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.

2nd April 2025

On Friday we come to the end of the spring term and the second term of the academic year, where has the time gone? Despite this being the shortest of the three terms, in true St Peter's style we have managed to pack so much into the past twelve weeks.

Activities include: Arts Week, an Arts Exhibition, World Book Day events plus a book character catwalk parade, STEM Week, DT Day, a whole school Poetry Recital, two class assemblies, a 5-day residential visit for our Year 6 children and a special service for Ash Wednesday led by Father Stephan. We have also participated in numerous borough-led and interschool sporting competitions and a debating competition held at Latymer Upper School. We have undertaken trips to places of interest to enrich the children's learning including: the National Army Museum, Science Museum, Kew Gardens, Fulham Palace and Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve.

Added to this, we recognised and celebrated International Women and Girls in Science Day, Neurodiveristy Week and Martin Luther King Day. We joined other schools across the country in supporting Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week and Comic Relief. We even found time to host a special breakfast for all of our hard-working mums and female carers! Plus, our fabulous PTA team, supported by so many of you, hosted a fabulous Auction night and two discos for the children to enjoy!

Despite all of this, we like to keep going until the very end, so on Monday we organised a special trip to Holland Park for our winning house team Fisher. Tomorrow we plan to hold our annual egg decorating competition and Easter egg roll, then on Friday immediately after church we will draw our Easter Egg raffle in the school hall with the children. This is always a highlight of the spring term for the children, the anticipation and excitement grows with each donated egg. Our Easter Egg raffle not only creates huge excitement with the children, but also helps us to raise a considerable amount of money for our chosen charities. In addition to this, our House Captains organised a food collection in support of Sunday Suppers and our School Council arranged a book collection for Read to Grow, a charity which provides books to schools, orphanages and shelters in countries where books are scarce. Thank you to everyone who has supported these causes. We will finish the term with a whole school service in St Peter's Church.

Phew, after all this, we definitely need a holiday and a few chocolate eggs!

- **Friday 4th April** – Please join us for our end of term Easter service which will be held in St Peter's Church at **9am**.
- **Friday 4th April** – Term ends at **2pm**.

- **Tuesday 22nd April** – Summer term begins
- **Saturday 26th April** – Bridge to Bridge Event

If I don't see you personally before Friday, I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break with plenty of fun times, hopefully lots of sunshine and a few chocolate treats. Next term will be even busier than this one - I know that does not seem possible – as we look forward to our big school events such as Sports Day, Health and Well-being Week and our whole school summer production. Please do also try to get some rest - difficult I know, when you have small children! Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all for the start of the summer term on Tuesday 22nd April.

Parental Questionniare

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent parental questionnaire, we received 52 responses representing 35% of our community. 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	96%	4%	0%
My child feels safe at St Peter's	98%	2%	0%
St Peter's makes sure its pupils are well behaved	92%	6%	2%
My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	11%	4%	6%
	79% 'my child has not been bullied'		
St Peter's makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	83%	11%	6%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	71%	4%	2%
	23% 'I have not raised a concern'		
My child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	20%	2%	6%
	72% 'my child does not have SEND'		
St Peter's has high expectations for my child	83%	8%	9%
My child does well at St Peter's	88%	4%	8%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	92%	4%	4%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at St Peter's	98%	2%	0%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at St Peter's	100%	0%	0%
St Peter's supports my child's wider personal development	83%	4%	13%
I would recommend this school to another parent	96%	4%	0%

A few of the additional comments we received:

The school is first class in all respects, both caring/developmental and focused on academic competence. We particular like the emphasis on performance (plays/singing) which gives the children confidence, especially in front of an audience.

I am delighted with the progress my child has made since joining St Peter's. She is happy, motivated and enthusiastic about her learning and is establishing lovely friendships. I feel extremely fortunate that my child attends such a wonderful school which has a firm commitment to ensuring the development of the whole child. Thank you to the brilliant team at St Peter's for their continued hard work, it really is a very special place.

It's a truly wonderful school and wonderful team at the school - we are very lucky parents to have our boys there.

The issue of homework is always a very contentious topic, and something that people always have very varying views on. The changes we implemented in November 2024 appear to be very popular with the majority of our families, however is it something which we plan to keep under constant review.

Bridge to bridge sponsored walk

The PTA are organising a bridge-to-bridge sponsored walk, which will take place on **Saturday 26th April**. The walk/scoot/cycle will start at **9.30am** in St Peter's Square. From there, participants will head out via Barnes Bridge and then Hammersmith Bridge. Parents, children, friends and family will finish at The Old Ship - with thanks to parents Alice and Jo Goodeve for providing a warm welcome and chance to sit down!

This popular event is returning this year after a short break - it is a great chance for the school community to get out together and enjoy our wonderful surroundings. Tickets and further details available via the year WhatsApp groups, or https://pay.collctiv.com/bridge-2-bridge-walk-sat-april-26th-98499

St Peter's On Tour!

Over the past few weeks, a number of our classes have been out and about in the local area:

Reception

Linked to their topic about habitats, Reception visited Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve. The children enjoyed a morning mini beast hunt and pond dipping, exploring the different habitats within the reserve. During the visit the children spotted a newt, a woodpecker and plenty of woodlice. After a very busy and exciting morning they returned to their classroom, tired but very happy, to enjoy their packed lunch.

