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 November 2025

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. Today marks the end of the second week of this seven-week half term - and how quickly time is flying! While this period can be busy and, at times, exhausting for everyone, it remains my favourite half term of the school year. The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in, and with Bonfire Night behind us, the excitement of the Christmas season is beginning to build - a truly magical time in school.

Our youngest children in Reception and Key Stage One have already started learning the songs for this year's Nativity play, and it won't be long before the joyful sounds of festive music fill St Peter's Road. Behind the scenes, our supportive PTA and incredible parent community have been busy planning for the Christmas Fair and the Family Disco, ensuring these events will be as special and memorable as ever.

It's a wonderful time to celebrate our school community, the joy of the season, and the many opportunities we have to come together, learn and create lasting memories. I look forward to the weeks ahead and all the festive excitement they will bring!

The next five weeks at school are extremely busy; we hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us for the Christmas events we have planned:

- On **Thursday 27th November** from **3.00pm – 5.00pm** and **Friday 28th November** from **9.00am – 10.00am** please join us in the Scott Hall for our Toy Swap event. **Please note that this is an adult only event, as it is an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping without little eyes being present!**
- On **Friday 5th December** we will be holding a non-uniform day for the children. In return for them being allowed to wear their own clothes to school on this day, we would ask each child to bring in a bottle for the Christmas fair tombola. Thank you in advance for your support.
- On **Saturday 6th December** please join us at our Christmas Fair from **12pm – 4pm**, please come along and bring your friends and family with you too, it is going to be a great day.
- On **Wednesday 10th December**, the PTA are planning to host a family disco from **5pm – 7pm** in the school hall.
- Reception and Key Stage One Nativity play will be performed at **10am** on **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December** in the main school hall.
- Carols by Candlelight is led and performed by children in Key Stage Two, the event will be held in **St Peter's Church** on **Tuesday 16th December** at **4.00pm**
- Whole school Christmas service **Friday 19th December** at **9am** in St Peter's Church. Afterwards, you are all warmly invited to join us back in the Scott Hall for a mince pie and a cup of tea.

In addition to this, we have lots of events planned for the children to enjoy:

- As a school we will be supporting National Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 11th December** in aid of Save the Children. We would like as many children as possible to swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper on this day. Please note that children are still required to wear the rest of their school uniform on this day.
- As we will all be wearing our Christmas jumpers, our School Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 11th December too.**
- On **Thursday 18th December**, the children in Key Stage Two will participate in the St Peter's Christmas Quiz, while our younger children will enjoy a Christmas Party with games and lots of dancing!
- Our end of term service will take place in St Peter's Church on **Friday 19th December** at **9.00am**.

Other reminders:

- Movie Night is scheduled for next Thursday 20th November. Tickets can be purchased via the link https://pay.collctiv.com/st-peters-movie-night-81555
- The deadline for placing your Christmas tree order is Tuesday 25th November, so there is still time. Please visit https://festive-foliage-treesstpeters.replit.app if you wish to make a purchase.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising efforts. The House Change Challenge raised an incredible **£838.36**! In recognition of surpassing our target of £500, all of the children were given a small sweet treat to take home today.

Additionally, as promised, children in the winning house team **CROSS** are invited to come to school in their own clothes on **Friday 28th November**. Please note that children in the other three houses are expected to wear school uniform on this day.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to everyone who contributed to our recent Flash Fundraising Event, which raised over **£1,600.00** to enable us to purchase classroom resources and PE equipment for our school. Your generosity continues to overwhelm me and we never take it for granted. Thank you so much!

Congratulations to our Year 6 Confirmands

Congratulations to seven of our Year 6 children - Bowen, Sabine, Tilly, Amie, Becca, Talia and Milena - who were confirmed by Bishop Emma on Sunday 2nd November at St Peter's Church.

It was a truly special occasion, and I was fortunate to attend the Confirmation Service and witness our children take this important step in their faith journey. Each of them made a thoughtful and personal commitment to the Christian faith, surrounded by their families, friends and members of our school and church communities.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity, reflection and sincerity shown by the children as they prepared for this milestone. Our thanks also go to Rev Charles who supported the children along the way, helping to guide and nurture their understanding of faith and discipleship. This was a wonderful celebration of both personal faith and our shared sense of community - congratulations once again to all of our newly confirmed pupils.

Michael Rosen

Yesterday, we proudly took part in the national celebration of Michael Rosen, one of the UK's most cherished children's authors and poets, as schools across the country marked *Michael Rosen Day*. As part of our school's activities, pupils in Key Stage Two joined a nationwide live lesson led by Michael himself. During the session, he entertained and inspired the children by performing some of his favourite food-themed poems, creating a memorable and engaging literary experience for all.

Anti-bullying Week

This week, our school has been proudly taking part in **National Anti-Bullying Week**, an annual event in the UK that raises awareness of bullying among children and young people, both in schools and beyond. The week also highlights practical ways to prevent bullying and respond to it effectively, fostering safe, supportive and respectful environments for all.

