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 December 2025

Unbelievably, the end of term is now less than three weeks away. Christmas has well and truly arrived at St Peter's and there is a lovely buzz of excitement in the air. Rehearsals for our Nativity play 'Knock! Knock!' and our Carols by Candlelight Concert are well underway; the children and staff are working hard preparing to bring the Christmas story to you all in our own very special way.

Our Christmas post boxes have been reinstated in the main school entrance and our learning corridor, to allow children to post any Christmas cards they wish to send. Obviously, it is only for cards being sent to pupils and staff at St Peter's School - cards to Granny and Grandpa will remain the responsibility of the Royal Mail! If your child would like to use our special Christmas post box, they must remember to write the recipient's name and year group clearly on the envelope.

In addition to our Christmas tree, which will be arriving later in the week, our Parent Prayer Group have placed a prayer tree in the school entrance area. Cards, ribbon and pens have been left next to the tree for anyone wishing to write and add a prayer.

As always at this time of year, the school is extremely busy. Please ensure that you have made a note of the key events before the end of term.

- On **Friday 5th December** we will be holding a non-uniform day for the children. In return for them being allowed to wear their own clothes to school on this day, we would ask each child to bring in a bottle for the Christmas fair tombola. Thank you in advance for your support.
- On **Saturday 6th December** please join us at our Christmas Fair from **12pm – 4pm**; please come along and bring your friends and family with you too, it is going to be a great day.
- On **Wednesday 10th December**, the PTA are planning to host a family disco from **5pm – 7pm** in the school hall.
- Reception and Key Stage One Nativity play will be performed at **10am** on **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December** in the main school hall.
- Carols by Candlelight is led and performed by children in Key Stage Two; the event will be held in **St Peter's Church** on **Tuesday 16th December** at **4.00pm**
- Whole school Christmas service **Friday 19th December** at **9am** in St Peter's Church. Afterwards, you are all warmly invited to join us back in the Scott Hall for a mince pie and a cup of tea.

In addition to this, we have lots of events planned for the children to enjoy:

- As a school we will be supporting National Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 11th December** in aid of Save the Children. We would like as many children as possible to swap their school

jumper for a Christmas jumper on this day. Please note that children are still required to wear the rest of their school uniform on this day.

- ❖ As we will all be wearing our Christmas jumpers, our School Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 11th December too.**
- ❖ On **Thursday 18th December**, the children in Key Stage Two will participate in the St Peter's Christmas Quiz, whilst our younger children will enjoy a Christmas Party with games and lots of dancing!
- ❖ Our end of term service will take place in St Peter's Church on **Friday 19th December** at **9.00am**.

House Captains

Last Friday, our Year 6 House Captains led house meetings with the members of their teams. During these meetings, the children introduced a range of charities for their houses to consider supporting this year. Each House Captain spoke confidently about the charity they had researched, explaining why it is meaningful and highlighting the important work it carries out in the community and beyond.

The children engaged thoughtfully in the discussions and then voted for the charity they wished their house to support. We are incredibly proud of how well the children presented their ideas and the maturity they showed in making their choices.

The selected charities for each house are as follows:

- **Fisher** – Hounslow Animal Welfare Society
- **Keys** – Great Ormond Street Hospital
- **Rock** – NSPCC
- **Cross** – Save the Children

Toy Swap Event

Special thanks to everyone who supported our Toy Swap event last Thursday and Friday, which is an important part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability. By giving pre-loved toys a new home, we're not only reducing waste, but also helping families clear space before the festive season. Rehoming toys ahead of Christmas ensures that items which might otherwise be forgotten or thrown away can bring joy to someone else. It's a simple act that promotes mindful consumption, encourages children to think sustainably and strengthens our community in a meaningful way. Thank you to Mrs Noonan for organising this event again this year, and to Rob for his invaluable help.

AIM High

Alongside children from three other local primary schools, five of our Year 5 children participated in an exciting maths workshop called *AIM High*, where they were challenged to use and apply their mathematical knowledge to solve a variety of problems. Throughout the session, the pupils worked collaboratively, explored different strategies and showed great perseverance when tackling more complex tasks. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their reasoning skills and deepen their confidence in maths. The children worked extremely hard throughout the day and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Year 4 Class Assembly

The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons was the theme for Year 4's assembly. The children did an incredible job of sharing the wealth of information that they have obtained during their history lessons this term. In addition to some fantastic acting, the children sang with gusto and delivered their lines with great confidence and enthusiasm, it really was a joy to watch. Their costumes were amazing too, and helped the children to transform into their characters. A truly fantastic performance, well done Year 4! Special thanks to Miss Birkett and the Year 4 team for supporting the children with their assembly.

