

19 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 08

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 December



NURSERY, EYFS & KS1 "A MIDWIFE'S CRISIS"

EYFS and KS1 had a brilliant time performing their nativity 'A Midwife's Crisis'. It was so lovely to watch the children perform and invite you all to join us in enjoying the children's joy of performing. There were a lot of lines for the children to remember but they did an amazing job and the acting was fantastic. The singing was brilliant as well with all the children trying their very best and putting on a great performance! Well done Nursery, EYFS and KS1!



KS2 CAROL SERVICE AT THE CHURCH

Once again, the KS2 children sang with great aplomb and performed brilliantly to their parents, who were packed into St Peter's Church. The readers were very clear in telling the Christmas story from Bible readings and then singing carols and songs that fitted perfectly with the readings. They all should be congratulated on their learning of the carols and singing so superbly. More photos and videos are available on the school website - <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&qcatid=2&albumid=75>



We raised a massive **£205.50** for the Grand Appeal Bristol Children's Hospital and South West Children's Hospice at the nativity performances and carol service so thank you all for your very generous donations.

YEAR 5 CAROLS AT ASDA

The Year 5's made a special guest appearance at Asda in Cribbs. The store has supported us very well over this year and we were delighted to sing for them when asked. The children were also treated to a little snack and drink for their singing. They also raised a fantastic **£179.83** in donations to add to our trip fund. Well done Year 5. Please see the school website for videos - <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Year+5+carols+at+ASDA&pid=339>

FOSP CHRISTMAS FAIR

We had a great Christmas Fair last Friday evening. The hall was packed with so many parents and children. They had all come to support FOSP in their fund-raising efforts for the school. It was lovely to see the hall so busy and people spending their hard-earned money on the stalls organised by FOSP as well as those who had come bringing home made gifts and items.

Father Christmas looked resplendent in his traditional green costume and holly wreath headdress. The queue was never ending.

Thank you to all that came and especially the members of FOSP, parental and staff helpers who made it all such a special and successful evening. They raised a massive **£948.55!**

Message from FOSP: The friends of St Peter's would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who donated, supported and attended our Christmas Fayre last week. It was a great success, and we raised an amazing amount of money for the children due to all of your generosity, we could not have done any of it without you! We look forward to creating more events for you next year. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year from all of us



CHRISTMAS DINNER



The children enjoyed a traditional festive Christmas lunch including delicious turkey, crispy roast potatoes, pigs-in-blankets, carrots, broccoli, parsnips and sprouts! Thank you to Sophie and Alice for cooking a spectacular lunch! Merry Christmas! More photos are available to view on the website: <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&qcatid=2&albumid=76>

FLYERS BASKETBALL COMPETITION



Twelve Year 5 and 6 children attended a basketball competition at the home of The Bristol Flyers. The children were competitive in all the games they played coming joint top in their group and beat the eventual runners up. All the children who attended were enthusiastic and represented the school well, demonstrating good sportsmanship. Special mention to Huddy who is the only child to have ever scored two three pointer shots in all the time that the events has been running and Ava who was selected by the Bristol Sports coaches for an award for her super effort and skill. Well done to all the children who took part.

NURSERY

Over the last 2 weeks we have been enjoying lots of Christmas activities, alongside reading our focus books 'Stickman' and 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. We have turned The Den into Santas workshop and a post office, broadening our role play skills. We have used natural Christmas resources to create some lovely playdough sculptures. Buddy left us some magic beans, which would grow in return for acts of kindness. We were especially proud of how well the children participated in the Nativity. Performing in front of so many adults can be very daunting, so a massive well done to those who took part. We've joined the whole school for the Key Stage 2 carol concert, had a lovely Christmas dinner and yesterday had an amazing time with Reception and Years 1&2 for our Christmas party. More photos are available on the school website - <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=19%2E12%2E25+update&pid=340>



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.

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.

FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR CHILDREN OVER CHRISTMAS



Kids go free

Children and young people under the age of 16 can travel for free on buses across South Gloucestershire during the festive season.

From Saturday 20 December to Sunday 4 January, children aged from 5 to 15 years old can benefit from free bus travel across the West of England – just by hopping on board, with no bus pass or registration required.

Kids Go Free first launched during the summer holidays where local visitor attractions and retail centres saw an uplift in footfall during that time.

The scheme is being funded using some of the £13.5 million Bus Grant funding secured from the Department for Transport by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.

[Learn more about kids go free](#)

ZEN EDUCATE COLOURING COMPETITION

Well done to Amaya for winning 1st prize in the Zen Educate colouring competition, winning a £75 Amazon voucher for herself and the school.

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>



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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](#).

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

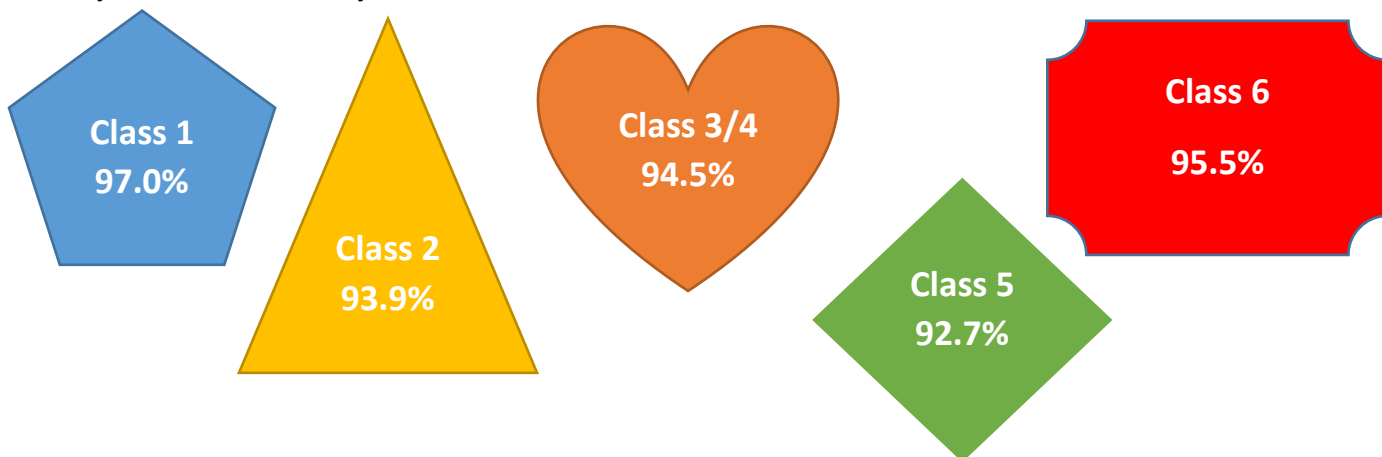
Universal Infant Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that regardless of household income your child can have a hot meal every day provided by school, free of charge.

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 –



Everyone at St Peter's would like to wish all parents and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2026 on Monday 5 January 2026 for the start of our new term.



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNICATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 3

Monday 5 January
Tuesday 13 January
Monday 26 January
Thursday 29 January
Thursday 12 February
Friday 13 February

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

TERM 4

Monday 23 February
Monday 9 March
Tuesday 10 March
Wednesday 11 March
Thursday 2 April

Start of Term 4 for all children
3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening
Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London
3.30pm – 6.00pm Parents Evening
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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