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.

9th January 2026

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you all enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break, filled with time spent with loved ones, moments of laughter and opportunities for reflection. It has been a pleasure to speak with many of you over the past few days, and to hear about your Christmas celebrations and experiences. On behalf of the entire staff team, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for the beautiful cards, generous gifts and kind words we received at the end of last term. Your thoughtfulness and support are truly appreciated.

As the Christmas decorations are carefully packed away for another year, we turn our attention to the spring term and the fresh opportunities it brings. Although this is the shortest of our three school terms, it is one that is rich in experiences and learning. A wide range of events and activities have been carefully planned to support creativity, curiosity and engagement across the school, enhancing the children's learning experiences and encouraging them to flourish in many different ways.

This term will include our second Design and Technology Day, a Poetry Recital Assembly and the celebration of World Book Day, when both children and staff will come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. We will also be holding STEM Week, during which the children will focus upon Science, Technology and Mathematics, followed by our infamous Arts Week, where the whole school will spend time exploring and experiencing a wide range of artistic disciplines. These opportunities reflect our commitment to developing the whole child - nurturing imagination, problem-solving, collaboration and confidence.

Later in the term, we look forward to hosting a second music evening, providing children who are learning a musical instrument with the opportunity to showcase their developing skills and talents. In recognition of the invaluable contribution made by our hardworking mums and significant female carers, we will be hosting a special breakfast in March, with dads and significant male relatives enjoying their turn later in the school year. In addition, every class will take part in at least one educational visit this term, and our Year 6 pupils are eagerly anticipating their five-day residential visit in February - a valuable experience that supports independence, resilience and personal growth.

At St Peter's, we remain fully committed to ensuring that every child is supported to achieve their full potential within a happy, safe and nurturing environment. Alongside our high expectations for learning and behaviour, we place great importance upon supporting the spiritual flourishment of our children and staff - encouraging individuals to reflect, ask questions, develop a sense of purpose and grow in an understanding of themselves and the world around them. Through our daily reflections, collective worship and shared values, we strive to help our children become thoughtful, compassionate and responsible individuals.

We will continue to closely monitor and evaluate children's progress throughout the term, while also celebrating and promoting events that support emotional and physical wellbeing, including Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week. These opportunities help reinforce our vision of a community where everyone is valued, supported and able to thrive.

Strong home-school partnerships are central to our vision, and we greatly value your ongoing support. Should we have any concerns regarding your child, we will contact you directly to discuss them. Likewise, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher via **communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk**. We will always endeavour to work together in the best interests of your child.

As we begin 2026, we look forward to a positive, purposeful and enriching year ahead, as we continue to grow and flourish together as a school community.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Mr Coleman and his wife on the birth of their second daughter. Emilia (Emmy) Coleman was born on Monday 29th December weighing 3.10kg. Both mummy and baby are doing well. We look forward to meeting Emmy when she is a little older, and also to welcoming Mr Coleman back to school (for what I assume will feel like a rest!) after his paternity leave on Monday 19th January.

Spirituality

During our Collective Worship sessions this half term we are focusing upon the theme of God's Son, Jesus, and are exploring the big question:
'What can we learn about Jesus—and how should we respond?'

On Tuesday, we learnt more about Epiphany, a celebration in the Christian calendar that remembers the visit of the Wise Men (Magi), who followed a star to find the baby Jesus and bring him gifts. Through this story, we explored how Jesus was revealed as God's Son to the world. The children reflected thoughtfully upon the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, considering the deeper meaning behind each one, and what they tell us about who Jesus was and why he came.

We also spent time discussing why the Magi were chosen for this important journey, and why they listened to God rather than returning to King Herod as they had been instructed. These conversations encouraged the children to think about courage, wisdom and making the right choices - even when they may be difficult.

The Magi's dedication to studying the scriptures inspired our next challenge to find out more about Jesus. The children enthusiastically embraced this task, carrying out their own research at home and in school. During this morning's Collective Worship, we shared together the facts we had discovered.

During our Collective Worship sessions, we always link our key message back to our school vision and supporting values. As a school community, we spend time each day reflecting upon how we can live these values through our thoughts, words, and actions. By looking through *windows*, *mirrors*, and

doors, we encourage our children and adults alike to notice the world around them, reflect on their own beliefs and behaviours and take positive steps forward.

Through shared worship, reflection and discussion, we continue to nurture a community where everyone is encouraged to flourish - spiritually, emotionally and socially - knowing that every individual is valued, supported and celebrated as part of St Peter's.

School Lunch Payments

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed towards the cost of our school meals, all of the donations received are greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a **voluntary donation** towards the cost of your child's lunch, please go to **IRIS ParentMail - Payments - Shop - Donation**. Thank you in advance for your support, it is hugely appreciated. A suggested donation is £1.00 per day (£5.00 per week) although you are very welcome to donate more if you are able to do so.

House Trip

Today the children from the House team Fisher enjoyed a trip to Vue Cinema in Shepherds Bush to watch a screening of the animation film Zootopia 2. The children were wonderful ambassadors for our school and a fun time was had by all.

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. As we begin a new term, 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 saw towards the end of last term.** However, if there are any underlying medical conditions that we need to be made aware of, or any issues that 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 this week:

	W/C 5th January
Reception	**98.3%**
Year 1	**98.3%**
Year 2	**96.3%**
Year 3	**97.9%**
Year 4	**97.1%**
Year 5	**96.3%**
Year 6	**96.7%**

Headteacher's Award

	9th January
Reception	**Archie & Lucy R**
Year 1	**Pipper & Melodi**
Year 2	**Oscar & Freddie**
Year 3	**Vincent & Alba**
Year 4	**Seb & Lucy**
Year 5	**Lennox & Sylvia**
Year 6	**Jamil & Tom**

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.

9th January – **Ruby (Y1), Vincent (Y3), Clara & Louis (Y5)**

Sports Awards

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

	9th January
Reception	**Flora & Cy**
Year 1	**Luke & Digby**
Year 2	**Theodore & Joss**
Year 3	**Rex & Chara**
Year 4	**Bear & Marina**
Year 5	**Sadie & Clara**
Year 6	**Amie & Isaac**

House Points

Class earning the most house points to 9th January: **Year R**

	House points 09/01/26	Total
Cross	**248**	**248**
Fisher	**219**	**219**
Rock	**207**	**207**
Keys	**240**	**240**

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 2026,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
05/01/26		INSET Day
06/01/26		Children return to school
09/01/26		Winning House Reward from Autumn term
WC 12/01/26		Clubs to restart
13/01/26	5pm	Year 6 Information Meeting (Farm and SATs)
19/01/26		Martin Luther King Day
21/01/26		Year 3 Class Assembly
WC 26/01/26		STEM Week
28/01/26		DT Day 2
WC 02/02/26		Children's Mental Health Week
04/02/26		Year 1 Class Assembly
04/02/26		PTA Valentine's Disco – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
05/02/26		KS2 Valentine's Disco
06/02/26		NSPCC Number Day
WC 09/02/26		Year 6 Residential Visit
10/02/26		Safer Internet Day & International Women and Girls in Science
WC 16/02/26		Half Term