On Monday Miss Miller, our PSHE Lead, introduced this year's theme, **'Power for Good',** during our Collective Worship. The session encouraged pupils to think about how they can use their own actions to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Following this, pupils engaged in age-appropriate activities in class, exploring strategies to recognise, prevent and respond to bullying, and reflecting on the importance of empathy, respect and kindness.

As part of the week's activities, our Key Stage 2 children participated in a live online lesson with Blue Peter presenter Abby Cook and Newsround's De-Graft Mensah, inspired by the 'Power for Good' theme. The session reinforced how children can use their own voices and actions to be supportive, inclusive and respectful of others, both online and offline.

In addition on Monday, staff and pupils celebrated **Odd Socks Day**. This fun and meaningful activity encourages everyone to embrace and celebrate differences. By wearing odd socks, we demonstrated that it is okay to be different and that diversity should be recognised, respected and celebrated within our school community.

Overall, the week has been a valuable opportunity for pupils to reflect upon how they can contribute to a safe, caring and inclusive school environment, and to recognise that even small acts of kindness can have a big impact.

In a world where you can be anything, be kind

On Wednesday, we joined schools across the country in celebrating **National Kindness Day**. This special occasion serves as a reminder of the powerful impact that even the smallest acts of kindness can have, both on individuals and on our wider community. At St Peter's, we place great importance on nurturing a culture of compassion, empathy and respect, and National Kindness Day provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how we can each contribute to making the world a gentler and more caring place.

Mrs Noonan, our Wellbeing Lead, led a special **Collective Worship** to mark the day. During the session, pupils reflected on what kindness means in everyday life, shared examples of kind acts they have witnessed or carried out, and discussed how kindness aligns with our school values. The morning was a thoughtful and inspiring reminder that kindness - no matter how small - truly makes a difference.

Promoting school values

Last week, our School Council members had the wonderful opportunity to volunteer at the Amnesty International Bookshop in Hammersmith. During their visit, the children spent the morning sorting, organising and displaying books, while also learning about Amnesty International's vital work in promoting and protecting human rights around the world.

Throughout the visit, our pupils demonstrated *St Peter's core values* of **service, kindness and respect**. Their enthusiasm, cooperation and thoughtful approach were a credit to the school, and they represented St Peter's with pride and maturity. The experience also inspired meaningful discussions about **compassion, justice, and the power of small actions to create positive change**.

Following the visit Mr Edgar, our School Council Lead, received a heartwarming message from Sonia Laso, Team Leader at the Amnesty Bookshop:

"***I just wanted to thank you again for your visit last week. It was our first time welcoming school children to our shop, and the experience went far beyond our expectations. The children were so well behaved, and their enthusiasm and curiosity were truly inspiring***."

At St Peter's, we are committed to living out our values both inside and beyond the classroom. This visit was a wonderful example of our pupils putting those values into action and serving our local community with joy and integrity. A special thank you to our School Council members and to Mr Edgar for organising such a meaningful experience.

Supporting maths at home

This half term, we are pleased to offer three maths workshops designed to support parents and carers in helping their children with maths at home. Each session focuses on a different age group, however parents are warmly encouraged to attend as many sessions as they wish, even if their child is not currently in that specific year group.

Last Wednesday, Miss Miller led our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) workshop, providing practical strategies and activities to promote children's mathematical development at home. We were delighted to see such a strong turnout, and the feedback we received indicated that the session was both informative and well received.

Our next workshop, focusing upon Key Stage 1 maths, will take place on **19th November**, followed by the Key Stage 2 session on **26th November**. If you have not yet registered, there is still time to sign up. We look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible to these valuable sessions.

A Peaceful School Run Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent online workshop, designed to support parents and carers with the morning school run - an experience that, for many, can be the most stressful part of the day. The session was expertly delivered by Una Archer MSc, and provided attendees with practical strategies and tips to help make the school run calmer, more efficient, and less stressful for both adults and children.

During the workshop, Una shared advice on planning ahead, managing time effectively, and creating positive routines, as well as techniques for encouraging independence in children and reducing last-minute morning conflicts. Feedback from attendees highlighted how valuable the session was in offering realistic, easy-to-implement strategies that can make a real difference to daily life. We hope that those who joined found the session helpful and reassuring, and we look forward to offering more opportunities like this to support families in the future.

Remembrance

On Tuesday, Reverend Charles led our Collective Worship in remembrance of all the servicemen and women who have lost their lives in conflicts since the First World War. At 11.00am, the whole school gathered together in the playground to observe a two-minute silence, reflecting with gratitude and respect. The observance concluded with a special prayer, marking a poignant moment of remembrance and unity for our school community.

Excelente Trabajo

At the end of last half term Ms Jensen, our Spanish teacher, selected one child from each class for a special award in recognition of their hard work in Spanish. Huge felicidades to the following children: Lucie (Reception), Sasha (Year 1), Peto (Year 2), Belle (Year 3), Ottolie (Year 4), Poppy (Year 5) and Rebecca (Year 6).

Parents Evening meetings

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

Spirituality

At St Peter's, we embrace the approach to spirituality known as *'windows, mirrors, and doors'*.

