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.

19th December 2024

Tomorrow sees the end of the first term of the academic year. Maybe it is because I am getting old, but every term seems to pass by more quickly than the last. It really doesn't seem long ago that we were welcoming everyone back to school after the long summer break, but in reality fifteen very busy weeks have been completed and we are almost ready to break for Christmas and welcome in a new year 2025.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank our wonderful staff team for their hard work; all of the things that we do as a school are only possible because we have such a dedicated team who are fully committed to providing the very best for our pupils. I would also like to thank our amazing children - they are the reason we come to work each day - for embracing the challenges and opportunities presented to them and for working hard throughout this very long term. Thank you also to the parents and carers for your ongoing support; the importance of positive working relationships between home and school should never be underestimated. Finally, I would like to thank the Governors, who give of their time freely and willingly to support St Peter's.

If I don't get the opportunity to speak to you personally before tomorrow, please take my very best wishes for a very merry Christmas and happy and healthy 2025.

Please note that term ends tomorrow, Friday 20th December at 2pm. Term resumes on Monday 6th January 2025.

Christmas at St Peter's

Thank you to our wonderful PTA team and parent helpers for putting together such a fantastic Christmas fair this year. Despite the wet and windy weather the day was filled with joy, laughter and lots of Christmas cheer. Following on from the fair, members of our parent body organised and hosted our second St Peter's Family Disco event, which was enjoyed by many and proved a great success.

I have just been informed that all of our Christmas events and activities including the fair, raffle, trees, disco, cards and donations have raised an incredible **£11,251**, every penny of which will come back into school to enhance your children's education. Thank you again to our PTA team and all of the parents who have come forward to help organise events this term, your support is greatly appreciated. Special thanks also to Lucinda Pride who continues to do a fantastic job of capturing all of our special moments and events on our school Instagram account. If you don't already, please follow us on @stpetersschoolw6 and like our posts.

Last Thursday, the children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by our wonderful Chef Chloe and Sous Chef Joy. Christmas songs were played, crackers were pulled, sprouts were pushed around their plates(!) and a festive time was had by all.

On Tuesday, the children from Reception and Key Stage One did a truly incredible job of retelling the Christmas story through our Nativity play 'Simply the Nativity'. In true St Peter's style, all of our plays always have a very special twist, and this year was no different. In addition to an array of very stylish doors and a very cheeky donkey, we managed to incorporate the Katrina and the Waves classic 'Walking on Sunshine' into our show, plus the popular tune from the animation Madagascar, which saw our Reception children show off some very funny dance moves dressed as little sheep!

Despite being the youngest three classes in the school, the children sang, danced and delivered their lines with such confidence, it was as though they have been performing for years. They made us all very, very proud. We arranged for Marcin to film our Nativity this year, so that you can watch it again and again and again for many years to come!

Our Nativity was followed by a very special Candlelight Service led by the Key Stage Two children. As always, our children were incredible; their singing was phenomenal and the children who delivered lines did so loudly, clearly and with such confidence, it was a joy to witness. I need to give a special mention to Susannah and Marta who performed solos this year, both of which were incredible. Also, for the very first time we had a performance which involved the use of our newly purchased glockenspiels; well done to Year 5 on a fantastic musical performance, it really was very impressive. After our service, I think everyone left the church feeling a little more Christmassy. Special thanks to Mrs Noonan and to the Key Stage Two staff for their hard work in preparing the children for this event. Thank you also to Rev Charles for hosting the event in St Peter's Church for us again this year.

This morning, the children in Key Stage Two enjoyed participating in a special Christmas quiz, whilst this afternoon our Reception and Key Stage One children will enjoy a Christmas party (both with snacks) to celebrate Christmas and the end of term. It is such a wonderful time of the year!

Tomorrow, we will head to St Peter's Church to participate in our end of term service. Please join us in the church and then afterwards in the school hall for a cup of tea and a mince pie.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to our lovely Miss Milligan, who recently got engaged to her partner Frank. We are thrilled to hear this fantastic news, and wish them both every happiness for the future.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Keys, who are the wining house this term with an incredible 3194 points. Keys will enjoy an outing to the cinema after the Christmas break.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has supported our cake sales this term. As a result of your amazing efforts, we have raised a phenomenal £1,972.50! Wow, keeeeeep baking!

