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 October 2026

The new term is now well underway and, incredibly, we have just three school weeks left until half term — and a mere **84 days until Christmas!** Where is the time going? *Strictly Come Dancing* has returned to our screens, the evenings are beginning to draw in and there is a definite autumnal feel in the air.

With the changeable autumn weather now upon us, please ensure that your child brings a **coat or jacket to school each day**. As a split-site school, the children regularly walk between our two sites throughout the day. Even when the weather prevents us from having an outdoor break, the children will still need to make this journey several times, so having a suitable coat with them is essential.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support — and here's hoping for plenty of crisp, bright autumn days ahead!

Meet our new SENCO

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to welcome Miss Barclay to our school community. Miss Barclay will continue to join me on the school gate each Monday and Friday morning for the rest of this half term, so if you haven't already done, please do pop by and say 'hello'. In addition to this, Miss Barclay will host her first coffee morning on **Friday 9th October from 9am – 10am**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Home-School Communication

At St Peter's, we hugely value the importance of positive and effective home–school relationships. By working together, we can ensure that every child feels happy, supported and able to thrive, both academically and personally.

In line with our Home School Communication Policy, which is available on the school website, we would like to remind parents and carers of the appropriate process to follow should you have a query or concern.
In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher, who will usually be best placed to answer your question or address any concerns. If the matter cannot be resolved at this stage, it will then be escalated to an appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Following this process helps us to ensure that queries and concerns are dealt with by the right person, as promptly and effectively as possible.

We greatly appreciate your support in following these procedures and, as always, thank you for working in partnership with us to achieve the very best outcomes for our children.
School Policies – St Peter's CE Primary School

Black History Month

Throughout the month of October, we will be celebrating Black History Month, a month that honours the history of black communities and recognises the great achievements made by black leaders, activists and icons, who have shaped life as we know it.

Thank you to Mr Coleman for planning our Black History Month celebrations this year. If you would like to contribute or become involved with the work we will be doing with the children during black History Month, please contact Mr Coleman via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk to share your ideas.

Celebrate our Community Day

On Thursday 17th October, we will hold our first Celebrate Our Community Day of the year. The day takes inspiration from Black History Month, with the chosen theme being 'Honouring Our Communities.' Our big question for the day is: **"What can we do to make our community stronger?"**

Throughout the day, the children will explore the contributions of people in Britain, and consider the many different ways individuals strengthen communities: through creativity, care, leadership, campaigning, sport, friendship and bringing people together. This is not simply a day for learning about famous individuals, we want children to understand that communities are built by people: artists, writers, NHS workers, volunteers, campaigners, sportspeople, coaches, neighbours, families, teachers and children themselves.

At the end of the day, children will have the opportunity to share their own cultural backgrounds and family traditions. We encourage each child to bring in one item that represents their heritage; this could be a traditional item of clothing, a family photograph, a meaningful book or another culturally significant object or artefact.

The day will conclude with our annual Family Supper, which will take place in the Scott Hall between 5pm and 7pm. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a school community to share food and spend time together, we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Please bring along a dish to share – this can be homemade or shop bought – but please remember that we are a nut free school. **Please note that all children who attend this event must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. The children will remain the responsibility of their adult throughout the evening.**

PGL

After three exhilarating days at PGL last week, Year 5 have washed off the final traces of mud and have settled back into their daily routine following their exciting adventure. During their time away the children enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities including: aeroball, archery, zip wire, problem solving and rock climbing. Although the children were experiencing many of these activities for the very first time, they were incredible and their lights shone brightly, their team spirit and support for one another permeated all aspects of the trip. Special thanks to Mr Edgar, Miss Royer, Miss Baptiste and Mr Phillips for accompanying the children on the trip this year.

Year 6 Assembly

Yesterday, Year 6 delivered a fantastic assembly based around the Greeks, which is the focus for their learning in history this term. This is the last class assembly the children will lead at St Peter's and they certainly went out on a high; delivering their lines, singing and acting with such confidence and energy, anyone would think that they had been performing assemblies for the past seven years! A massive silent cheer to Year 6 and special thanks to Miss Birkett, Miss Bell, Mr Phillips and Miss Renard for their hard work in helping Year 6 to prepare for their assembly.

Fun Run for Macmillan

Last Friday morning, our Year 6 children headed to Ravenscourt Park with an ambitious challenge ahead of them - to collectively run the equivalent of a marathon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Shooting Star Children's Hospices — two incredibly worthwhile charities, with Shooting Star being particularly close to our hearts following the wonderful support they have given to the Hollis family.

The children were absolutely fantastic! Some had clearly eaten their Weetabix that morning, as they completed lap after lap of the 600m course carefully marked out by Miss Birkett. It was a true team effort and wonderful to see the children supporting one another throughout, offering words of encouragement and cheering each other on as the laps added up.

A huge well done to every child who took part and to the staff who helped make the challenge possible. We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience and team spirit shown by everyone involved.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated and will help to support the invaluable work of these two charities.

Harvest Festival

Just a reminder, that we will be holding a service on **7th 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 was sent out earlier in the week containing details of the items most needed by our chosen 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.

