NEWSLETTER

Let your light shine before others, so they see your good works and give glory to God

Matthew 5 v.16

Rooted in Christian faith, which underpins the school's ethos, we seek to enable all pupils to develop their full academic potential; discover skills and talents in art, music, sport and drama; and grow in spiritual awareness and moral character. By striving for excellence within an inclusive environment, enabling every child to develop their gifts and flourish, we seek to shine as a community, so our achievements give glory to God.

13th February 2026

Today signals the end of another half term and also the fact that we have reached the mid-way point in the academic year, which is incredible given it seems no time at all ago that we returned to school in September.

This week, alongside Miss Milligan, Mrs Mani and Miss Renard, I have been away with the Year 6 children visiting Treginnis Farm in Pembrokeshire. This is my seventh visit to Treginnis; whenever I am lucky enough to be part of this residential visit, I am always struck by what a magical place it is. The air is so clean, the food is wholesome, having been produced and grown on the farm, and it is wonderful to be away from the distractions of technology. Obviously, I was required to bring along my laptop to enable me to produce the letter you are now reading, but it is great for the children to play board games and read books in the evening, rather than being sat in front of a screen.

Founded by Michael Morpurgo and his wife, Treginnis is one of three Farms for City Children, it welcomes approximately 3,000 children to its site every year. We have had a truly incredible week; without exception the children have been wonderful, throwing themselves enthusiastically into whatever task they have been given to do. Whether they were asked to muck out the stables, chop fire wood, milk the goats at 7.30am or collect eggs and clean out the bird barns, every child completed each assigned task to the very best of their ability with a smile on their faces. They worked together as a team, they were polite to the farm staff, listened well to instructions and were generally a complete joy to be around. As you read this newsletter, we will be on the coach making the journey back to London; we are all feeling very tired, but also full of happy memories, and have lots of stories to tell after our week away.

Whatever you are doing for the half term break, I hope that you have a wonderful week. Please note that the children return to school on **Monday 23rd February**.

Ash Wednesday

Please join us at St Peter's Church on **Wednesday 25th February** at 9am for a service in celebration of Ash Wednesday. We hope as many of you as possible are able to attend.

Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week, we explored the theme *This is My Place*. We shared what makes us feel happy and safe, and discussed how we can help everyone feel that they belong. Through stories, circle times and collective worship, we learned how to be kind, inclusive and ensure no one feels left out.

Safer Internet Day

To mark Safer Internet Day 2026, St. Peter's School proudly took part in a range of activities and discussions linked to this year's theme: 'Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.' Pupils learned about how artificial intelligence is used in everyday technology, the importance of thinking critically about the information they see online, and how to make safe, responsible choices when using smart tools. The day provided a valuable opportunity to reinforce positive digital behaviour and empower our pupils to navigate the online world with confidence and care.

If parents and carers would like more information about Safer Internet Day and guidance on supporting children at home, please refer to the newsletter shared by Mrs Noonan last week.

Bikeability

This week the children in Year 5 took part in Bikeability, a nationally recognised cycle training programme designed to help children ride confidently and safely. Led by qualified instructors, the course taught important road safety skills, awareness and responsible cycling, helping our young cyclists to develop greater independence and confidence on their bikes.

RE Ambassadors

Yesterday, a group of children from Key Stage Two made up predominantly of our Key Stage Two RE Ambassadors represented St Peter's at the London Diocesan Board for Schools' Annual Service of Celebration in recognition of the family of Church of England Schools in London. The theme for the service was The Power of Forgiveness: Restoring Relationship. For many of the children it was their first time visiting St Paul's Cathedral. The iconic building, which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the later 17th century, certainly created a moment of awe and wonder for many of our children, as they stepped inside and took time to observe their surroundings.

Prior to attending the service, the children visited Lady Margaret School, where they participated in a series of sessions led by the school's Chaplain, Reverend Helena Whittaker, and the Year 9 Worship Leads. Alongside children from All Saints Primary School and St John's Walham Green, our children reflected upon the word forgiveness, explored why it is important in our lives and relationships, and discussed how learning to forgive can help shape them as compassionate and understanding individuals. The children responded extremely well to the challenges presented to them; they took time to reflect and enjoyed the opportunity to work collaboratively with children from other local church schools.

Handa's Surprise

Last Wednesday the children in Year 1 performed their class assembly based around the classic tale 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. They were absolutely brilliant, it was as though they have been performing for years, rather than just for the second time. We were all super impressed by the confidence of the children when delivering their lines, singing and showcasing their very creative dance moves. Well done Year 1, and special thanks to Mrs Noonan, Miss Mathews, Miss Valentina and Miss McGovern for their hard work in helping to prepare the children for this event.

Keep Dancing!

Special thanks to our Year 1 parents for helping to organise two fantastic discos for our children. Both discos were extremely well attended and allowed the children to join together, relax and have lots of fun, whilst enjoying a range of snacks and showcasing their incredible dance moves.

Year 3 class visit

Last Tuesday, Year 3 had a wonderful visit to New West End Synagogue as part of their RE learning about Judaism. During the trip, the children explored the synagogue and learned about Jewish beliefs, special objects and how Jewish people worship. They were able to see the Torah scrolls and ask

thoughtful questions, showing great curiosity and respect. The visit helped to bring their classroom learning to life and deepen their understanding of what it means to be Jewish.

Spirituality

During our Collective Worship sessions this half term we are focusing upon the theme of God's Son, Jesus, and are exploring the big question: **'What can we learn about Jesus—and how should we respond?'**

During our Collective Worship sessions, we always link our key message back to our school vision and supporting values. As a school community, we spend time each day reflecting upon how we can live these values through our thoughts, words, and actions. By looking through *windows*, *mirrors*, and *doors*, we encourage our children and adults alike to notice the world around them, reflect on their own beliefs and behaviours and take positive steps forward.