Year 1

Last Friday the children in Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Kew Gardens where they took part in a plant scientists workshop. As part of the workshop, the children looked at plants under a microscope, sketched flowers, learnt about the different needs of plants and went foraging in the gardens. After a fun-packed session, the children had the opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens and adventured around the play areas.

Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting day at Gunnersbury Museum, where they stepped back in time to explore the Stone Age! During their hands-on workshop, they learned how early humans made tools, discovered fascinating artefacts and even tried their hand at creating their own shelters using wood and clay. This fun and education-packed experience brought history to life for the children, helping them to better understand how people lived long ago.

Year 4

On Tuesday 12th March, Year 4 participated in a wildlife survey session at Ravenscourt Park, led by Urbanwise. The session was aimed at deepening their understanding of local wildlife and exploring ways to support it. The children took part in a pond observation activity, where they explored the pond's ecosystem and identified various creatures living there. This was followed by a wildlife survey, during which they observed and recorded different species found in the park. Additionally, the children planted seeds hoping to entice more wildlife to the area.

Urbanwise has asked us to share the link below, as they are currently considering future plans for the wildlife area and would greatly appreciate any parental feedback. If you are able to spare a few moments, please visit the attached link https://shorturl.at/T22oj . On behalf of Urbanwise, thank you in advance for your support.

On Monday 24th March, Year 4 participated in the Women's History Trail, celebrating the incredible women who shaped our past and those making a difference in our borough today. During the trail, the children learned about influential figures such as suffragettes, artists, performers, and trailblazers in politics and television. Notable names included May Morris, a pioneering embroidery designer and Janet Olufunmilayo Adegoke, London's first black female mayor. The children were inspired by their stories of resilience, creativity and leadership and they asked lots of brilliant questions.

On Friday, 28th March, Year 4 visited the Science Museum for the exciting 'It Takes Guts' workshop, which perfectly complemented their recent learning about the human digestive system. During the workshop, the children embarked on an adventurous journey inside the human body. The session was full of surprising and squirm-inducing moments!

Year 5

The children in Year 5 took part in the Bridges 4 Schools workshop at Bute House, that explored the engineering process of building a bridge. They were tasked with building small-scale bridges with K'NEX pieces that could support a weight up to 10kg. Additionally, they built a life-size bridge capable of taking the weight of an adult, with the guidance of some of the workers who are helping to restore Hammersmith Bridge. Everyone bravely tested the bridge by walking across it; luckily the brief was met and the children all crossed the bridge safely!

PTA Auction Event

Thank you once again to everyone who supported our PTA Auction event or Silent Auction. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to purchase a 3-year lease to have 100 iPads in our school, providing a full class set of iPads that can be shared between two year groups. These iPads will offer our pupils the ability to engage with interactive lessons, explore a wealth of educational apps and collaborate in ways that are impossible with traditional resources alone. This investment in technology will support personalised learning, foster creativity, and help our children develop the skills they need for success in an increasingly digital world, and will further enhance teaching and learning across all areas of the curriculum.

Spirituality

During our Collective Worship sessions, we regularly take time to stop and reflect upon the awe and wonder around us. The contributions made by the children, staff and parents are recorded in a special book which is kept in the main school. Some of the comments made this week include:

'***Blossom on the trees smells lovely as I cycle to school.***' Isaiah (Y4)
'***Tiny droplets of water on the leaves***.' Poppy (Y4)
'***Looking at the stars through the roof of the car whilst driving at night***.' Tom (Y4)

Uniform

When we return to school after the Easter break, the children are 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. 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 children can be affected by seasonal illnesses, however 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 two weeks:

	w/c 17th March	w/c 24th March
Reception	**99.0%**	**95.0%**
Year 1	**97.7%**	**99.0%**
Year 2	**98.6%**	**97.9%**
Year 3	**98.3%**	**97.7%**
Year 4	**96.0%**	**97.0%**
Year 5	**97.2%**	**96.9%**
Year 6	**97.0%**	**97.0%**

Headteacher's Award

	21st March	28th March
Reception	**Lily & Luke**	**Sam & Digby**
Year 1	**Thomas & Evita**	**Elsie & Astrid**
Year 2	**Ernest & Eliza**	**Leonora & Helen**
Year 3	**Alfred & Katie**	**Carter & Marina**
Year 4	**Tsegtsbiligt & Charlotte**	**Jemima & Dylan**
Year 5	**Nicky & Talia**	**Leon & Jamil**
Year 6	**Michaela & Elsa T**	**Edward & Wynie**

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.

21st March – Cosima (Y2), Orly (Y4), Belle (Y2), Lola (Y4)
28th March – Digby (YR), Alba (Y2), Lucy (Y3), Tilly, Becca & Amie (Y5), Georgie (Y6)

Sports Awards

	17th-28th March
Reception	**Digby, Melodi, Otis, Suki**
Year 1	**Elsie**
Year 2	**Ai, Cosima, Eliza, Rosa**
Year 3	**Lukas**
Year 4	**Charlotte & Reyan**
Year 5	**Becca & Tilly**
Year 6	**Eliagh & Becky**

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 Easter break,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
03/04/25		Easter Egg Rolling
04/04/25	9am	Easter Service in Church
04/04/25	2pm	**End of term**
22/04/25		**Children return to school**
22/04/25		Earth Day
22/04/25		Stephen Lawrence Day
01/05/25		**Reception Class Assembly**
05/05/25		**Bank Holiday**
WC 12/05/25		Year 6 SATs Week