Parent Prayer Group

Thank you to members of our Parent Prayer Group who met this morning to complete a short prayer walk around the two school sites. Our Parent Prayer Group is open to everyone, if you would like to attend, please email the school via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk for more information or speak to Lizzie Kendal (mum to Juno Year 4) directly.

PTA Comedy Night – Tickets on Sale!

Tickets are still on sale for our first PTA fundraiser of the academic year! Please join us at Scott Hall from **7.15pm** on **Thursday 8th October** for what promises to be a fantastic Comedy Night, featuring five brilliant acts ready to keep us entertained throughout the evening. Those who joined us for our Comedy Night in May will know just how much fun the evening was — and this is definitely one not to be missed!

Best of all, every penny raised will go towards our Air-Conditioning Fund, helping us to make our school an even more comfortable environment for our children. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, so gather your friends, book your tickets and join us for an evening of laughter while supporting our school!

Spirituality

At St Peter's, we continue to embrace the approach to spirituality known as **'windows, mirrors and doors'**.

- **Windows** help us to look out into the world and notice its wonders — the joyful *'wows'* as well as the more difficult *'ows'*.

- **Mirrors** encourage us to look within and reflect, both individually and together. They help us to see more clearly, ask important questions and learn from one another's thoughts and experiences.
- **Doors** invite us to step forward and put our reflections into action, encouraging us to make a positive difference in the world and in the lives of those around us.

This week, during our Collective Worship sessions, we have been exploring the big question:
'How does God lead us?'

Over the past few weeks, we have continued to explore the story of Moses and the Israelites, reflecting upon the great faith and trust Moses placed in God as he led the Israelites out of Egypt. We have also considered the response of the Israelites after they had been rescued. Despite all that God had done for them, they became worried and complained when they found themselves without enough food and, later, without water. In contrast, Moses remained humble and continued to put his faith and trust in God, turning to Him for guidance and help when faced with these challenges.

At the end of our worship on Tuesday, the children were encouraged to remember that God cares for us, even when times are difficult. We reflected upon the importance of remaining humble, trusting in God and being ready to seek His help and guidance when we need it.

Celebrating Our 'Wow' Moments
Thank you to everyone who has already sent in photographs this half term for us to share during our Friday Collective Worship sessions. These special *'wow'* moments give us an opportunity to pause, notice and celebrate the wonder of the world around us — and the children (and staff!) always love seeing them. Please do continue to capture those special *'wow'* moments whenever you encounter them and send them to communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk by Thursday lunchtime each week, so that we can share and celebrate them together during our Friday morning Collective Worship.

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 Skills4Life. The staff from Skills4Life will collect the children from their school club at 4.30pm and look after them in the Scott Hall until 6.00pm.

Parents who register their children for Skills4Life 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 wider 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 Skills4Life 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 Skills4Life, as we do not have staff available after 4.30pm to supervise uncollected children. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

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 part of our uniform for all pupils and can be purchased directly from the school office. Despite this being only our fourth 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 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 21/9	Week commencing 28/9
Reception	**98.7%**	**98.3%**
Year 1	**97.7%**	**98.7%**
Year 2	**97.3%**	**99.7%**
Year 3	**94.3%**	**97.3%**
Year 4	**99.0%**	**96.7%**
Year 5	**97.2%**	**90.0%**
Year 6	**97.3%**	**99.0%**

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 be back at school four 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

	25th September	**2nd October**
Reception	**Victoria & Ettie**	**Victoria H & Miles**
Year 1	**Max & Victoire**	**Lucy & Eleanor**
Year 2	**Lily & Felix**	**Sonia & Vivienne**
Year 3	**Saoirse & Martha**	**Felix & Kez**
Year 4	**Lilyan & Redd**	**Gabriel & Georgina**
Year 5	**All for PGL**	**Bear N & Martha**
Year 6	**Sylvia & Lawson**	**All for class assembly**

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.

25th September – Martha & Saoirse (Y3), Kleo (Y4), Lawson & Zach (Y6)
2nd October – Ella (Y2), Felix & Ellie (Y3), Katie (Y5)

Sports Awards

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

	25th September	**2nd October**
Reception	**Oscar & Ariadne**	**James & Marlie**
Year 1	**Flora & Eleanor**	**Monty & Archie**
Year 2	**Otis & Lola**	**Suki & Otis**
Year 3	**Saoirse & Max**	**Elsie M & Rufus**
Year 4	**Isla & Xander**	**Lilyan & Vincent**
Year 5	**PGL**	**Lucy & Felix**
Year 6	**Pawel & Olivia**	**Rio & Rose**

House Points

	House points 2/10/26	Total
Cross	**554**	**1158**
Fisher	**557**	**1296**
Rock	**642**	**1528**
Keys	**610**	**1449**

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

07/10/26	9am	Harvest Festival (Church)
08/10/26		World Dyslexia Day
08/10/26		Year 5 Class Assembly & World Mental Health Day
15/10/26		Celebrate Our Community Day
15/10/26	5pm	Family Supper
16/10/26		Show Racism the Red Card (children & staff wear red)
20/10/26		Year 2 Class Assembly
21/10/26		DT Day 1
WC 26/10/26		Half Term