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.

6th March 2026

We have reached the end of another very busy fortnight here at St Peter's. This week we celebrated our now infamous Arts Week, a highlight in the school calendar for both pupils and staff alike.

The theme for this year's event was 'The Art of Words', which gave us the opportunity to celebrate the power of storytelling, language and creative expression across the arts.

Special thanks — and a huge St Peter's silent cheer — go to Mrs Noonan, who once again organised our Arts Week. She facilitated a rich programme of workshops, providing the children with the opportunity to work alongside professional artists who delivered inspiring sessions and generously shared their expertise.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful parents who gave their time to come into school this week. We were delighted by the strength of parental support we received. Every class enjoyed at least two workshops led by members of our parent community, which is greatly appreciated and has such a positive impact upon the children's learning and engagement. Thank you.

Further details about Arts Week will be included in Mrs Noonan's Arts Week newsletter, which will be sent out in due course.

In the meantime, I would like to warmly invite you all to attend our **Arts Café on Friday 13th March from 3.00pm**, where you will be able to view the wonderful work produced by the children during Arts Week. Please note that every child in the school will have work displayed at this event.

The end of term is hurtling towards us at quite a rate; please note some key diary events which will take place before the end of term:

- **Friday 13th March –** Please join us in the Scott Building **from 3pm** to view the wonderful work produced by the children during Arts Week.
- **Week commencing 16th March** – Celebration of Neurodiversity Week.
- **Wednesday 25th March** – Prayer Day.
- **Thursday 26th March** – Egg decorating and egg rolling competitions.
- **Friday 27th March** – Please join us for our end of term Easter service which will be held in St Peter's Church at 9am.
- **Friday 27th March** – Term ends at **2pm**.

In addition to the dates listed above, the House Captains will be running their annual Easter Egg raffle to raise money for their chosen charities, the winning house will enjoy a special treat, and a number

of class trips have been planned to places of interest around London to support the learning taking place in the classroom.

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day coincided with our Arts Week, bringing an added sense of excitement and creativity to the celebrations for our children. As always, we were incredibly impressed by the imaginative and thoughtful effort shown by everyone. The children looked fantastic and represented a wonderfully diverse range of books and genres, highlighting not only their creativity but also the importance of reading widely and developing a genuine love of books.

The day began slightly differently this year, as we replaced our traditional parade with a shorter walk along the catwalk, followed by a poetry recital. At the end of the runway, each class performed a book-themed poem. As ever, every class and every child shone, delivering their performances with enthusiasm and confidence. It was a true pleasure to watch and a lovely reminder of how reading supports both creativity and self-expression.

Throughout the day, classes took part in a range of book-related activities, including sharing their favourite stories and discussing the inspiration behind their costumes. These moments provided valuable opportunities to celebrate reading, encouraging children to reflect on books that inspire them and helping to nurture a lifelong passion for literature. Our Key Stage Two pupils also joined schools across the country to watch the BBC Bitesize Live World Book Day Lesson, which proved both engaging and enjoyable.

To conclude the day, teachers stepped beyond their own classrooms to visit other year groups and share a story together. It was difficult to say who enjoyed this more - the children or the staff. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and meaningful day that reinforced the central role books and reading play in our school community.

Special thanks go to Miss Miller and Miss Birkett for organising this year's Book Day activities and poetry recital.

Save the date

Our next big PTA Fundraising event will take place on Friday 8th May at Barley Mow. More details to follow, but for now please ensure that this date is in your diary, as it will be an event not to be missed.

Secondary School Offers

Earlier this week, the children in Year 6 received their state secondary school offers. Applying to secondary schools (both within the state and private sector) can be a challenging time, and our children have handled the process admirably, displaying a very mature and positive attitude. We are hopeful that all of the children will be offered their school of choice, however if this does not happen on the first round of offers, please notify myself or Miss Milligan and we will do our best to offer the necessary support and advice.

Every year, a number of our pupils also apply to schools within the private sector. This can be a gruelling and lengthy process involving references, examinations and interviews. Despite this fact, we have been overwhelmed by how well the children have performed again this year and have been delighted to hear the many success stories, with many of our children receiving numerous offers, which often also involves them being offered scholarships as a result of how well they have performed. We are in the process of compiling these details so that we can share them with our school community in due course.

Our Year 6 class are a wonderful cohort of children, and we are incredibly proud of each and every class member. Whichever secondary school they end up attending in September, I can honestly say that those schools will all benefit from our children joining their school communities. Well done Year 6!

Internet Safety

Year 6 recently took part in an engaging Internet Safety workshop designed to help them make smart and responsible choices online. The session reminded pupils of the importance of protecting personal information, being kind and respectful in online spaces, and knowing what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable. Pupils also learned about the minimum age requirements for popular apps such as TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram, helping them understand why these rules are in place. The workshop stressed the importance of not sharing passwords unless they are your trusted adult. It was a valuable session that encouraged thoughtful discussion and reinforced how everyone can play a part in creating a safer digital world.

