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.

21st May 2026

Unbelievably, we find ourselves at the end of another half term and getting ready to embark upon the final seven weeks of the academic year. For those of you who have been with us for many years, you will know that our whole school production is a key feature of summer 2 at St Peter's. Our Year 6 children have been extremely keen to find out the title of this year's production, in fact in recent weeks it has become the hot topic of conversation in the classroom.

As always, we thought long and hard about which musical to choose and this year, like last, we have decided to go for something new. Our Year 6 children have already been told the name of this year's show, so word is already out, however for those of you not yet informed, I will give you a famous line from this year's musical as a clue to the title of our production:

"Look for the bare necessities. The simple bare necessities. Forget about your worries and your strife."

Answers on a postcard please – yes, I am showing my age now!

Our performances will take place on **8th** and **9th July** at **10am** and **6pm**. Please make a note of the dates in your diary, as I promise this is an event not to be missed.

Please also note the dates of some other key events planned for the remainder of the summer term:

- **Sports Day** - **Friday 22nd May** – We would like to invite you all to join us **tomorrow** at Ravenscourt Park for what is always a lovely family event. Watch your children participate in a range of competitive and non-competitive activities; enjoy a picnic lunch with your friends and family and round off the day by impressing your children during the parents and carers races. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there for part or all of the day.
- **Grandparents Day** – **Monday 8th June (1.30pm)** – a firm favourite in our school calendar, an event when Grannies, Grandpas, Nannies and Grandads, plus any other significant elderly friends and relatives, are invited into school for a special collective worship session, tour of the classrooms and a delicious afternoon tea.
- **Dad's and Significant Lad's Breakfast** – **Friday 19th June (8am) –** in celebration of Father's Day we would like to welcome our dads and significant male influences/role models into school for a special breakfast as a thank you for all that you do for our children.
- **Food tasting session** – **Tuesday 23rd June (2.45pm – 3.30pm)** – prior to visiting the classrooms, please join us in the Scott Hall to sample some of the dishes being served to your children at lunchtime each day. A wonderful opportunity to meet our Chef Chloe and to chat to members of the Caterlink Team.
- **Open afternoon** – **Tuesday 23rd June (3.30pm – 5pm)** – an opportunity to visit the classrooms and to view the work on display.

- **Whole school summer production – Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July (10am and 6pm)** – every child will be performing in our show, so please keep the date free so that you can come along to watch the children in action. The West End has nothing on our children!

Wedding Bells

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to send our love and very best wishes to Miss Milligan and her fiancé Frank who are set to be married this Saturday, 23rd May. The sun looks set to shine on what I am sure will be a truly magical day. We wish Miss Milligan and Frank a lifetime of happiness together. Miss Milligan will be using her married name Mrs Dredge-Hetherington when we return to school after the half term break.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent questionnaire. We received approximately 65 responses to each question. The results of this survey represent the views of those families.

	Strongly Agree/Agree	Strongly Disagree/Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at St Peter's	97%	3%	0%
My child feels safe at St Peter's	94%	4%	2%
St Peter's has high expectations for behaviour and attitudes	95%	3%	2%
St Peter's deals quickly and effectively with any concerns raised	85%	0%	6%
	9% **'I have not raised a concern'**		
My child feels proud of their achievements at school	91%	3%	6%
I am kept well informed about what my child will be learning, their successes and progress (e.g. parents' evening, newsletters etc)	89%	6%	5%
My child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	18%	3%	6%
	73% **'my child does not have SEND'**		
St Peter's provides a broad and balanced curriculum	92%	3%	5%
St Peter's offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities (e.g. clubs, trips, visitors to the school etc) which support my child's wider development and interests	98%	2%	0%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at St Peter's	98%	2%	0%
St Peter's communicates effectively with parents/carers	96%	3%	1%
I feel that staff at the school are approachable and responsive to feedback	94%	3%	3%
St Peter's supports my child's personal development (e.g. confidence, resilience, independence etc.)	84%	9%	7%
St Peter's prepares my child well for the next stage of their education	75%	9%	16%

St Peter's supports my child's wider personal development	83%	4%	13%
I would recommend this school to another parent	100%	0%	0%

Some additional comments we received:

"A wonderful school where children are supported to flourish personally and academically."

