

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



SUMMER TERM 2024/25
1ST HALF TERM



Summer

Class

Photo Day

A reminder to all parents and carers that Class Photo Day is coming up on Thursday 22nd May.



Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform, looking neat and tidy, ready for their class photo. We appreciate your support in helping everyone look their best!

Our Christian Value this term is...



Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed spending quality time with your children over the two-week holiday. Easter is such a special time of year, a season where we reflect on spring, new beginnings, and the incredible sacrifice Jesus made.

As we race through the Summer Term, it's lovely to see the warmer weather beginning to arrive. It's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by! We have lots to share with you - highlights from last half term and exciting events to look forward to in the coming weeks. We hope you enjoy reading this half-term's newsletter.

As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns, please do let us know. Thank you, as always for your continued support of St Peter's - it truly means a great deal.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

St Peter's was filled with joy, creativity and reflection as we marked the Easter season with a range of wonderful events and activities.



Our EYFS and KS1 children proudly took part in the Easter Bonnet Parade, showcasing a fantastic array of colourful, imaginative and beautifully crafted bonnets. It was a delight to see their smiling faces and the effort that went into each design - thank you to all the families who helped make them so special! KS2 pupils took on the challenge of decorating Easter eggs, resulting in a stunning display filled with creativity and personality. The variety of designs was truly impressive, and it was clear that a lot of thought and care went into every single entry.

We also held two meaningful collective worships to help the children reflect on the significance of Holy Week. EYFS and KS1 explored the theme of service and humility through a special 'Washing of the Feet' worship for Maundy Thursday, while KS2 pupils took part in a moving 'Way of the Cross' service, helping them to understand the journey of Jesus and the message of hope and new beginnings.



Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful Easter break. The children returned full of stories and it was lovely to see them ready for the exciting summer term ahead. Our topic this half term is 'In the Garden'. We begin with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Jasper's Beanstalk*. We'll be planting and growing sunflowers and cress, and we've even received a special delivery of caterpillars! The children will care for them and watch as they transform into beautiful butterflies. This term, we will be focusing on listening for and writing initial sounds in words, recognising numbers 1-10, counting objects, counting forwards and backwards, and forming the letters in our names correctly. These are all great skills to practise at home too. In RE, our new topic is 'Special Places'. The children will explore what places are special to them and why. We'll also be making another visit to our local church. Each week, your child will bring home a 'Home Learning Challenge' and a library book to share. Reading regularly at home is so important—it helps build vocabulary and supports literacy development. Please keep an eye on the school website for updates, photos and videos of the children's learning. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to a member of the Nursery team. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Nursery News



Reception News



Our final term in Reception—how quickly this year has flown by! It's been a joy to watch the children grow, and we're looking forward to a fun and busy half term ahead. Our topic this half term is In the Garden. We'll be exploring the world of mini-beasts and discovering how plants grow. Our key texts include *Superworm*, *Things with Wings*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*, which will inspire lots of discussion, writing, and creative activities. The children are already enjoying our new role play area, which has been transformed into Gordon Rigg Garden Centre—perfect for some imaginative gardening fun! In maths, we'll be developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills through word problems and practical activities. We'll also be exploring number patterns, including odd and even numbers, and learning to use positional language to describe where things are. In RE, we'll be starting our topic Special Places. The children will have the chance to talk about places that are meaningful to them and the memories they've made there. We'll also learn about some of the special places that were important to Jesus, such as the temple. Please continue to read regularly with your child and write a short comment in their reading record. Your support at home makes a huge difference to their progress.

Welcome back to the first half of the summer term! We have lots of exciting and engaging activities planned in Year One. In RE, our new topic is Which Stories Are Special and Why? We will explore stories from different religions, learn why they are special to believers, and consider the impact these stories have on their lives. The children will learn key events and retell them from different perspectives. In maths, we'll focus on fractions, 3D shapes, money, time, and continuing to build on addition and subtraction skills. In English, we'll start with fairy tales and fantasy stories, then move on to writing letters, information texts, and poetry. In science, we begin our new topic on plants. Children will explore garden and wild plants, label their parts, and learn about how plants grow. In geography, we will study Animals and Their Habitats, exploring continents and identifying where different animals live. In art, we'll be inspired by Andy Goldsworthy's Nature Art, using natural materials to create our own land art. With the Year One Phonics Screening Check approaching, please continue to practise phonics at home. Helpful links are available on the 1CW and 1KW class pages. Please ensure reading books, records, and PE kits are in school daily. Homework, including spellings, is set on Thursdays and due the following Wednesday. We look forward to a fantastic half term ahead!

