St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School
Love Learn Shine

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and previous versions can be found in the letters section of our website. Thank you for making the time to read this information each week as it is a key part of our communication with you. This letter and previous versions can be found in the letters section of our website.

Latest News - Website News Feed

🌟 Headteacher's Weekly Round-Up 🌟

What another busy, productive and enjoyable week it has been at St Peter's. One of the real privileges of my role is welcoming visitors into school and having opportunities to learn together as we continue to grow and develop.On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Pam Acheson, our Diocesan Adviser, as we continue preparing for our forthcoming SIAMS inspection. Pam worked alongside me throughout the day, observing Collective Worship, speaking with our Worship Leaders and spending time with Mrs Robbins exploring Religious Education and spirituality across the school. She was particularly impressed by how confidently our children spoke about their learning, faith and values, and by the evident pride they have in being part of the St Peter's family.Earlier in the week, it was also a pleasure to welcome Reverend Alan Garrow as he led our moving Act of Remembrance. Children engaged thoughtfully and respectfully throughout the day, continuing their learning through creative activities, dance, reflection and exploration of the experiences of those who have served their country.I have also thoroughly enjoyed spending time this week reading our 500-word story competition entries. I am steadily making my way through them all and have been genuinely impressed by the creativity, imagination and humour on display. Thank you to every child who entered. I will keep children and families updated once I have finished reading all of the entries and selected the winners.A huge thank you must also go to our Friends of St Peter's team. It was wonderful to see so many Key Stage 2 children

enjoying Movie Night on Thursday evening. Events such as these create memorable experiences for children whilst also raising valuable funds for the school. This week FOSP also kindly agreed to release more than £800 to purchase new playground equipment following requests from children. The new resources will provide flexible, movable equipment that children can use creatively to construct obstacle courses, challenges and imaginative play spaces. We look forward to sharing updates once the equipment arrives and is being enjoyed on the playground.Alongside these highlights, there has been plenty more to celebrate. Our website has showcased children's thoughtful Remembrance work, Year 1's visit to the local library, Year 5/6's collaborative storytelling projects, reflections from Collective Worship on trust and generosity, and our growing efforts to give families an even greater window into daily life at St Peter's. Together, they provide a wonderful snapshot of children living out our vision to Love, Learn and Shine each day.For all this and much more take a peek at the photos and stories that capture the energy and enthusiasm of life at St Peter's visit the News Section today. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to another busy week ahead, including our second Walk to School Day on Friday 20 November. I hope to see many of you joining us. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Griffiths

Headteacher



Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of Love Learn Shine. We will use this section of the newsletter each week to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

The Impact of News on Children - Internet Matters

The world is one of cycles. The current generation moving through the school system, are doing so in a time of particular instability. The consequence for the media landscape has been a shift from 'light' news to a constant stream of 'heavy' content. Online this trend has been inescapable whether to drive clicks or generate controversy, increasingly our media consumption has been overtaken by gloom.

News stories that would have once been unquestioned, now straddle the line of real and fake. For children and young people whose critical faculties are not yet fully developed, this can provoke a whirlwind of confusion. Confusion can breed negative mental health effects since one can no longer distinguish true from false.

Internet Matters has recently produced a page explaining what can be done, to help children and young people navigate an increasingly murky information space. If interested, please follow the link here.



Awards

✨ **This Week's SHINE Award Winners Are…**

⭐ **Early Years and Key Stage One**

Wrens - Eloise & Theo

Kingfishers - Arielle & Harvey

Sparrows - Bowie & Olivia C

⭐ **Year 3/4**

Owls - Phoebe & Seb

Starlings - Arlo & Riccardo

⭐ **Year 5/6**

Herons - Ayah & Leon

Ravens - Charlie & Felix

Eagles - Amelie & Ariana

☆Sharing Our Shine☆

Share Your Shine with Us

We love celebrating the amazing things our children and families achieve outside of school! Whether it's a sporting triumph, a creative project, a community event, or a personal milestone, we want to hear all about it. This is your chance to share successes, achievements and endeavours that make you proud. Our "Share Your Shine" section is dedicated to showcasing these wonderful stories and inspiring others. If you would like to feature here, please email us at admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk with a short description and any photos you'd like to include. Let's celebrate the fantastic things happening beyond the classroom together!





Margot completed her first fencing course this week and is now able to move up into the main group. She's the only girl remaining in the beginners' group and her partner is 14 years old, so, it's quite hard for her but she never gives up!



Sophie had the special honour of ringing the bells at St Peters Church during the Remembrance Day Service this week. Well Done Sophie!