Through shared worship, reflection and discussion, we continue to nurture a community where everyone is encouraged to flourish—spiritually, emotionally and socially—knowing that every individual is valued, supported and celebrated as part of St Peter's.

Punctuality

The punctuality of all of the children is closely monitored. It is our hope that children arrive at school on time every day, although we appreciate that sometimes circumstances beyond your control prevent this from happening. Therefore, we allow up to 5 lates in an academic year before any action is taken. Unfortunately, a number of families have already breached this threshold last term.

Good punctuality is extremely important to your child's education. In addition to the fact that arriving at school late can be very distressing for your child, first thing in the morning is often a time when we run intervention support or pre-teach concepts to those children who require some additional support with particular areas of the curriculum. Those children arriving late at school routinely miss this additional provision. Please can I ask that you all make a concerted effort to get your children to school on time. **Breakfast Club support is available from 8am every day – this provision is offered free to those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.**

Please remember that the school gates will be opened at 8.45am for children to go straight into their classrooms in readiness for the beginning of the school day: **8.55am** for children in **Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5** and **6** and **9am** for children in **Reception**.
Please also ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day: **3.20pm** for children in **Reception**; **3.25pm** for children in **Year 1** and **Year 2** and **3.30pm** for children in **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5** and **Year 6**. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Attendance

Monitoring attendance is part of our statutory duty, we are committed to working with you all to ensure that the children are attending school on a regular basis. **We recognise that at this time of year many children are affected by winter illnesses which account for many of the absences we have seen recently.** However, if there are any underlying medical conditions we need to be made aware of, or any issues we can help with which are preventing your child from attending school, please speak to us immediately. Thank you.

A copy of the term dates for this academic year and next have been sent out to all parents and carers; these dates are also available to view on the school website. Please make a note of these dates and avoid booking events and holidays which mean that children are required to take time out of school. **Please note that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time.**

Please see below our attendance percentages for the past two weeks:

	W/C 2nd February	W/C 9th February
Reception	**100%**	**95.7%**
Year 1	**96.7%**	**92.0%**
Year 2	**96.0%**	**96.3%**
Year 3	**98.7%**	**99.0%**
Year 4	**96.3%**	**95.0%**
Year 5	**97.0%**	**100%**
Year 6	**96.3%**	**94.3%**

Headteacher's Award

	6th February	13th February
Reception	**Thea & Katyayni**	**Thomas & Cy**
Year 1	**Robert & Vivienne**	**Alice & Felix**
Year 2	**Astrid & Rufus**	**Oscar & Charlotte**
Year 3	**Chara & Mimi**	**Redd & Josephine**
Year 4	**Marina & Alaric**	**Ally & Ruby**
Year 5	**Lawson & Sadie**	**Louis & Zach**
Year 6	**Aurelia & Summer**	**(Y6 at the farm)**

Values Award

Children can be nominated for a Values Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. When making a nomination, we ask you to state the value/s the child has shown (***courage***, ***respect***, ***thankfulness, perseverance***, ***service*** or ***kindness)*** and how they have demonstrated this value.

6th February - **Luke & Felix (Y1), Zach & Imo (Y5), Isaac (Y6)**
13th February **- Joshua L & Thea (YR), Melodi (Y1), Archie & Chara (Y3)**

Sports Awards

Each week Mr Walters will award two certificates per class to children who have demonstrated good sportspersonship during PE sessions. Congratulations to the following children:

	6th February	13th February
Reception	**Vivi & Orlando**	**Joshua H & Clemmie**
Year 1	**Grace & Zeno**	**Ferdie & Suki**
Year 2	**Florrie & Eleanora**	**Mia & Peto**
Year 3	**Ryka & Maya**	**Archie & Lilyan**
Year 4	**Lucy & Alex**	**Ruby & Alfred**
Year 5	**Zach & Poppy**	**Louis & Jemima**
Year 6	**Lucy & Charlotte**	**(Y6 at the farm)**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 6th February: **Year 3**
Class earning the most house points to 13th February: **Year 4**

	House points 06/02/26	House points 13/02/26	Total
Cross	**435**	**825**	**2972**
Fisher	**447**	**942**	**2974**
Rock	**441**	**863**	**2941**
Keys	**429**	**757**	**2800**

No nuts please!

Just a quick reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please double-check the ingredients before sending any snacks into school - particularly cereal bars - as sometimes they can contain hidden nuts which can be dangerous for other children. Thank you.

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take medicine during the school day, please ensure that it is handed in, in its original packaging via the school office; we need parental permission in order to administer any medication. For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to keep any medication in their bags. Our Medical Lead is Mrs Noonan; should your child have any serious medical issues that you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page: https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/ This will give you information about what your child will be learning this coming half term.

Instagram

Please follow us **@stpetersschoolw6** and remember to like our posts!

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak, in the first instance, to your child's class teacher. We are always here to help, and believe greatly in the importance of good communication between home and school.

Warmest regards,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
23/02/26		Children return to school
25/02/26	9am	Ash Wednesday Service
27/02/26		International Stand Up to Bullying Day
WC 02/03/26		Arts Week
03/03/26	4pm – 7pm	Parents Evening
05/03/26	3.40pm – 6pm	Parents Evening
05/03/26		World Book Day & Poetry Recital
06/03/26		Celebration of International Women's Day
13/03/26		Mum's/Female Carers' Breakfast
WC 16/03/26		Neurodiversity Celebration Week
20/03/26		World Down Syndrome Day & Arts Cafe
26/03/26		Egg Rolling and Decorating Competition
27/03/26	9am & 2pm	Easter Service & End of term