices members	Via the office	free	05/01/2026	12/01/2026
Eco Warriors	Friday	Before school 8.15am - 8.40am	Miss Bagienska	Everyone - limited to 8 children	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	09/01/2026	13/02/2026
Football	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Mr Truan	Year 5 & 6	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	07/01/2026	11/02/2026
Chess	Thursday	Lunchtime 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Mr Baykaa- Murray	all students	Sign up on the Arbor app under clubs	free	08/01/2026	12/02/2026
Dodgeball	Tuesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	06/01/2026	10/02/2026
Gymnastics	Wednesday	After school 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Bristol Sports	Yr1 - Yr6	Sign up directly with Bristol Sports - info on the flyers	see poster	07/01/2026	11/02/2026

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