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.

14th March 2025

We reach the end of another very busy fortnight here at St Peter's. This week has seen us celebrate our now infamous Arts Week event. The theme for the week was Skylines, with a specific focus upon Stephen Wiltshire and Bob Dylan. Kate Brown and a member of her team from the Halcyon Gallery brought an original Bob Dylan painting 'Destination Unknown' into school on Monday, and delivered a workshop to each class about the man who is considered by many to be one of the most iconic musicians of the modern era. In addition to this, Dylan is also renowned for being a painter, a sculptor, a filmmaker and a best-selling author. The print - which is worth considerably more than all of our combined pocket monies - very rarely leaves the gallery, so we were hugely fortunate and privileged to have it in our school for the day. Kate commented upon the engagement of the children and the quality and maturity of the questions they asked during the workshops.

Stephen Wiltshire is a British artist known for his detailed drawings of cityscapes. Stephen is famous for his ability to capture intricate details of skylines and street scenes after seeing them only briefly. Stephen was born in 1974 to West Indian parents. He is neurodivergent; he learnt to speak at the age of nine, and at the age of ten began drawing detailed sketches of London landmarks. Today Stephen is well-known the world over. His talent has been recognised with an MBE for services to art; he has a thriving gallery in the heart of London.

Our Arts Week is always one of the highlights of the school calendar. Our very first Arts Week took place in March 2016; with every passing year we see the confidence, the knowledge and the language of the children grow, as they develop a love and appreciation for different aspects of the arts, including artists and paintings. A separate Arts Week newsletter will be sent out shortly by Mrs Noonan providing much more detail about the work completed by the children and the numerous workshops

they have enjoyed. Special thanks to all of the parents and carers who have helped to make our Arts Week celebrations so special again this year, to Kate Brown for being such an inspiration to us all, and to Mrs Noonan for organising such an incredible week for the children, which has been filled with so many enrichment opportunities that enhance their learning, taking them well beyond the requirements of the national curriculum.

The end of term is hurtling towards us at quite a rate; please note some key diary events which will take place before the end of tem:

- **Friday 14th March** – PTA Spring Fundraiser 7.15pm – 11pm at Chiswick Auctions. Tickets are available to purchase now via the QR code which has been shared by the class reps or https://pay.collctiv.com/auction-tickets-29703
- **Week commencing 17th March –** Celebration of Neurodiversity Week.
- **Thursday 20th March** – Poetry Recital Assembly **9am** in the **Scott Building**. This year our poems will be in recognition of neurodiversity week. Please come along to support the children, as every class will be performing at this event.
- **Friday 21st March** – Please join us in the **Scott Building from 3pm** to view the wonderful work produced by the children during Arts Week.
- **Thursday 27th March** – We invite all of our mums and female carers to join us at **8am** in the Scott Hall for a special breakfast in celebration of Mothering Sunday.
- **Friday 4th April** – Please join us for our end of term Easter service which will be held in St Peter's Church at **9am**.
- **Friday 4th April** – Term ends at 2pm.

In addition to the dates listed above, the House Captains will be running their annual Easter Egg raffle to raise money for their chosen charities, the winning house will enjoy a special treat, and a number of class trips have been planned to places of interest around London to support the learning taking place in the classroom.

PTA Auction Event

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our PTA fundraiser this evening. The funds raised from tonight's event will allow us to enter into a new three-year lease for 100 iPads, providing a full class set of iPads that can be shared between two year groups. This provision will further enhance teaching and learning across the curriculum for all of our children.

If you are unable to attend this evening's event, but would like to support our fundraising efforts, the PTA are also running a silent auction. Please follow the link attached to make your bids https://app.galabid.com/stpetersauction25 Thank you all in advance for your ongoing support and generosity.

As always, events such as these would not be possible without the hard work, support and dedication of some very special people. Huge thanks to Charlotte and Jane for steering our PTA ship, Rewa for catering our event, Andi for all of her help and support, Gwen for designing the catalogue, John for offering to play the piano during the event, Stephen for the punch we will all enjoy as we arrive at the venue, and Lucinda for her hard work promoting the event and our school through our incredible Instagram page.

Safeguarding Audit

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our children is our main priority and the responsibility of the entire staff team. To ensure that we do this to the highest standard possible, we provide our staff with regular training, and ensure that all of our policies and procedures are robust and regularly reviewed and updated. As part of our commitment to ensuring that we are implementing best

practice, we recently commissioned a safeguarding audit, which was undertaken by an Education Consultant appointed by the LA.

The audit was extremely thorough, at times feeling like a mini inspection! Numerous aspects of school life, including safeguarding practices, policies and procedures, attendance and behaviour were analysed and discussed. The consultant spoke to myself, Mrs Noonan in her capacity as DSL, members of our staff team (teachers, support staff and admin), Hester Carro (Safeguarding Governor) and a selection of boys and girls from across various year groups.