Diary Dates - All diary dates are now on the Arbor Parent Portal

The term dates for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 are published on our website and can be accessed here. Please check when planning any holidays or appointments. Please note school are expected to process statutory penalty notices for unauthorised absences of 5 or more days.

Friday 20 November 8.25am- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

Thursday 3 December- Advent Music Concert in St Paul's Church- Everyone Welcome

Saturday 5 December 1-3pm- FOSP Christmas Fair- St Peters School- Everyone Welcome

Tuesday 8 December 2pm- Nativity Dress Rehearsal- in St Pauls- EY&KS1 Performing - KS2 watching, space for any family members unable to come to either of the other 2 performances.

Wednesday 9 December 2pm- Nativity Afternoon Performance in St Pauls Church- EY&KS1 Performing- Family & Friends welcome

Thursday 10 December 5pm- Nativity Evening Performance in St Pauls Church- EY&KS1 Performing- Family & Friends welcome

Friday 11 December 12pm- Whole School Visit to Panto- Sleeping Beauty- All classes. Early lunch for all in classrooms.

Tuesday 15 December- School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day- All classes. Usual uniform with Christmas Jumper as optional extra.

Thursday 17 December 9.30am - Christmas Service in St Peter's Church- All Year Groups, everyone welcome

Friday 18 December 1.30pm - Carols at the Alms Houses - All Year Groups, everyone welcome

Friday 18 December 2.00pm - School closes for end of Autumn term - All Year Groups

Christmas Holiday

Monday 4 January - INSET Day - School closed - All Year Groups

Tuesday 5 January - School Opens for Spring Term - All Year Groups

Friday 5 February 8.25am- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

February Half Term

Friday 12 March 8.25am- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

Thursday 18 March 9.30am- St Peters Church- Easter Service- All children and families welcome

Easter Holiday

Monday 10 - Thursday 13 May- Key Stage Two SATS Week- Year 6

Friday 21 March 8.25am- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

May Half Term

Monday 7 June- Friday 18 June- Year 4 Multiplication Check Window - Year 4

Monday 14 June- Friday 18 June- Phonics Screening Week - All Year 1 & Year 2 Rechecks

Friday 18 June 8.25am- Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from West Park Stray - All Years Groups Everyone welcome

Summer Holiday

General News & Key Messages

Merit Milestones

Children at St Peter's continue to demonstrate excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and a commitment to living out our school values each day. It has been a pleasure to celebrate so many achievements during our Friday SHINE Worships, where Bronze Awards are presented to children who have earned 50 merits.

Children are currently averaging around 40 merits each, so reaching the 50-merit milestone is a fantastic achievement. So far, 56 children have earned a Bronze Award, representing 23% of our school roll of 240 children. Across the school, children have already collected an impressive 9,771 merits, and we are now aiming to surpass 15,000 merits by Christmas.

We are also eagerly awaiting our first Silver Award winners, awarded to children who reach 100 merits. Parents can check merits and follow their child's progress at any time through the Arbor Parent Portal. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging children to Love, Learn and Shine every day.



Next Walk to School Walking Bus

Our next Walk to School Day takes place on Friday 20 November and we would love as many children and families as possible to join us.We will meet on the West Park Stray at 8.25am before making our way to school together. Whether you choose to walk, scoot, cycle, travel on two legs or even four, everyone is welcome. One of the highlights of these mornings is meeting some of our wonderful four-legged companions along the route!Our last Walk to School Day attracted more than 50 participants, which was a fantastic turnout. This time, let's see if we can reach our ambitious target of 75 children, family members and friends

joining us. It is a great opportunity to enjoy some fresh air, spend time together and start the school day in a positive way. We hope to see you there!



Remembrance Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported our Remembrance activities this year. On Wednesday, we held a moving and respectful Remembrance Service led by Dr Garrow from St Peter's Church. The children reflected thoughtfully on the sacrifices made by others and observed the occasion with great maturity and respect.

We would also like to thank families for their generous support of the Poppy Appeal. Your contributions help support veterans and their families, and we are incredibly grateful for the kindness shown by our school community. The response to the appeal has once again demonstrated the generosity and compassion that are such important values at St Peter's.

You can read more about our Remembrance Service in the News section of the school website.



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News



FOSP Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to a festive afternoon on Saturday 5th December, from 1-3pm

We'd be so grateful for your support in helping to make the fair a success.

Please see attached the details of the donations we need, along with the information about raffle tickets.



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our KS2 Movie Night. It was a fantastic success, and we hope all the children had a brilliant time. We are still waiting for the final count up but are delighted to say that is raised around £150 for our school!