- **Windows** help us look out into the world, noticing its wonders - the joyful 'wows' and the difficult 'ows'.
- **Mirrors** encourage us to look within and reflect, both individually and together, so that we may see more clearly, ask important questions, and learn from one another's insights.
- **Doors** invite us to step forward, to act or express our reflections in meaningful ways, making a positive difference in the world and in the lives of those around us.

During the first few weeks of our Collective Worship sessions this half term, we are exploring the big question: ***'How might we show God's love in the way that we live?'***

Last week, in recognition of **All Saints Day**, we took time to think about the many saints who do not have a special day dedicated to them. We shared the inspiring story of **Saint Teresa**, learning how she devoted her life to caring for the poor, the sick, and those who were unloved or forgotten by society. Together, we reflected on the idea that saints do not need to be perfect - rather, they are people who strive to show love, compassion and kindness in all that they do.

Looking into the mirror, the children thought about the qualities of people in their own lives who they consider to be *modern-day saints*. Many spoke about those who work in the **NHS** and other caring professions, as well as family members and friends who put the needs of others before their own. As always, I was deeply impressed by the children's thoughtful and heartfelt responses during these discussions.

Building upon this, the children were challenged to "go through the door" to put their reflections into action, by showing small acts of love and kindness towards others throughout the week. During our **Friday Collective Worship**, they shared their experiences with the wider school community and reflected on the impact these small gestures had on those around them.

We then turned to the **window**, thinking about both the "wow" moments that fill us with awe and wonder, and the "ow" moments that bring sadness or concern. Special thanks to the parents who have already sent in photographs of these "wow" moments - it has been truly inspiring to share them during our Collective Worship sessions.

To continue this reflection at home, we warmly invite you to capture any "wow" or "ow" moments you experience with your child, and send photographs into school by **Thursday each week**. These will be shared during our Friday morning Collective Worship. Thank you, as always, for your continued encouragement and support - it makes a real difference in helping our children grow in faith, empathy and understanding.

Living out our vision

Our children make us proud every single day, never more so than when we hear about their self-initiated acts that show that they are living out our school vision beyond the school gates. We have shared some truly inspiring stories of children demonstrating our school values of respect, thankfulness, courage, service, perseverance and kindness.

We encourage you to keep noticing and sharing these wonderful examples with us, so that together we can celebrate the many ways our children live out our Christian vision - bringing light, love, and hope into the lives of others.

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.

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.

A copy of the term dates for this academic year 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 November	Week commencing 10th November
Reception	**98.0%**	**97.3%**
Year 1	**98.7%**	**97.0%**
Year 2	**98.3%**	**96.7%**
Year 3	**98.7%**	**96.7%**
Year 4	**96.3%**	**96.7%**
Year 5	**97.7%**	**96.3%**
Year 6	**95.0%**	**96.0%**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 7th November: **Year 1**
Class earning the most house points to 14th November: **Year 5**

	House points 07/11/25	House points 14/11/25	Total
Cross	**333**	**384**	**3193**
Fisher	**362**	**322**	**3427**
Rock	**351**	**379**	**3290**
Keys	**318**	**352**	**3211**

Headteacher's Award

	7th November	14th November
Reception	**Albie & Billy**	**Haruto & Lucie**
Year 1	**Sebastian & Lottie**	**Luke & Lily**
Year 2	**Elsie & Peto**	**Theodore & Jossi**
Year 3	**William & Mimi**	**Alba & Kleo**
Year 4	**Sandy & Marina**	**Carter & Katie**
Year 5	**Poppy & Dylan**	**Evie & Jamie**
Year 6	**Jovita & Zach**	**Sabine & Olive**

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 November – Digby (Y1), Martha (Y2), Ernest (Y3), Lucy (Y4), Ava (Y6)
14th November – Georgina (Y3), Ottolie (Y4), Bowen (Y6), Miss Shamaa

Sports Awards

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

	7th November	14th November
Reception	**Max & Eleanor**	**Louie & Victoire**
Year 1	**Edmund & Melodi**	**Imran & Gigi**
Year 2	**Oscar & Elsie**	**Thomas & Dia**
Year 3	**Ernest & Mimi**	**Eliza & Alex**
Year 4	**Ottolie & Alfred**	**Ally & Martha**
Year 5	**Sadie & Reyan**	**Reyan & Zach**
Year 6	**Rebecca & Leon**	**Sabine & Zach**

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 on @stpetersschoolw6 and show your support for our school by liking our posts. Thank you!

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

November		
20/11/25		Year 4 Class Assembly & PTA Movie Night
03/12/25		International Day of People with Disabilities
06/12/25		PTA Christmas Fair
11/12/25		Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Lunch
16/12/25	10am	Nativity Play (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
16/12/25	4pm	Carols by Candlelight (Key Stage 2)
17/12/25	10am	Nativity Play (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
18/12/25	9.30am	Christmas Quiz (Key Stage 2)
18/12/25	1.30pm	Christmas Party (Reception & Key Stage 1)
19/12/25	9am & 2pm	Christmas Service in Church & End of Term