Father Christmas

Reception got into the festive mood last week with a trip to the Lyric Theatre to watch Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas production. The show follows Father Christmas on the busiest day of the year for him, Christmas Eve. It was a truly magical experience and the children had a fantastic time.

National Gallery

Last Wednesday, Year 5 visited the National Gallery to conclude their RE learning around the Big Question for their current unit of work: 'How do art and music convey Christmas?'

Over the term, the children have studied the different accounts of the nativity story in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, before looking at how the story has been illustrated through art. Whilst at the gallery, the class split into groups and searched for paintings which depicted different parts of the Christmas story, and also moments before and after before the birth of Jesus. For example, they looked at a painting by Fra Filippo Lippi (created 1453), named 'The Annunciation', which shows Mary being visited by the angel Gabriel who told her that she would give birth to Jesus, the son of God. The children also studied a painting by Guido Reni named 'The Adoration of the Shepherds' (1640). They noticed how the artist used lighting, halos and different coloured robes to make certain biblical figures more easily identifiable. It was a great opportunity to enjoy these paintings in person and to consolidate the learning which has taken place this half term.

Fulham Palace

Last Friday, the children in Year 1 visited Fulham Palace Museum as part of their history topic, the theme for which is toys. During their visit, the children went back in time to look at how toys have changed through the years. They placed a range of toys on a timeline, talked about their materials and even had time to make their very own toys. After the session, the children went through the palace gardens into the nature playground where the fun continued. A fantastic day was had by all.

Tabard Theatre

On Wednesday, the children in Year 2 visited the Tabard Theatre in Chiswick to watch their production of The Snow Queen. The children all loved the magical quality of the show and had a wonderful time there.

Punctuality

We closely monitor the punctuality rates of the children with the support of Cathy Sciueref 'H&F Attendance Officer', to whom we are required to make referrals for those who persistently arrive late to school.

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 and the academic year 2025 -2026 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:

	Week commencing 2nd Dec.	Week commencing 9th Dec.
Reception	**93.0%**	**96.0%**
Year 1	**93.3%**	**93.3%**
Year 2	**92.4%**	**93.8%**
Year 3	**96.3%**	**92.0%**
Year 4	**92.7%**	**97.0%**
Year 5	**95.0%**	**98.0%**
Year 6	**98.0%**	**96.7%**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 13th December: **Year 5**

	House points 13/12/24	Total
Cross	**411**	**3020**
Fisher	**382**	**2957**
Rock	**392**	**3137**
Keys	**401**	**3194**

Headteacher's Award

	13th December	
Reception	**Wilf & Eda**	
Year 1	**Lucas & Arthur**	
Year 2	**Isla & Kyra**	
Year 3	**Sebastian & Marina**	
Year 4	**Olivia & George**	
Year 5	**Sabine & Tilly**	
Year 6	**Risha & George**	

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.

13th December – Isaiah (Y4)

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

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 for a wonderful Christmas break,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
06/01/25		**Children return to school**
WC 13/01/25		**Clubs to restart**
14/01/25		Year 6 Treginnis Farm Meeting
20/01/25		Martin Luther King Day
23/01/25		**Year 3 Class Assembly**
WC 27/01/25		STEM Week
30/01/25		DT Day 2
WC 03/02/24		Children's Mental Health Week
04/02/25		Year 6 SATs Meeting
05/02/25		PTA Valentine's Disco – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
06/02/25		PTA Valentine's Disco – Key Stage 2
WC 10/02/25		Year 6 residential visit
WC 10/02/25		Interschool competition (Netball)
11/02/25		Safer Internet Day
11/02/25		International Women and Girls in Science
13/02/25		**Year 1 Class Assembly**
WC 17/02/25		**Half Term**
24/02/25		**Children return to school**