Our Big Questions

Special thanks to Rev. David Hill, who visited school last week to answer some of the big questions generated by our Reception children during their RE lessons this term. Rev. Hill responded thoughtfully and warmly to the children's enquiries, helping them to explore their ideas with curiosity and confidence. Rev. Hill has kindly agreed to visit other classes a later points in the school year.

Off to the palace…

Over the past two weeks, two of our classes have visited Fulham Palace in order to enrich their learning in history. Firstly, the children in Year 4 visited Fulham Palace and participated in an immersive Vikings workshop. Throughout the day, the class stepped back in time to deepen their understanding of life during the Anglo-Saxon and Viking period. They explored letters written in Old English and learned how language has changed over the centuries. The children also had the chance to try on a range of Viking clothing, giving them a real sense of what people might have worn in the past.

One of the highlights of the workshop was re-enacting a Viking tale, bringing ancient stories to life through drama and role-play. The group also examined and discussed a fascinating selection of artefacts, carefully investigating what these objects can tell us about Viking daily life, beliefs, and craftsmanship. It was a fantastic, hands-on learning experience that truly enriched their history topic and helped the children build a vivid understanding of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Following on from this, the children in Year 1 had a wonderful time visiting Fulham Palace as part of their history learning on toys from the past. The children explored the beautiful grounds, took part in a hands-on workshop and learned how toys have changed over time. A highlight of the day was making their very own peg dolls, using traditional methods just like children did long ago. It was a fun, creative and memorable experience that brought their history topic to life!

Preparing for advent

In order to give the children a meaningful, first-hand understanding of how different churches prepare for Advent, Mr Edgar and the Year 3 class visited St Nicholas Church in Chiswick, in addition to spending time in our local parish church, St Peter's. The purpose of these visits was to support the children's research into Advent traditions, symbolism, and the ways in which Christian communities prepare for this important season in the liturgical calendar.

During their visits, the children observed the distinct ways each church arranges its worship space in the lead-up to Advent, including the use of colours, decorations, and liturgical artefacts. They asked thoughtful questions, explored the meaning behind the Advent wreath and candles, and learned how church leaders and congregations prepare spiritually for the Christmas season. The experience not only deepened their understanding of Christian practices, but also encouraged curiosity, reflection and appreciation for the diversity within local faith communities.

National Gallery Visit

Yesterday, 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 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 in RE this half term.

History enrichment visit

Last week, the children in Year 5 were lucky enough to visit an air raid shelter located right at our doorstep – underneath St Peter's Church! Charles kindly gave the children a tour of the crypt beneath the church. Although it was originally intended to store the coffins of past church officials (which are still there), it was used as an air raid shelter during the Blitz by local members of the public. In fact, Charles told us that he had recently officiated at the funeral of a lady who had been a pupil at St Peter's and had sheltered in the crypt herself. Once the children returned to the classroom, they used this story and their visit to write a diary entry as though they were a child during the Blitz.

He's behind you!

Oh no he isn't, oh yes he is…

On Monday 17th November, the children from Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Lyric Theatre to watch their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. As always, it was a fabulous show, which left the children and staff feeling full of Christmas cheer. The children had an enjoyable morning and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Christmas Trees

Thank you to everyone who purchased their Christmas tree with us this year. As a result of all of your purchases we have raised an incredible £2,500 and sold over 120 trees, which is up 35% from last year. Special thanks to Andi Koonce and Katie Kelly who led this fundraiser this year, we are hugely grateful for their hard work and support. Please send us your photographs of your beautifully decorated trees to add to our Instagram page.

Movie Night

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who organised our Movie Night. Almost 150 children enjoyed watching Monsters Inc whilst enjoying a range of tasty treats.

Supporting maths at home

This half term, we have delivered three mathematics workshops aimed at supporting parents and carers in developing greater confidence when helping their children with maths at home. Each session explored practical strategies, key curriculum areas, and simple, engaging activities that can be used to reinforce learning outside the classroom.