"This is an amazing school – the staff deserve praise for their dedication."

"We absolutely adore St Peter's. It is a very special, nurturing place."

"First class school in all respects."

"I just think the school is AMAZING! Thank you!"

My child is thriving… we couldn't be happier.

The school has built confidence and encouraged participation.

Children are well prepared for secondary school.

A strong balance between academic learning and personal development.

Please note that we read all of your feedback carefully. Feedback received will help to shape our school development priorities for 2026-2027.

SATS

Last week saw our Year 6 pupils complete their SATs tests; these are national exams which test the children on their reading, mathematics, spelling and grammar knowledge. At St Peter's, whilst working extremely hard to ensure that the children are fully prepared to meet the demands of these challenging tests, we have also ensured that the children have continued to receive a broad and creative curriculum in line with our vision and ethos. We have instilled in the children the desire to achieve to their full potential and have actively supported them in reaching this goal. We were so proud of the mature attitude of the children; they have all been beyond amazing.

Since the completion of their exams, the children have been treated to a movie afternoon and a trip to Holland Park, where the focus has been upon relaxation and having fun, which is extremely well-deserved after all of the hard work that the children (and staff) have undertaken this year.

A huge thank you to Miss Milligan and the Year 6 team for all of their efforts in preparing the children for the SATs tests, and for working hard to ensure that it was a positive experience for our children, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Chloe for providing the children with a wonderful breakfast to start each day.

Fun in Reception

There is a famous saying which goes... 'Never work with children and animals'. Well, in Reception class over the past two weeks, Miss Miller and Miss Wheeler did both, as they welcomed five very cute ducklings into their classroom. Bing Bong, Tuna, Rosie, Pecky and Arthur (interesting I know!) proved to be wonderful additions to our Reception class, causing much excitement amongst our youngest children and the wider school community. I visited the classroom at one point to see the wonderful habitat that the children had jointly created for the ducklings – it was truly amazing, had it been shown on Rightmove, it would very much have been a premium listing! The conversations, writing and artwork inspired by the new additions was also incredible to see. Well done to Reception!

Governor Day

On Tuesday representatives from the Governing Body came into school, in small groups, to see different aspects of school life, which included observing our collective worship session and joining the children for playtime and a PE lesson. Our visitors were given a tour of the school by the Year 6 House Captains - who did a wonderful job - they also met with representatives from our School Council to discuss life as a pupil at St Peter's. It was an extremely enjoyable day for all involved; the children were amazing and thrived upon the opportunity to share their learning and school experiences with others. Well done St Peter's!

London Literature Festival

Today children from Year 2 up to Year 6 are visiting The Lyric Theatre as part of the London Literature Festival. Throughout the day, the children will enjoy a range of workshops led by famous children's authors and poets. Our Year 2 children will enjoy a workshop led by Sophy Henn, author and creator of the much-loved Bad Nan fiction series, the Pom Pom series and the Ted board book series. The children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be treated to a workshop led by the infamous children's author and poet Michael Rosen, and our oldest children in the school, Year 5 and Year 6, will participate in a workshop led by the award-winning writer Patrice Lawrence.

Proud Places

Our Year 5 children are excited to be taking part in a local heritage restoration project linked to the famous Black Bull statue in Holborn. Originally created in 1825 by sculptor Obadiah Pulham, the statue has a fascinating history and has stood in several locations across London over the past 200 years. In their first session, the children learnt about the statue's journey and the importance of preserving historical landmarks. They then created their own pieces of artwork that were inspired by the history of the statue. Future sessions will focus upon the restoration work that will repair cracks and damage to the sculpture, as well as repaint and re-gild its horns and hooves, helping to preserve this much-loved local landmark for future generations.