The report was extremely positive and recognised that:
Leaders have created a strong safeguarding culture where pupils feel safe, secure and respected. The school has clear procedures in place for managing and responding to safeguarding concerns. These procedures ensure that:
- ***Any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing are responded to promptly and appropriately.***
- ***Concerns are documented and referred to the appropriate agencies where necessary.***

The visiting consultant was particularly impressed by the confidence of our children, and the articulate and passionate way in which they communicated with him and spoke about our school. In the report it states:
Pupils say they feel safe at school. They report concerns and worries to trusted adults. Pupils have a clear understanding of how to keep themselves safe, both physically, mentally and online. Pupils state that bullying is very rare, but when this does occur it is dealt with swiftly by adults. Pupils are taught about how to identify a healthy friendship and learn about equality including different types of families. All pupils spoken to would recommend this school, commenting that everyone knows one another, they support each other and everyone demonstrates the school's values.

Spirituality
During our Collective Worship sessions, we regularly take time to stop and reflect upon the awe and wonder around us. The contributions made by the children, staff and parents are recorded in a special book which is kept in the main school. Some of the comments made this week include:
'A beautiful rainbow in the grey sky after a heavy downpour of rain.' Ruby (YR) and Miss Frazer
'Beautiful mountains covered in snow in Austria.' Martha (Y1)
'A really bright moon in the dark, clear night sky' Redd (Y2)
'A beautiful sunset' Lawson (Y4)
'Seeing goats on a farm was a wonderful experience' (Y5)

Lent
Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Ash Wednesday service last week. In the absence of Rev Charles, the service was led by Father Stephan, a previous vicar from St Peter's Church. This was a special event for us as a school and for Father Stephan, who told us that his last visit to St Peter's had been 19 years ago.

Lent has now started, and in collective worship this week we discussed what positive things we could do during this time leading up to Easter. We also discussed what things we have given up. Like myself, several of the children have given up biscuits, sweets and chocolate, others have given up having fizzy drinks, eating crisps or watching their favourite television shows. We discussed how challenging it can be to deny ourselves the things that we enjoy, particularly when others around us have not made the same sacrifices. We thought about Jesus, and how he might have felt when faced with temptations during his time in the desert. As always, the children impressed me with their ability to reflect, and their willingness to share their thoughts and opinions with others.

Uniform

We have noticed recently that a number of children are arriving at school wearing jewellery, nail polish and rather elaborate hair accessories. None of these items are allowed as part of our school uniform. For more information, please visit https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Uniform
Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Parent Evening Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent parent/teacher meeting event, it was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance.

Parental Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parental questionnaire. The results will be shared as soon as we have collated the data.

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 many children are affected by 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 last two weeks:

	Week commencing 3rd March	Week commencing 10th March
Reception	**94.7%**	**98.3%**
Year 1	**99.7%**	**97.0%**
Year 2	**98.6%**	**97.9%**
Year 3	**94.3%**	**96.0%**
Year 4	**97.0%**	**97.3%**
Year 5	**95.2%**	**99.0%**
Year 6	**98.7%**	**98.0%**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 7th March: **Year 4**
Class earning the most house points to 14th March: **Year 2**

	House points 07/03/25	House points 14/03/25	Total
Cross	**318**	**421**	**3090**
Fisher	**475**	**396**	**3349**
Rock	**386**	**356**	**3456**
Keys	**395**	**353**	**3269**

Headteacher's Award

	7th March	14th March
Reception	**Hugo & Micah**	**Wilf & Felix**
Year 1	**Mia & Felix**	**Gabriel & Florence**
Year 2	**Kleo & Redd**	**Georgina & Belle**
Year 3	**Hunter & Joni**	**Ottolie & Martha**
Year 4	**Sadie & Thibault**	**Jamie & Olivia**
Year 5	**Serenity & Tom**	**Rebecca & Isaac**
Year 6	**Phoebe & Eliagh**	**Isaac & Marta**

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.

7th March – Saoirse (Y1), Belle (Y2), Charlotte & Lucy (Y5)
14th March – Gabriel (Y2), Sabine & Charlotte (Y5), Edward (Y6)

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 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
WC 17/03/25		Neurodiversity Celebration Week
20/03/25		Poetry Recital in recognition of World Poetry Day
21/03/25		World Down's Syndrome Day
21/03/25		Arts Cafe
27/03/25		Mums/Female Carers breakfast
WC 31/03/25		Interschool competition (Gymnastics)
02/04/25		Winning House Reward
03/04/25		Easter Egg Rolling
04/04/25	9am	Easter Service in Church
04/04/25	2pm	**End of term**