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.

3rd September 2025

Welcome back everyone; I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. I would like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new children, families and staff who join our school this year; we are delighted that you have chosen St Peter's and we very much look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months.

As you will see from the attached dates list, we have lots of exciting events and enrichment opportunities planned for the year ahead. The list will be uploaded onto the school website and will be added to as the year progresses and additional trips and events are planned.

Also attached to this newsletter is our parent information booklet, which we update annually. Please take time to read through the information provided; please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Thank you

On behalf of the entire staff team, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the thoughtful cards, generous gifts, and kind words we received at the end of last term. Your appreciation meant a great deal to all of us.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Birkett who became engaged to her partner Jordan during the summer break. On behalf of the entire school community, we wish them both every happiness for the future.

Vision and Values

Our vision statement and values are displayed on our website. This week we will spend time focusing upon our vision and values.

The holistic character of our vision is reflected in six values — **courage**, **perseverance**, **kindness**, **service**, **respect** and **thankfulness** — which are embedded in practices across the school. These values provide a framework that is rooted in the Christian tradition, but are inclusive and accessible to all, to support our commitment to enable the flourishing of all pupils. By deliberately and intentionally cultivating these values, we seek to ensure that, as individuals and as a school community, we shine in our lives together, and our works give glory to God.

Behaviour

We have 4 school rules which were chosen in consultation with pupils and staff. Our rules are clear and easy for the children to remember:

- We are respectful
- We are kind
- We will listen
- We are safe

We believe that if the children follow these four simple rules they will demonstrate positive learning behaviours, which will support their academic development. Following these rules will also help to ensure that our school environment is one where everyone is safe, valued, respected and treated with kindness, just as Jesus taught us.

Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of our pupils is the responsibility of every staff member at St Peter's. Regular training is provided to all of our staff to ensure they are able to act swiftly, effectively and compassionately, should they be made aware of a safeguarding concern. This academic year, Mrs Noonan will continue in the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead. Miss Milligan and I will continue in the role of Deputy Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Hester Carro and Miss Siobhan Murray will remain as our Safeguarding Governors.

SIAMS

At some point this academic year, our school will undergo a SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). These inspections happen approximately every five years, and play an important role in evaluating how well a Church school's Christian vision shapes its work, and helps both children and adults to flourish. We will receive five days' notice before the inspection takes place.

SIAMS is an opportunity for us to celebrate the things which make our school a nurturing, inclusive, and spiritually grounded place for every child and adult. We deeply value your ongoing support and partnership as we continue to live out our Christian vision together. If you witness your child or another child in our school demonstrating any of our values, or undertaking self-initiated acts in line with our values, please do share this with us, so that we can celebrate this together as a school community. If you have any questions about the inspection or would like to learn more about our school's Christian ethos, please feel free to get in touch.

Update/General Housekeeping

PE lessons and Spanish lessons will commence this week. Mr Walters will continue as our PE Coach working in school five days per week. Ms Jensen returns as our Spanish teacher and will be working the equivalent of one day per week, but will be splitting her hours across two days – Tuesday and Wednesday.

Starting this year, children may come to school wearing their official school PE kit on PE days and remain in it for the entire day. Please ensure that only the designated school PE kit is worn—no other sportswear, including branded or football kits, is allowed.

On days when children do **not** have PE, but are attending a before or after-school sports club, they must wear their regular school uniform during the school day.

This new rule will be reviewed at the end of the autumn term.

Children attending after-school sports clubs must also wear the official school PE kit—football shirts or non-school sportswear are not permitted.

Additional Reminders:
Please send your child to school each day with a full bottle of water (water only—no juice or fizzy drinks).

Toys are not allowed in school. Please ensure your child leaves them at home.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing the correct school uniform (see website for details) and with all of the equipment they require for the school day.

At the end of the school day, children will be brought to the following gates and dismissed by their class teachers at the following times (see below). We have staggered the collection times slightly to reduce congestion at the gates and to support parents/carers who have to collect more than one child. For health and safety reasons, please can we ask that you move away from the school gate as soon as you have collected your child, to ensure that there is adequate space on the pavement for people to pass by.

Time	Main Playground Gate	Main School Gate	Reception Gate
3:20			Reception
3:25	Year 2		Year 1
3:30	Year 3 and Year 5	Year 4 and Year 6	

Open Classroom
Please come along to our Open Classroom event on **Thursday 11th September**. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to meet your child's class teacher and view their classroom. All of the classrooms will be open between 3.45pm and 5.00pm, so you can call in at a time which is convenient for you.

Attendance
Attached is a list of term dates, 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.

Punctuality
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. 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.

Clubs
A clubs list will be sent out tomorrow morning. Clubs will resume the week commencing **15th September**. Please note that during the weeks when our extra-curricular clubs are not running, JAG will extend their provision from 3.30pm until 6.00pm.

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 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

01/09/25		INSET Day
02/09/25		INSET Day
03/09/25		Children return to school
September		East and South Asian Heritage Month
04/09/25		Vision and Values Day
10/09/25	5pm	Year 5 PGL Meeting
11/09/25	3.30pm – 5pm	Open Classroom Event
WC 15/09/25		Clubs to restart
16/09/25	5pm	Reception Phonics Meeting
24/09/25		Year 5 Residential Visit
25/09/25		Year 6 Class Assembly
26/09/25		Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser