



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

Love Learn Shine

Monday 5 January 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Spring Term 2026. We hope you had a restful and relaxing Christmas and New Year break. Staff are busy in school today preparing for the term ahead and we all look forward to welcoming all the children back to school tomorrow.

News Updates

Wondering how to keep in touch with school life this spring term? The [News Section](#) of our website is the perfect way to stay connected with everything happening at St Peter's and to follow your child's learning journey. It's packed with stories that celebrate creativity, curiosity, and achievement all part of our vision to Love, Learn, Shine. It is the perfect way to keep in touch with school life. You can also follow updates via our [Instagram](#) page.

Daily Timings – A Quick Reminder

- **Start of day:** 8.45am children should be in their lines and ready to enter school (staff available from 8.40am). Children in Wren's class enter via their door and do not need to line up.
- **End of day:** 3.15pm

Please note it is not possible to supervise the fixed playground equipment before and after school and as such children should not use the equipment at these times. Thank you.

Entering School & Punctuality

We politely request and remind families that they should always aim for children to be in their class line for 8.45 ready to enter school with their class. Children should only enter via the main reception entrance door if this is their usual route (Herons, Eagles & Ravens) or if the side gates are closed and locked and children can not gain access to the side of school or back playground.

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.ybst.co.uk so we can support appropriately.

Photo Consents

As mentioned at the end of last term, our new photo consent process is now in place. Previous consents have been archived, so please update your child's consent in Arbor by Tuesday 6 January 2026. If no update is provided, we will assume no consent, and your child will not appear in any photos.

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 January 2026

Booking for our Parent Consultation Evenings is still open with appointments still available. Meetings will take place on Tuesday 13 January 2026 and Thursday 15 January 2026, from 3.45pm to 7.15pm. These appointments are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps for learning. Bookings can be made quickly and easily via the Arbor Parent Portal or the Arbor App. Thank you for your support in helping us make these meetings productive and positive for all families.

Winter Weather Clothing & School Closure Contingencies

As I am sure you are aware we have been experiencing some freezing temperatures in recent days and weeks. Although we are at the start of the Spring term the weather is still very wintery. Please ensure children have a named warm coat, and as needed, hats and gloves. Whenever it is safe, break and lunchtimes will be outside, so coats should be in school every day and clearly labelled. 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.

While rare, extreme weather or unforeseen events may require early closing, delayed opening, or full closure. We will always prioritise safety and keep families informed via Arbor messages, email, and the News Section of our website. If no message is issued, school will operate as normal. Please avoid calling unless essential so staff can focus on timely communication. There is more information regarding this available on our website [here](#).

Swimming

This term swimming will be on Wednesday afternoons with children leaving school at 12.45pm for a 1.15- 1.45 swimming session. Starlings class plus some children from across Year 5 will swim this term and should have already received a letter with further details at the end of last term. If any parents are available to help support with volunteering to accompanying the swimming group this term, please do get in touch by emailing admin@stpeters.ybst.co.uk or calling 01423 569684. Even if volunteers can only do some weeks, we would still love to hear from you.

School Stationery

As was the case last term school will provide all the necessary stationery items for children to use in school. Children should not bring any stationery items from home into school. Any items brought in will be kept safe and returned to the child or parent at the end of the day.

Snacks from home

While many, if not all of us enjoy an occasional sweet treat, it is important that we model a good, healthy balance to our children. We request that any snack sent for morning break is a piece of fruit, bread sticks or crackers or a similar healthy option.

Nut Aware

We are a Nut Aware School. This means where it is within our control for example the meals school provides there are no nuts or nut products used. We politely ask that children bringing in snacks and or packed lunches do not bring any nuts or seeds including hummus including any products that may contain nuts. We thank families for their support with this.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the school. If you have any questions or concerns you are very welcome to get in touch via admin@stpeters.ybst.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,

Mr Paul Griffiths – Headteacher