Year 1 News



Year 2 News

Welcome back to the summer term! We have lots of exciting events and activities planned, so keep an eye out for updates. In maths, we'll start by exploring multiples of 2, 5, 10, and 3 before moving on to fractions. Would you rather have half a pizza or three-quarters? We'll also continue our weekly 'MAD MINUTES' sessions, where children are timed completing times tables—ready, steady, practise! In English, our focus text is *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne. The children will make predictions, explore new vocabulary, sequence events, and answer comprehension questions. Towards the end of the unit, they'll write their own version of the story, changing the character the boy meets in the forest. In geography, our topic is What are the Seven Wonders of the World? We'll discuss what makes a 'wonder' and why certain landmarks are considered so special. Children will then create a persuasive brochure to encourage people to visit a chosen wonder. Our science topic is Plants. We'll study the life cycle of a plant and seed dispersal. Later, children will dissect seeds and bulbs to compare them and learn the function of each part. We've also planted vegetable seeds and can't wait to watch them grow! In RE, we'll explore 'What is the Good News Christians believe Jesus brings?' focusing on how Jesus and his disciples shared messages of hope and kindness.



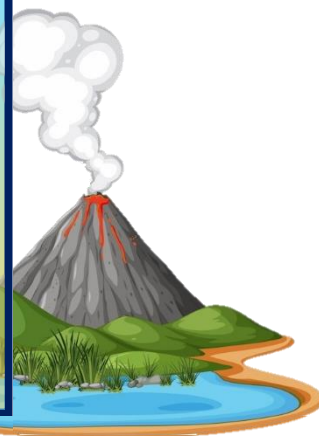
Year 3 News



Welcome back to another exciting and packed summer term! We hope you had a restful Easter break and didn't indulge in too many chocolate eggs. We have lots of fantastic learning opportunities ahead. In maths, we'll be working on both expanded and compact methods for addition and subtraction. The children will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and complete data handling activities. In English, we'll be focusing on stories from other cultures and persuasive writing. Children will develop their descriptive language skills to create holiday adverts promoting the South West coast of England—linking perfectly with our geography work. In RE, we'll explore **The Holy Trinity**, learning about its significance and how it influences the lives of Christians. Our computing lessons will turn us into communicators! Pupils will send emails, create digital presentations, and use video conferencing tools to share their work with the class. In geography, our topic is Coastlines, with a focus on British coasts, their wildlife, and tourism. We're especially excited for our visit to Blackpool Sea Life Centre and the coastline on Thursday 22nd May. In art, we'll study sculptures and design models to improve our school environment. PE takes place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday—please ensure kits are in school. Keep reading daily at home—every little helps! Homework and spellings are given out on Friday, with homework due Wednesday and spelling tests on Friday.

Wow – a new term already! We're very excited and have lots to achieve before moving up to Year 5. In English, we'll be debating the question: Are zoos good or bad? Using Anthony Browne's Zoo, we'll explore different viewpoints and end the unit by writing a balanced argument. Later in the term, we'll enjoy the hilarious stories of David Walliams to develop our reading and writing further. In maths, we continue to stretch ourselves by covering addition and subtraction, measurement, data, decimals, and fractions. We'll also keep practising our times tables as the Multiplication Check is fast approaching! In science, our topic is Trees. We're lucky to have such a variety on our school grounds, giving us plenty to observe and explore. By the end of the unit, we'll discover which trees are the oldest and youngest at St Peter's! In geography, we'll investigate Earthquakes and Volcanoes—learning how our Earth shakes, rattles, and rolls! In RE, our focus will be Pentecost, exploring its significance for Christians. In art, we're exploring Journeys, recording them through drawing and collage. Our French unit this term is All About the Body, learning vocabulary through fun and interactive activities. Just a reminder: swimming kits are needed every Monday, and PE kits should be in school for all PE lessons. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Year 4 News



Year 5 News



Welcome back, Year 5! We hope you had a restful Easter break and are ready for another exciting term of learning. In English, we'll begin by reading *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, exploring setting, character development, dialogue, and narrative style. Later in the term, we'll move on to persuasive texts and develop our own persuasive writing skills. In maths, we'll start by drawing and interpreting line graphs and using these to convert between imperial and metric units. We'll then further develop our calculation skills through reasoning and problem-solving tasks. Our science topic is Plants. We'll investigate the conditions needed for growth by exploring plants in our school grounds and planting our own in the classroom, observing how different variables affect them. In RE, we'll be exploring *The Bible*, focusing on how Christians use it for guidance. The children will reflect on who or where they seek advice in their own lives and compare this with Christian beliefs. Our geography topic is The Amazon Rainforest. We'll study the climate, biodiversity, and environmental threats facing this region. This links brilliantly to our upcoming trip to Chester Zoo, where we'll observe rainforest species up close. In art, we'll focus on Textiles, specifically silk painting. Inspired by *The Hobbit*, children will design and create beautiful pieces to take home and share with you. We're looking forward to a creative and inspiring term ahead!