Army Museum

Last Thursday, our Year 2 children visited the National Army Museum to support their learning in history. During the visit, the children participated in a workshop which focused upon the work of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children also considered the impact that the work these two incredible women undertook during the Crimean War has had upon nursing practices today. The children participated enthusiastically in the activities presented to them, enjoying the opportunity to observe a range of artefacts, participate in some role-play scenarios and share their own knowledge on the topic. After their packed lunch - which was obviously the highlight of the day and was much talked about almost as soon as the children set out on the trip - the children enjoyed touring the museum and seeing the exhibits on display. A fun day of creative learning was enjoyed by all, well done Year 2.

Aim High

Last week we welcomed six primary schools from across the borough, each sending a group of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, to take part in a Maths Workshop led by the company Aim High. During the day, the children participated in a range of maths games and activities that challenged them to use and apply their mathematical knowledge in engaging and practical ways. The workshop proved to be both great fun and an enriching learning experience for all of the children involved.

Lent

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Ash Wednesday service last week, it was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance. Special thanks to Rev Charles for leading our service and to the children who wrote and delivered prayers and readings from the bible.

Uniform

We have noticed recently that a number of children are arriving at school wearing training shoes, jewellery, nail polish and rather elaborate hair accessories. None of these items are allowed as part of our school uniform. For more information, please visit https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Uniform
Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Parent Evening Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent parent/teacher meeting events, it was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance.

Spirituality

During our Collective Worship sessions this half term, we are focusing on the theme of God's Son, Jesus, and exploring the big question: *'How can we prepare for Easter by looking at Jesus' example?'*

In our recent worship sessions, we have been reflecting upon Jesus' time in the desert, thinking particularly about how he might have felt when faced with temptation and where he found the strength to resist it.

As part of these discussions, the children talked about times when they themselves have been tempted to do the wrong thing and how they responded to those situations. I must admit, from our conversations it was clear that Jesus showed far greater strength than many of our children, who happily shared stories of moments when they had perhaps not made the best choices—secret sweet eating featured quite highly! That said, when discussing more important challenges, the children showed a clear understanding of the right choices to make and spoke thoughtfully about who they could turn to for support when facing difficult decisions.

We also talked about the ways in which the children are observing Lent and remembering Jesus' sacrifice. Some have chosen to give up things they enjoy, such as chocolate, sweets or crisps, while others are trying to do something positive during this time of reflection - such as saying something kind to someone each day or making healthier choices - drinking more water has been my personal challenge again this year! As always, the children impressed me with their ability to reflect deeply and their willingness to share their thoughts and experiences with others.

As part of our Collective Worship each Friday, we also share 'Wow' and 'Ow' moments together as a school community. Last Friday, several children shared lovely photographs from their half-term holidays. The children always enjoy seeing their pictures displayed on the large screen in the hall and using them as prompts for reflection. Please do continue to send these into school, as we all gain a great deal from sharing these experiences with one another.

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 recently.** 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:

	Week commencing 23rd February	Week commencing 2nd March
Reception	**98.7%**	**98.3%**
Year 1	**98.0%**	**98.9%**
Year 2	**95.0%**	**98.9%**
Year 3	**94.3%**	**98.9%**
Year 4	**94.8%**	**98.3%**
Year 5	**98.3%**	**95.6%**
Year 6	**93.0%**	**97.8%**

Headteacher's Award

	27th February	6th March
Reception	**Louis & Emile**	**Arts Week**
Year 1	**Hollis & Digby**	
Year 2	**Evita & Alex**	
Year 3	**Gabriel & Indiya**	
Year 4	**Lumie & Martha**	
Year 5	**Rose & Isaiah**	
Year 6	**Olive & Josiah**	

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.

27th February – Robert (Y1), Clara (Y3), Evalyn (Y4), Miss Birkett

Sports Awards

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

	27th February	6th March
Reception	**Lucie L & Louie**	**Arts Week**
Year 1	**Felix & Alice**	
Year 2	**Arthur & Ella**	
Year 3	**Belle & Kyra**	

Year 4	**Martha & Xavier**	
Year 5	**Sadie & Pawel**	
Year 6	**Isaac & Tilly**	

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 27th February: **Year 2**
Class earning the most house points to 6th March: **Year 5**

	House points 27/02/26	House points 06/03/26	Total
Cross	**365**	**523**	**3860**
Fisher	**334**	**455**	**3763**
Rock	**391**	**560**	**3892**
Keys	**364**	**450**	**3614**

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**
13/03/26		Mum's/Female Carers' Breakfast
13/03/26		Arts Cafe
WC 16/03/26		Neurodiversity Celebration Week
20/03/26		World Down Syndrome Day
25/03/26		Prayer Day
26/03/26		Egg Rolling and Decorating Competition
27/03/26	9am & 2pm	Easter Service & End of term