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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 – NEWSLETTER NO 09

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 9 January



Friday 16 January

ATTENDANCE

We have started the new year and new term positively. As always attendance is so important for your child's stability, academic progress and interaction with their classmates and peers.

These images show the impact on percentage of days missed throughout the year and the number of lessons of learning missed.



Attendance Groups

Annual Attendance %	Days attended	Days/Weeks Absent
100%	190	0
97%	184	6 days
95%	180	2 weeks
90%	171	4 weeks
85%	161	6 weeks
80%	152	More than 10 a term
75%	143	9+ weeks absent

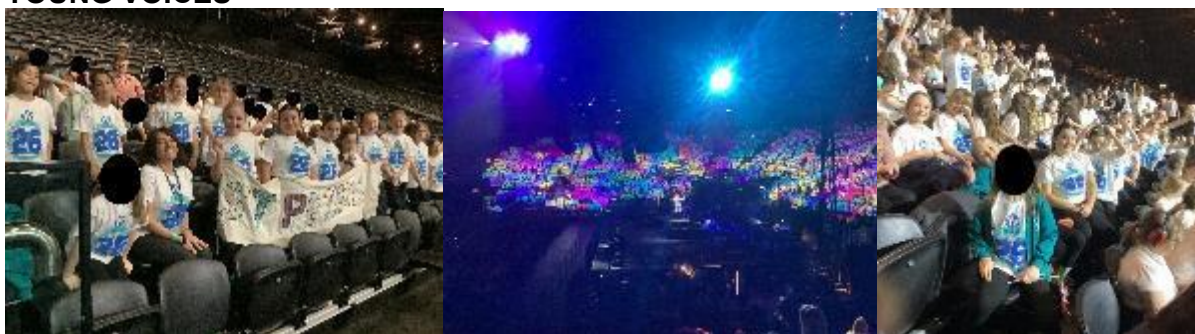
Of course, children will become ill and have to have time off school, however we do need to build up resilience to manage this. We will continue to expect parents to let us know when children are ill and the 48-hour rule regarding sickness and diarrhea apply. We will ring parents if we have not heard from them if the children aren't in school on the first day and then every other subsequent day until they return unless parents ring school to update.

Once children's attendance falls below 90% then this will trigger attendance meetings with Mr Smith. These will look at the effects of the absence on the children's learning and how the school may be able to support with any barriers and reasons for the absences. We hope that this does not occur. However, if absences

persistent then the school will discuss the children's absence with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) and arrange further meetings with parents and the EWO, Lucy Pass.

Any unauthorised term time absence which is due to term time holidays will now be fined for 5 days of absence in a 10 week period. Therefore, if you decide to take a week of holiday during term time this will be fineable. This is a slight change since this year. Please be aware of this. Our policy has always stated 10 sessions (5 days) will be fined.

YOUNG VOICES



After months of rehearsals, St Peter's Choir attended the Young Voices concert in Birmingham on Tuesday 13 January. They performed many songs and dances to an audience of thousands of people! The children have worked really hard since the beginning of the year to learn all the words and actions to these songs and it was brilliant to see them be able to perform them, all with a big smile on their faces! Not only that, but their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable and they represented St Peter's fantastically. A big thank you to Mrs Bell (who sadly wasn't able to attend as she is on maternity leave) and Ms Wright for teaching the children all the songs they sang. I also had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thank you also to all the help with fundraising over the year from our cake sales.

More videos available on the website <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=57>

YEAR 3/4 WOW DAY

On Friday 9th January, the children in Years 3 and 4 had a Roman day to kick-start their topic. The class were taken through a brief overview of the Romans and how their Empire grew. In class, they looked at Roman numerals, created a banquet feast (Roasted dormice anyone?) and designed a mosaic. During this time, they were also taken out in small groups by Ms. Wright to make honey biscuits. A traditional recipe using rice flour.

As always, children were invited to dress up, but this was optional, not essential. More photos can be found on the website <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&qcatid=2&albumid=77>

Later in the term, we will also be visiting The Roman Baths.

Mrs. Cannock



WHOLE SCHOOL CRICKET TRAINING



On Thursday 22 January the whole school will participate in a cricket training day. Please send your child into school in their PE kits. Thank you

CLASS 1 WINTER WALK



Reception had a lovely time going on a winter walk around Pilning. We observed signs of winter and were on a look out for robins. We also saw a lot of beautiful gardens with some vegetables. We had a lot of fun and took great care at looking after each other on our walk.

