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 September 2025

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!

Today, the Reception children were 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 2019. Moving forward, the children will 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.

Playground Buddies

A Playground Buddy is someone who helps to make playtimes happy and safe for everyone. Buddies are kind, friendly and ready to lend a hand. They look out for others, help children to join in games, and make sure no one feels left out. Being a Playground Buddy is a chance to show leadership, responsibility and care for others in our school community.

This year, we are taking a refreshed approach to our Playground Buddy system. Every Monday, children from Year 1 up to Year 6 have the opportunity to volunteer for the role of Playground Buddy. Those selected will be awarded a special *Buddy Jacket*, which they will wear during playtimes for the entire week. The following Monday, the jackets are returned and a new group of children will be chosen to take on the role. This system ensures that many children have the chance to serve, develop responsibility and contribute to a positive and caring playground environment.

We are proud to acknowledge the following children who have already volunteered and carried out this important act of service for our school:

	Week commencing 8th September	Week commencing 15th September
Year 1	**Hugo**	**Sophie**
Year 2	**Astrid**	**Lucas & Eleanora**
Year 3	**Rosa & Georgina**	**Leonora**
Year 4	**Marina**	**Lucy**
Year 5	**Isaiah & Jemima**	**Olivia & Louanne**
Year 6	**Aurelia**	**Lucy**

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.

This week in our Collective Worship sessions, we have been exploring the big question:
'How can we live well in God's world?'

On Monday, we read a parable that highlighted the importance of repentance—of saying sorry when our actions have hurt or upset others. Looking into the ***mirror***, we reflected upon times when we ourselves have needed to ask for forgiveness and we discussed how it felt both to say sorry and to be on the receiving end of hurtful actions. Before leaving worship, the children were challenged to seek forgiveness whenever they felt it was needed, throughout that day and week.

This morning, the children shared their experiences, offering thoughtful examples of moments when they had said 'sorry' and asked others for forgiveness. Their honesty and openness was truly inspiring.

Following this, we turned to the **window**, considering both the uplifting *'wow'* moments that fill us with wonder and the *'ow'* moments that cause sadness or concern—such as seeing litter in our parks or noticing the destruction of natural resources during the week. I also shared photographs of two special 'wow' moments of my own, a breathtaking sunset during my recent holiday in Greece and a vibrant rainbow arching over the O2. The children then delighted us by sharing their own examples, reminding us all of the beauty, hope, and responsibility we encounter in God's world.

To support this further at home, we invite you to capture any 'wow' or 'ow' moments you experience with your child and send the photographs into school by Thursday each week, so they can be shared during our Collective Worship session on Friday morning. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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 Miller. 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 Miss Cook 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 Miss Cook, Miss Royer, Mrs Todaro and Miss Renard 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 JAG (Junior Adventure Group). JAG will collect the children from their school club at 4.30pm and look after them in the Scott Hall until 6.00pm. Please note: **Clarice Stewart, General Manager from JAG, will be present at our Friday cakes sale for the next 4 weeks to answer any questions or queries you might have regarding the provision they provide.**

Parents who register their children for JAG 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 wide 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 JAG, 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 JAG, as we do not have staff available after 4.30pm to supervise uncollected children. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Harvest Festival

Just a reminder that we will be holding a service on **1st October**, at 9am in St Peter's Church in celebration of Harvest. During the service we will be supporting The Upper Room and Sunday Suppers. A separate letter will be sent out next week with details of the items most needed by both charities.

We hope that many parents and carers are able to join us at our first whole school service of the academic year, and thank you all in advance for your support.

Election Fever

Last Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils delivered speeches to the whole school as part of the selection process for this year's House Captains. Each child spoke with confidence, and their speeches would not have been out of place in Parliament. We were all immensely impressed by their courage and effort, while the rest of the school listened with great respect. Following the voting process, I am delighted to announce this year's House Captains—drum roll, please:

Cross	Becca & Chloe
Fisher	Leon & Nicky
Rock	Bowen & Ava
Keys	Olive & Isaac

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 weekly donation or make a one-off payment towards the school meals costs, please do so via ParentMail – Shop – Donation – School Meals Donation 2025-2026. 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 an important 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 to 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 8/9	Week commencing 15/9
Reception	**99.5%**	**97.0%**
Year 1	**100%**	**99.0%**
Year 2	**99.7%**	**99.0%**
Year 3	**100%**	**98.3%**
Year 4	**98.3%**	**97.0%**
Year 5	**98.3%**	**97.7%**
Year 6	**97.2%**	**97.7%**

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 been 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

	12th September	19th September
Year 1	**Edmund & Hollis**	**Mirren**
Year 2	**Florence & Alex**	**Lucas & Mia**
Year 3	**Maya & Xander**	**Leonora & Josephine**
Year 4	**Ruby & Lukas**	**Bear W & Lumie**
Year 5	**Olivia & Thibault**	**Rose & Zach**
Year 6	**Bart & Otto**	**Becca & Tilly**

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.

12th September – Sienna (Y2), Helen (Y3), Aria (Y5) and Mrs Breen
19th September – Thomas & Alex (Y2), Thibault (Y5)

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 12th September: **Year 6**
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	House points 12/09/25	House points 19/09/25	Total
Cross	**371**	**289**	**660**
Fisher	**342**	**328**	**670**
Rock	**278**	**263**	**541**
Keys	**377**	**326**	**703**

Sports Awards

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

	12th September	19th September
Reception	**Joshua & Victoire**	**Orlando & Katyayni**
Year 1	**Sebastian & Grace**	**Lottie & Micah**
Year 2	**Alex & Saoirse**	**Lucas & Evita**
Year 3	**Xander & Mimi**	**Eliza & Vincent**
Year 4	**Alaric & Marina**	**Alfred & Katie**
Year 5	**George & Lawson**	**Jemima & Sylvia**
Year 6	**Milena & Leon**	**Nicky & Talia**

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

24/09/25		Year 5 Residential Visit
25/09/25		Year 6 Class Assembly
26/09/25		Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser
October		Black History Month
01/10/25	9am	Harvest Festival (Church)
02/10/25	9am	Poetry Recital for World Poetry Day
02/10/25		Pelican Music Workshops KS1 children
07/10/25		World Dyslexia Day
08/10/25		Year 5 Class Assembly & World Mental Health Day
16/10/25		Celebrate Our Community Day
16/10/25	5pm	Family Supper
22/10/25		Year 2 Class Assembly
23/10/25		DT Day 1
24/10/25		Show Racism the Red Card (children & staff wear red)
WC 27/10/25		Half Term
03/11/25		Children return to school