Greek Runner Challenge

The Greek Runner Challenge was a great success, and we were thrilled to see such a wonderful range of creative work submitted from across the school. Pupils used their imagination to respond to *The Greek Runner* through art, poetry and writing, exploring the story and history behind the statue in St Peter's Square. It was fantastic for our children to be involved in such a special community celebration and to have their work shared with local residents at the centenary event in St Peter's Square. A huge thank you to Mr Coleman for coordinating this event, and to Joanna and the St Peter's Residents' Association (SPRA) for organising the celebrations and for generously providing book token prizes for our winners across the school.

Spirituality

During our Collective Worship sessions, we regularly pause to reflect upon the awe and wonder of the world around us. We often talk about those special 'Wow' moments that inspire and uplift us, but we also acknowledge the 'Ow' moments, times when we witness things that cause sadness or concern, such as litter in our parks or the destruction of natural resources.

This week Lumie (Year 4) wowed us all (especially the adults in the room) by sharing some 'Wow' moments from her recent attendance at A King's Trust Celebration, which was held at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 11th May. This was a very special event marking 50 years of The King's Trust in the UK and celebrating the young people and volunteers whose resilience continue to shape brighter futures around the world. Unfortunately, unlike most of the adults, the children did not recognise the photograph of George Clooney (they are all far too young to have been ER fans!) although they were thrilled to hear that Lumie had been in the same room as King Charles and Queen Camilla and that she met a number of the contestants from Traitors.

Wow moments come in all guises, and it is always lovely to share these together as a school community.

Warm weather

Next half term, as the weather hopefully becomes warmer, please ensure that your child brings a sun hat to school, a full water bottle and arrives wearing sunscreen. Thank you for your continued support.

Uniform

The children are now allowed to wear their summer uniform. Please refer to our website for our full uniform list https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Uniform

A few quick reminders: PE shorts should be plain navy (no motifs please); school shoes should be enclosed and black in colour, black training shoes and ankle/Doc Martin style boots are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Finally, all hair accessories, should be discreet and navy blue in colour. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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 the final half term of the 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 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. 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 2 weeks:

	Week commencing 4th May	Week commencing 11th May
Reception	**100%**	**98.3%**
Year 1	**94.4%**	**95.9%**
Year 2	**99.2%**	**96.7%**
Year 3	**95.5%**	**96.1%**
Year 4	**97.4%**	**97.9%**
Year 5	**97.8%**	**97.9%**
Year 6	**98.8%**	**99.0%**

Headteacher's Award

	8th May	15th May
Reception	**Hugo & Eleanor**	**Lucy R & Kyra**
Year 1	**Sasha & Melodi**	**Grace & Otis**
Year 2	**Juniper & Elsie**	**Felix & Sienna**
Year 3	**Archie & Clara**	**Ryka & Georgina**
Year 4	**Seb & Lukas**	**Thor & Xander**
Year 5	**Rio & Charlotte**	**Lola & Clara**
Year 6	**whole class**	**whole class**

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.

8th May – Billy (YR), Digby (Y1), Belle (Y3), Sandy & Xavier (Y4), Miss Shamaa
15th May – Edmund (Y1), Sofiia (Y2), Aria (Y5), Ottolie & Zach (Y6)

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:

	8th May	15th May
Reception	**Joshua L & Katiani**	**Lucy R & Eleanor**
Year 1	**Sebastian & Vivienne**	**Robert & Sebastian**
Year 2	**Florrie & Elsie**	**Rufus & Dia**
Year 3	**Redd & Isla**	**Chara & Leonora**
Year 4	**Lukas & Marina**	**Ella & Ruby**
Year 5	**Lawson & Louanna**	**Zach & Jamie**
Year 6	**Leon & Amie**	**Leon & Ava**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 8th May: **Year 3**

	House points 08/05/26	Total
Cross	**681**	**3397**
Fisher	**716**	**3347**
Rock	**611**	**3373**
Keys	**852**	**3204**

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 **@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 for the half term break,

Miss Frazer