NURSERY

The last 2 weeks Nursery have been learning all about Winter. We have read "Jack Frost" and "The Little Snowflake" developing further knowledge around the weather in Winter. We have had great fun going on a Winter hunt, looking for all things wintery. We found frost, ice, berries for the birds, icy spider webs and holly. We explored ice play, learning how and why ice melts and talking about how it feels. We made yummy, melted snowman biscuits and enjoyed lots of fun at the playdough station. We have been practising our number skills by finding the correct number of buttons for our snowmen. More photos are available to view on the school website - <https://www.stpetersprimary.co.uk/page/?title=16%2E01%2E26+update&pid=342>



DROP OFF TO SCHOOL



Please be reminded that the school gate closes at 08:50. If you are still in the playground, please **ring the doorbell** on the gate to let the office know that you are there. You cannot walk through the school building as this is against our safeguarding policy.

BOOKS AT BEDTIME



We will be holding books at bedtime on Friday 23 January. 5pm-6pm. The children are invited back to school in their pyjamas to listen to stories read by the teachers. Please book your place on Arbor.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

It is a new year and I am sure there are many new devices in home after Christmas. Please make sure that you have a good understanding of parental controls and how to set the parent controls on these. There is information online for a variety of devices if you need support. In this issue of the parental newsletter, it covers online games and the risks associated such as in game/app purchasing, talking to strangers and the dangers of this and cyberbullying. There is also a feature on Snapchat again looking at key concerns, risks and parental controls to mitigate these.

HOPE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Hope. 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 Democracy within our British Values.

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.

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

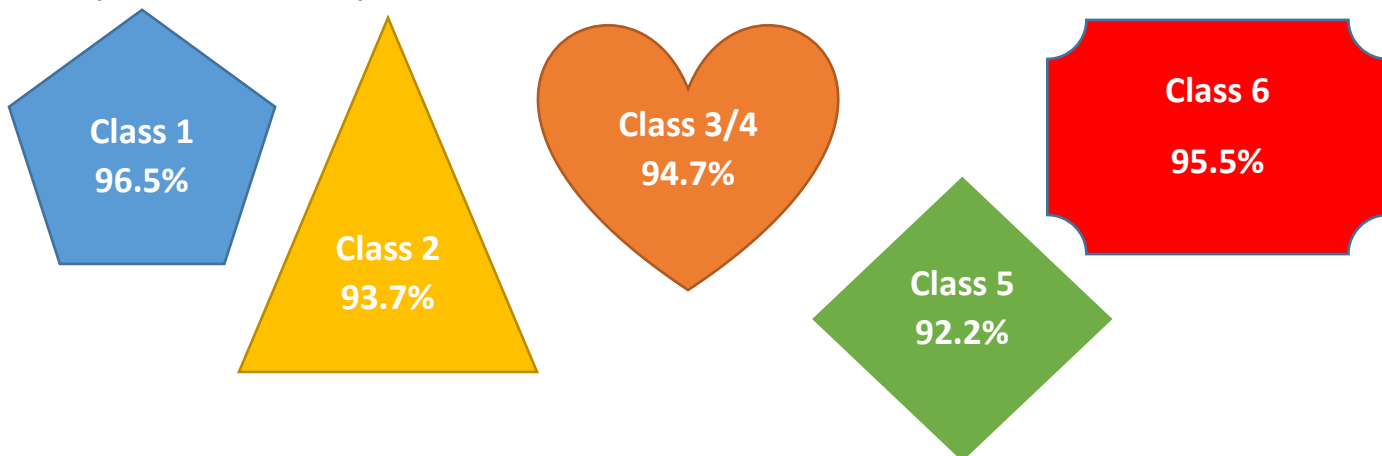
Universal Infant Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This means that regardless of household income your child can have a hot meal every day provided by school, free of charge.

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		
Year 6 swimming ability google form	In app message	Year 6
Books at bedtime	Email	everyone
February half term holiday club	Email	everyone
Roman Baths trip	Email	Class 3/4

Term dates 2025/26

TERM 3

Friday 23 January
Monday 26 January
Thursday 29 January
Thursday 12 February
Friday 13 February

Books at Bedtime 5pm-6pm
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
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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