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.

24th January 2025

January always feels twice the length of every other month, however February is now only a matter of days away, which brings with it the promise of spring and potentially warmer days.

The new term is now well underway. Next week, the children will participate in our annual STEM week, which is a week filled with workshops, experiments and activities focused around science, design technology and mathematics. STEM week is always a key event in our school calendar, as we believe strongly that through early exposure to role models from STEM industries who look and sound like our children, we can help to change perceptions and challenge stereotypes, showing that gender or ethnic background is not a barrier to future success. This is why weeks such as these are so important. Tucked into STEM week, the children will also participate in our second DT Day of the academic year, which will see the children engaged in designing and making moving vehicles. Thank you to Miss Cook and Miss Milligan for their hard work in organising our STEM week activities this year, and to Miss Birkett for organising our DT Day.

During the week commencing 3rd February we will host our PTA discos. Please see below the details for these events:

- **Wednesday 5th February** – PTA Disco for children in **Reception**, **Year 1** and **Year 2**. Children attending the disco will be taken to the hall immediately after school, those not attending should be collected from school at 3.20pm (Reception), 3.25pm (Year 1 & Year 2) and 3.30pm (Key Stage Two). ***Please note that there are no clubs running on this day other than the disco and JAG, which will operate from 3.30pm on Wednesday 5th February in the Art room.***
  Children attending the disco should be collected from the Scott Building at 5pm. To reduce congestion at dismissal, the **Reception children** should be collected from the **main Scott Building door**, **children** in **Year 1** and **Year 2** need to be collected from the **Scott Building playground**.
- **Thursday 6th February** – PTA Disco for children in **Key Stage Two** (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6). Children attending the disco will be taken to the hall immediately after school, those not attending should be collected from school at 3.20pm (Reception), 3.25pm (Year 1 & Year 2) and 3.30pm (Key Stage Two). ***Please note that there are no clubs running on this day other than the disco and JAG, which will operate from 3.30pm on Thursday 6th February in Art room.***
  Children attending the disco should be collected from the Scott Building at 5pm. **Year 3** and **Year 4 children** to be collected from the **main door**, **children** in **Year 5** and **Year 6** to be collected from the **Scott Building playground**.

Tickets to these events can be purchased via Collctiv. A snack and drink will be provided at the disco, therefore children should not bring any snacks to this event. It is important to us that these events are accessible to every child who wants to attend, therefore there will be no charge for the tickets of children whose families are in receipt of pupil premium funding; Ms Tanner will be in contact with the relevant families to arrange this. If you are not eligible for this funding, but require help with purchasing a ticket for your child, please contact me directly via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Please note that we are very happy for the children in Reception and Key Stage One to come into school in their own clothes on **Wednesday 5th February**, whilst the children in Key Stage Two are allowed to come into school in their own clothes on **Thursday 6th February**.

Soundsteps Performance

On Wednesday morning, we welcomed Chris from the music company Soundsteps into school to perform for the children. Music is an important part of school life at St Peter's; we have around 70 children currently learning to play a musical instrument through school with Pelican Music, and numerous other children are receiving lessons from agencies outside of school. We recognise how motivating and inspiring it is for our children to see other musicians perform. This was truly the case on Wednesday morning - the children were engaged throughout the performance and extremely keen to share their knowledge and thoughts. I was so impressed observing our children; they confidently used musical language when responding to questions posed by Chris, they were able to identify instruments they could hear in different musical pieces, and were also able to name the music being played, including Beethoven's Für Elise. It was a truly inspirational start to our day, and once again demonstrated what a talented group of children we have here at St Peter's.

Walk like an Egyptian

Yesterday, the children in Year 3 delivered a fantastic assembly to showcase the learning they have undertaken in their recent history lessons. The children dressed in fabulous costumes, sang, danced and shared a wealth of information about their learning. Thank you to the children for their excellent performance. Thank you also to Mr Edgar and the Year 3 team for their hard work in helping to make the assembly possible.

Year 3 trip

It has been a busy week for our Year 3 class; hot on the heels of their wonderful class assembly, today they visited Holland Park Synagogue to support their learning in RE. Currently the children are studying a unit of work entitled 'What does it mean to be Jewish?' During their visit, the children were given a tour of the synagogue and were told about the building's rich history. They also had the opportunity to engage in a meaningful discussion with a Rabbi. The children demonstrated our value of respect through the visit; they listened well and asked some insightful questions, in order to deepen their understanding and knowledge. Well done Year 3!

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 have already breached this threshold last term.

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**.** We recognise that at this time of year many children are affected by winter illnesses, which account for many of the absences we have seen. However, if there are any underlining 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 past two weeks:

	W/C 13th January	W/C 20th January
Reception	**99.3%**	**91.7%**
Year 1	**95.7%**	**98.7%**
Year 2	**97.6%**	**99.3%**
Year 3	**97.3%**	**98.7%**
Year 4	**97.7%**	**98.7%**
Year 5	**93.7%**	**92.3%**
Year 6	**96.0%**	**94.7%**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 17th January: **Year 4**
Class earning the most house points to 24th January: **Year 5**

	House points 17/01/25	House points 24/01/25	Total
Cross	**207**	**508**	**1071**
Fisher	**185**	**526**	**1130**
Rock	**236**	**579**	**1176**
Keys	**209**	**493**	**1066**

Headteacher's Award

	17th January	24th January
Reception	**Lottie & Vivienne**	**Micah & Wilf**
Year 1	**Kezzie & Sofiia**	**Oscar & Ella**
Year 2	**Alba & Ryka**	**Gabriel & Cosima**
Year 3	**Lucy & David**	**All of Year 3**
Year 4	**George & Amber**	**Sylvia & Louanne**
Year 5	**Charlie & Alfie**	**Harry**
Year 6	**Eliagh & Rira**	**Zac & Luke**

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.

17th January – Juniper (Y1), Carter (Y3), Lola (Y4), Aurelia & Chloe (Y5)
24th January – Allan & Zeno (YR), Carter & Seb (Y3), Serenity (Y5)

Sports Awards

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

	W/C 6th January	W/C 13th January
Reception	**Sam & Lola**	**Digby & Lottie**
Year 1	**Dia & Freddie**	**Felix & Thea**
Year 2	**Redd & Kyra**	**Belle & Archie**
Year 3	**Carter & Lucy**	**Alaric & Ella**
Year 4	**Rio & Olivia**	**Tom & Imo**
Year 5	**Talia & Alfie**	**Harry & Amie**
Year 6	**Eliagh & Phoebe**	**Sipara & Zac**

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,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
WC 27/01/25		STEM Week
29/01/25		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**