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.

18th September 2026

The new term has got off to a wonderful start, I am delighted to report that the children are settled, happy and working hard.

Our new Year 6 class are already rising to the challenge of being the eldest children in the school, and have impressed us all with their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace all aspects of school life, as they begin their final year of primary school. Similarly, our new Reception class have adjusted to school life brilliantly and are enjoying school, especially the lunches and time in the big playground!

Next week the Reception children will be paired up with their Year 6 buddies; this is always a highlight for all of the children involved, and something that the Year 6 children have been looking forward to since they joined the school back in 2020. Moving forward, the children will then enjoy weekly reading sessions together, and will have numerous opportunities to spend time together over the course of the year. We all very much look forward to watching their growing friendships as the year progresses.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations and a massive St Peter's silent cheer to Mr Edgar and Miss Cook who completed the 100KM Thames Path Ultra Marathon last weekend in support of MIND.

PTA Comedy Night – Tickets Now on Sale!

Tickets are now on sale for our first PTA fundraiser of the academic year! Please join us at Scott Hall from **7.15pm** on **Thursday 8th October** for what promises to be a fantastic Comedy Night, featuring five brilliant acts ready to keep us entertained throughout the evening. Those who joined us for our Comedy Night in May will know just how much fun the evening was — and this is definitely one not to be missed!

Best of all, every penny raised will go towards our Air-Conditioning Fund, helping us to make our school an even more comfortable environment for our children. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, so gather your friends, book your tickets and join us for an evening of laughter while supporting our school!

Election Fever

Yesterday, our Year 6 pupils delivered their speeches to the whole school, as part of the selection process for this year's House Captains. We were immensely proud of the courage, enthusiasm and effort they showed in putting themselves forward for this important leadership role.
The rest of the school listened with great interest and respect before casting their votes - a wonderful example of our pupils supporting and encouraging one another.

The votes have been counted and I am delighted to announce this year's House Captains — drum roll please…!

Cross	**Poppy & Olivia**
Fisher	**Rose & George**
Rock	**Surafel & Alicia**
Keys	**Charlotte & Lennox**

A huge congratulations to our newly elected House Captains! We know that they will embrace their new roles with enthusiasm, responsibility and pride, setting a wonderful example to others and representing their Houses throughout the year.

It is important to note that all of our Year 6 children will be given an area of responsibility this year. This is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, contribute positively to school life, and experience the pride and responsibility that comes with being a role model for our younger pupils.

Playground Buddies

A Playground Buddy is someone who helps to make playtimes happy, safe and welcoming for everyone. Our Buddies are kind, friendly and always ready to lend a hand. They look out for others, help children to join in games and make sure that no one feels left out.

Being a Playground Buddy is a wonderful opportunity for children to show leadership, responsibility and care for others, while making a positive contribution to our school community.

The role of Playground Buddy is rotated weekly, giving every child who wishes to take part the opportunity to enjoy this special responsibility. It is always wonderful to see how keen the children are to volunteer for this act of service and, most importantly, to see them putting this important value into action every day in and around our school.

Spirituality

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

- **Windows** help us to look out into the world and notice its wonders — the joyful *'wows'* as well as the more difficult *'ows'*.

- **Mirrors** encourage us to look within and reflect, both individually and together. They help us to see more clearly, ask important questions and learn from one another's thoughts and experiences.
- **Doors** invite us to step forward and put our reflections into action, encouraging us to make a positive difference in the world and in the lives of those around us.

This week, during our Collective Worship sessions, we have been exploring the big question:
'How does God lead us?'

On Monday, we heard the story of Moses, and reflected upon how God responded to the faith and trust Moses showed as he led the Israelites out of Egypt. Looking into the mirror, we thought about times when we have faced challenges of our own, and considered the ways in which we believe God supports and guides us when we ask for help. We also reflected upon the special people in our lives who are always ready to offer us support, encouragement and love. At the end of worship, the children were challenged to put their trust in God when they encounter tricky situations.

When we came together again this morning, the children shared some wonderfully thoughtful examples of times when they had asked God for help and felt His comfort and support. Their honesty and openness were truly inspiring. We then turned to the window, looking out at the world around us and considering both the uplifting *'wow'* moments that fill us with wonder and the *'ow'* moments that can cause sadness or concern — from noticing litter in our parks to seeing the impact of the destruction of our natural resources.

This morning, Sophie (Year 2) shared a special clip recorded during a recent holiday to Cornwall, including beautiful images of the sea, sand and coral she discovered on the beach. The children always love seeing these glimpses of the wonderful world around us. Please do continue to capture those special *'wow'* moments whenever you encounter them and send them to communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk by Thursday lunchtime each week, so that we can share them during our Collective Worship on Friday morning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our children to notice, reflect upon and celebrate the wonder of the world around them.

Open Classroom

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Classroom event last Thursday, we hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to tour the school and to visit your child's new classroom and meet their class teacher. Please note that all of the paperwork we usually give out during this event can now be found on your class webpage https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/ If you have any concerns or queries moving forward, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all of the Reception parents who joined our phonics session with Miss Edmondson and Mrs Noonan. We hope that you found the session useful, and that the tools provided will help you to support your child with learning to read.

