St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

Monday 3 November 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term 2025. We hope you had a restful half-term break. It's been lovely to see the children back in school today, ready to *Love, Learn, Shine* as we begin the second half of the term.

Daily Timings – A Quick Reminder

- **Start of day:** 8.45am (staff available from 8.40am)
- **End of day:** 3.15pm

School Car Park

The tarmac works in the main school car park, which form part of our overall drainage improvements in this area, could not take place at the end of the half term week as planned due to an issue with the supply of tarmac. These works have now been rescheduled for Monday 3 November from 9:00am. This means the fencing and restricted access to the back playground will remain in place until the work is complete. Access to and from the main playground at the back of school will be via the side of school past the Early Years entrance. We expect everything to return to normal by Tuesday at the latest. We apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete the final stages of these essential improvements to our site.

Join Us This Thursday – Open Classrooms & Online Safety Parent Sessions

We warmly invite all families to join us this Thursday, **6 November**, for two special opportunities to connect, learn, and support your child's journey.

🏫 **Open Classrooms – 3.45 to 5.00pm**

Step into your child's learning environment and see their progress firsthand. You'll have the chance to explore their classroom, celebrate their work, and chat informally with teachers. Children are very welcome to attend with you – we'd love to see them proudly sharing their achievements!

🌐 **Online Safety Parent Sessions – 2.30pm & 5.00pm**

We're also hosting two important sessions on online safety, led by **Keri Standen**, our CEOPs-trained Trust Safeguarding Lead. Keri brings a wealth of professional expertise in child protection, combined with a grounded, realistic perspective as a parent herself. Her sessions are designed to offer practical, honest advice on how to help children navigate the digital world safely and confidently. Whether you're tech-savvy or just starting out, you'll leave with useful insights and tools you can apply at home. To learn more about CEOPs, visit https://www.ceop.police.uk. We hope to see you there, your presence makes a real difference. The kettle will be on and everyone is warmly welcome.

Keeping Warm This Autumn – A Quick Reminder

As the weather begins to turn, we kindly ask that all children bring a **named coat** to school every day. Outdoor play and learning continue throughout the colder months, and a warm coat helps ensure your child stays comfortable and healthy while enjoying their time outside. Thank you for helping us keep everyone snug and ready for the season.

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School & Curriculum News

Following the wonderful feedback we received about our regular updates to the News section of the school website in the week before half-term (there were 15 posts in the final week of last term), we're excited to share a small but meaningful change to how we communicate with families. To make it easier for everyone to access regular content about school life and curriculum learning, we've now moved the **Curriculum News** section from the weekly newsletter to the **News Section** of our website.

This change means families can now scroll through updates at their own pace, exploring the articles that interest them most—whether it's a peek into classroom learning, a celebration of pupil achievements, or a spotlight on special events. We hope this makes staying connected with your child's learning journey even more enjoyable and accessible. It's all part of our commitment to helping every child *Love, Learn, Shine*.

Attendance

Good attendance is vital, and we appreciate your support in helping us keep attendance high. At St Peter's, we know that every day in school makes a difference. Good attendance is key to helping children make the most of their learning, build friendships, and grow in confidence. Each day brings new opportunities to *Love, Learn, Shine*—and we want every child to experience them all.

Of course, we understand that children can sometimes be unwell, and when that happens, we're here to help. If your child is struggling with attendance for any reason, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're always happy to work with families to offer support and find solutions together.

Let's keep the conversation going—because when it comes to learning, every day really does count.
If your child is unwell, please let us know via **admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk** so we can support appropriately.

Remembrance

As part of our Remembrance commemorations, we will be selling our usual range of items in support of the **Poppy Appeal** from **Monday 3 November until Monday 11 November**.
A huge thank you to our Year 5 & 6 children who will be helping with this at playtimes and lunchtimes.

- Basic poppies will be available for a minimum donation of **£0.50**
- Other items such as keyrings and wristbands will be available for a minimum donation of **£1.50**

On **Monday 11 November at 11.00am**, we will join the rest of the country and people around the world in observing a **two-minute silence** to mark Remembrance Day.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the school. If you have any questions or worries, you are very welcome to get in touch via **admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk** or by calling our friendly office team on **01423 569684**. Unless your query is time-critical, email is the best way to reach us.

Best wishes,

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