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. In English, we'll focus on a variety of writing genres, giving children the chance to edit and redraft their work to reflect their full potential. We'll begin with *Wuthering Heights*, exploring how the ending could be changed. Then, we'll move on to *The First Drawing* by Mordicai Gerstein and *The Secrets of Stonehenge* by Mick Manning, using these texts to inspire information writing. In maths, we'll begin with measurement, followed by work on scale factor, ratio and proportion. Children will also complete Freckle Maths tasks and take end-of-unit assessments. Our TT Rock Stars class competition continues—let's see who wins by the end of term! In science, our biology topic is Evolution & Inheritance: Adaptation. We'll explore how features are inherited and how living things adapt to their environments. Our geography topic is How Will Our World Look in the Future? We'll study local changes over time and design our own visions for the future. In art, we'll be designing and creating our own hats or masks. In RE, we'll explore the theme How can following God bring freedom and justice? alongside our Christian Value of Friendship. We're excited for this final term and wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck with their SATs! Thank you!

Year 6 News





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Thank You for Attending Parents' Evening

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the who joined us for Parents' Evening. Your continued support and involvement in your child's education play a vital role in their learning and development.



It was a pleasure to share the progress your children are making and to work together in celebrating their achievements and setting goals for the term ahead. We really value the partnerships we have with our families and appreciate the time you took to engage with our staff.

Courageous Advocacy Week

Children across the school took part in our annual Courageous Advocacy Week – a time to learn about standing up for justice, fairness and the rights of others, even when it's difficult.

Courageous advocacy means speaking out against injustice and taking action to make a positive difference in the world.

Children explored the lives of inspiring individuals who have done just that, including:



Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, Emmeline Pankhurst, Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela, Florence Nightingale, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Oskar Schindler, William Wilberforce, Oscar Romero, Malala Yousafzai, Alfred Nobel & Gandhi

Through stories, discussions and creative activities, they reflected on the challenges these people faced and how their courage and compassion helped bring about lasting change.

The week encouraged pupils to think about how they, too, can be advocates for others – by being kind, brave, and ready to speak up for what is right in school, at home and in the wider world.

Frozen Frenzy



Join us for a Cool & Refreshing Ice Lolly Sale after school on Friday, 23rd May! Lollies are £1 each, with payment by cash or the School Gateway app. Treat your children and support our school—every lolly sold helps fund valuable resources and activities. See you there!



ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?

Our attendance target is: **96%**

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| Nursery | 91.0% | Rec S | 92.8% |
| Rec P | 93.2% | Year 1CW | 95.3% |
| Year 1CW | 94.0% | Year 2K | 96.2% |
| Year 2K | 96.2% | Year 2B | 95.8% |
| Year 3B | 94.6% | Year 3J | 96.3% |
| Year 4H | 94.0% | Year 4R | 95.3% |
| Year 5C | 97.0% | Year 5H | 95.3% |
| Year 6H | 96.1% | Year 6R | 95.7% |
| Whole School | | | 94.9% |

Well done to classes: **2K, 3J, 5C and 6H** for achieving the attendance target!

Attendance Matters, Every Second Counts!

If attendance is between 90-96% (8-20 days absence per year) it means that during primary years your child will miss 2 or more terms of education!



Headteacher Message

Well, here we are in the midst of the summer term, and I'm so pleased to say it's been a really successful half term for everyone. The children have continued to thrive in their learning and have thoroughly enjoyed making the most of the warm weather and all that our school grounds have to offer. It's been a joy to see them so engaged and happy. I hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of our school newsletter and reading about some of the highlights! Don't forget, the school website is regularly updated with the latest news and photo galleries, and each class page is full of information about current topics and upcoming events—do take a look. As always, if you'd like to talk about any aspect of your child's education, please feel free to pop in and see me.

Mr A Whelan