PGL

Thank you also to all of the parents who joined Mr Edgar and me remotely to discuss the forthcoming Year 5 residential visit to PGL. The countdown is now on, with less than one week to go until the trip. The children are set to have a wonderful time, experiencing many new activities and creating happy memories which will hopefully last a lifetime. Special thanks to Mr Edgar, Miss Royer, Miss Baptiste and Mr Phillips who are accompanying the children on the trip this year.

After-school provision

Apart from the very beginning and end of each term, at St Peter's we offer a wealth of after-school clubs for the children in all year groups to enjoy https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Children/Clubs
If you then require childcare between 4.30pm and 6.00pm, this is offered to St Peter's children by a company called Skills4Life. The staff from Skills4Life will collect the children from their school club at 4.30pm and look after them in the Scott Hall until 6.00pm.

Parents who register their children for Skills4Life can book childcare sessions on a pre-booked or ad hoc basis. The children who attend this provision are given a small snack and participate in a wider range of games and craft activities with other children from across the school. Sessions are fun, and the feedback we receive from those who attend is always extremely positive.

If your child is not registered for Skills4Life, then it is important that they are 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 or at **4.30pm** for any child attending one of

our school clubs. Unfortunately, since the start of term we have had a number of parents arriving late to collect their children. If you are unable to collect your child on time, then we would ask that you arrange for another parent to collect your child (and inform the school of this arrangement) or that you book your child a place at Skills4Life, as we do not have staff available after 4.30pm to supervise uncollected children. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

School Lunch Payments

The London Mayor has agreed to extend the funding for an additional year to allow all primary school children in London to receive a free school lunch. Whilst we are hugely supportive of this measure, we need to highlight to parents the fact that the funding given to schools does not fully cover the cost of each meal, when taking into account staffing costs, rising ingredient costs etc. Last year, we operated a system which allowed those parents who wanted to contribute towards the cost of the school meals an outlet to do so. A suggested donation was £1.00 per day (£5.00 per week). We are hugely grateful for the donations we received last year, as these helped to offset the additional costs we incurred, allowing us to allocate funds to other projects within the school.

If you would like to give a half-termly donation or make a one-off payment towards the school meals costs, the payment items are now available on ParentMail under 'Accounts and Products'. Thank you in advance for your support, it is hugely appreciated.

Uniform

We kindly ask that all children arrive at school each day wearing the correct school uniform or PE kit. Please remember that school ties form part of our uniform for all pupils, and can be purchased directly from the school office. Despite this being only our third week back, we already have a number of unclaimed items in our lost property collection. To help us return any misplaced belongings promptly, we encourage you to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us maintain high standards across our school community. A full list of the required school uniform is available on our website: https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/General-Information.

Attendance

A copy of the term dates was sent out at the beginning of the academic year, 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:

	Week commencing 7/9	Week commencing 14/9
Reception	**100%**	**100%**
Year 1	**98.0%**	**99.3%**
Year 2	**99.7%**	**98.0%**
Year 3	**99.7%**	**99.3%**
Year 4	**97.0%**	**98.3%**
Year 5	**99.7%**	**96.9%**
Year 6	**99.7%**	**98.0%**

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 are close to breaching this threshold and we have only be back at school for two and a half weeks.

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. As we begin a new school year, 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 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 ensure that your child arrives on time, as arriving late is not only disruptive and often upsetting for your child, but can also disrupt the learning of others.

Headteacher's Award

	11th September	18th September
Reception		**Everyone!**
Year 1	**Albie & Thea**	**Flora & Juno**
Year 2	**Ella & Sophie**	**Ruby & Digby**
Year 3	**Ellie & Jocelyn**	**Mia & Alex**
Year 4	**Juno & Eliza**	**Leonora & Chara**
Year 5	**Alfred & Josephine**	**Thor & Ella**
Year 6	**Rose & Clara**	**Jemima & Lennox**

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.

11th September – Lottie (Y2), Ai & Rex (Y4)
18th September – Daisy (YR), Delilah (Y1), Ruby (Y2), Dia (Y3), Alfred (Y5)

Sports Awards

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

	11th September	18th September
Reception		**Patrick & Colette**
Year 1	**Lucie & Hugo**	**Clemmie & Delilah**
Year 2	**Ferdie & Hollis**	**Grace & Wilf**
Year 3	**Ella & Rufus**	**Elsie C-G & Ralph**
Year 4	**Belle & Lilyan**	**Ai & Alex**
Year 5	**Ella & Bear**	**Amber & Alex**
Year 6	**Thibault & Charlotte**	**Imo & Zach**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 18th September: **Year 6**

	House points 18/09/26	Total
Cross	**604**	**604**
Fisher	**739**	**739**
Rock	**886**	**886**
Keys	**839**	**839**

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 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

23/09/26		Year 5 Residential Visit
25/09/26		Year 6 Charity Fundraiser
October		Black History Month
01/10/26		Year 6 Class Assembly
07/10/26	9am	Harvest Festival (Church)
08/10/26		World Dyslexia Day
08/10/26		Year 5 Class Assembly & World Mental Health Day
15/10/26		Celebrate Our Community Day
15/10/26	5pm	Family Supper
16/10/26		Show Racism the Red Card (children & staff wear red)
21/10/26		DT Day 1
22/10/26		Year 2 Class Assembly
WC 26/10/26		Half Term