Thank you to everyone who attended one or more of the workshops. We greatly appreciate the time you took, not only to participate in the sessions, but also to complete the feedback forms. Your comments and suggestions provide us with valuable insights that will help to shape future sessions.

Special thanks to Miss Milligan, Miss Edmondson and Miss Miller for their hard work, planning and enthusiasm, all of which were instrumental in making these workshops such a success.

Living out our vision and promoting school values

Earlier this week I received an email from an ex-parent, who also happens to be a teacher at a local private school. She contacted me to celebrate the values she had seen demonstrated in our pupils when she invigilated the school's entrance exam. She described the children as '***delightful and very well-mannered and a credit to St Peter's***'. Another wonderful example of our children living out our values beyond the classroom.

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.

During the first few weeks of our Collective Worship sessions this half term we have been exploring the Big Question: ***'How might we show God's love in the way that we live*?**

Last week we were delighted to welcome Reverend Helena Whittaker, Chaplain of Lady Margaret School, to St Peter's. Reverend Helena reflected on our Big Question and encouraged the children to consider the qualities they believe a king should embody. Words such as *kind*, *respectful*, *honest* and *fair* were shared thoughtfully.

The children then explored the qualities shown by Jesus and discussed how he demonstrated these virtues to others. Building upon this reflection, they were invited to "go through the door" and identify three qualities that best describe them, along with the ways they show these qualities in their everyday lives.

During our Collective Worship session on Friday, the children shared their reflections with great thoughtfulness, showing that they had given real consideration to the task set. We then turned to the "window," reflecting on both the "wow" moments that fill us with awe and wonder and the "ow" moments that bring sadness or concern.

Special thanks to the parents who have already sent in photographs of these "wow" moments—it has been truly inspiring to share them during our Collective Worship sessions. To continue this reflection at home, we warmly invite you to capture any "wow" or "ow" moments you experience with your child and send photographs into school by Thursday each week. These will be shared during our Friday morning Collective Worship.

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.

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 2026 -2027 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 17th November	Week commencing 24th November
Reception	**95.7%**	**95.3%**
Year 1	**99.0%**	**93.7%**
Year 2	**94.3%**	**95.7%**
Year 3	**99.3%**	**96.3%**
Year 4	**95.3%**	**88.0%**
Year 5	**97.7%**	**94.3%**
Year 6	**97.7%**	**90.3%**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 21st November: **Year 6**
Class earning the most house points to 28th November: **Year 6**

	House points 21/11/25	House points 28/11/25	Total
Cross	**359**	**390**	**3942**
Fisher	**406**	**457**	**4290**
Rock	**432**	**239**	**3961**
Keys	**383**	**473**	**4067**

Headteacher's Award

	21st November	28th November
Reception	**Victoire & Vivi**	**Celia & Bertie**
Year 1	**Ferdie & Lola**	**Sasha & Imran**
Year 2	**Astrid & Rufus**	**Ella & Saskia**
Year 3	**Helen & Ryka**	**Georgina & Rosa**
Year 4	**Whole class for assembly**	**Dylan & Ella**
Year 5	**Charlotte & Surafel**	**Louanne & George**
Year 6	**Bowen & Chloe**	**Nicky & Amie**

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 November – Lily (Y1), Clemmie (Y2), Ally (Y4), Zach (Y6)
28th November –Allan (Y1), Juniper (Y2), Clara (Y3), Hunter (Y4), Jemima (Y5)

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:

	21st November	28th November
Reception	**Juno & Haruto**	**Max & Kyra**
Year 1	**Micah & Sebastian**	**Melodi & Robert**
Year 2	**Saskia & Mia**	**Gabriel & Evita**
Year 3	**Cosima & Vincent**	**Cosima & Rex**
Year 4	**Marina & Bear W**	**Thor & Ottolie**
Year 5	**Poppy & Orly**	**Lennox & Thibault**
Year 6	**Alfie & Lucy**	**Otto & Becca**

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

December		
03/12/25		International Day of People with Disabilities
06/12/25		PTA Christmas Fair
11/12/25		Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Lunch
16/12/25	10am	Nativity Play (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
16/12/25	4pm	Carols by Candlelight (Key Stage 2)
17/12/25	10am	Nativity Play (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
18/12/25	9.30am	Christmas Quiz (Key Stage 2)
18/12/25	1.30pm	Christmas Party (Reception & Key Stage 1)
19/12/25	9am & 2pm	Christmas Service in Church & End of Term