



St. Peter's Academy Newsletter
06/09/2024

Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year - it has been wonderful to see the children back at St Peter's. As well as the new Reception children, we have several new families at the school and some new teaching assistants starting - a warm St Peter's welcome to them all.

New for this year! We are pleased to announce that class sharing assemblies will be held by each class over the year; parents will be invited to a class performance in the hall followed by a chance to visit the classrooms afterwards. Endeavour Class will be first in Term 1, followed by Navigator Class in Term 2. The full list of dates is shown below. We will also be introducing 'Star of the Week' certificates for each class; these will be given out in assemblies on Mondays.

Class curriculum meetings will be held next Wednesday (11th September) for all classes, except Explorer. Teachers will hold 2 meetings at 3.30pm and again at 4pm, so that parents can choose which to attend and if attend meetings in two different classes. Mrs Wallis will also be available for any SEND related matters.

We look forward to seeing you in school next week; have a great weekend,

Mark Everett and Gordon Nunn

Headteachers

Communication



Working in partnership with parents is very important to us. We believe that building a strong relationship with you, our parents, is vital in ensuring the best for the children. In order to achieve this, it is important that all parties respect the caring ethos of our school and treat each other with kindness and respect.

You are welcome to talk with the class teacher at the end of the school day when they will usually be on the playground. Sometimes teachers have meetings after school and so if you want to meet with them for a longer discussion, it is best to schedule a meeting, either in person or through the Class Dojo messaging system. During the school day, teachers are working directly with children and are not able to check Class Dojo messages so Class Dojo is best used for a quick, informative, non-urgent message/update. If you have an urgent message for the class teacher or your child during school hours, please contact the office admin.stpeters@dbat.org.uk or 01249 653537 and they will ensure this message is passed on.

Please note that although many parents have chosen to set up/be part of class WhatsApp groups (and we understand that these groups can be useful) these are not official communication channels of the school and are not monitored by members of staff. If you have any concerns, we encourage you to speak directly to the school.

Attendance



The beginning of the school day is an important time to ensure that children are settled, organised and ready to start learning. Lateness can not only have an impact on an individual child's ability to begin their learning but can also have a negative impact on the rest of the class as the class teacher has to spend time supporting late arrivals.

- Children should arrive at 8.45am with the register taken at 8.50am. Any child who is not in school when their name is called is marked absent. If the child arrives after the register is closed but before 9.10am, a late mark is entered in the register.

If arriving late at school after the gates have closed, please sign in your child at the office on the iPad. If you need to collect your child early your child needs to be signed out on the iPad by their adult.

If a child arrives after 9.10am then the register will be marked as **unauthorised absence** unless a valid explanation has been provided. Wiltshire Council will fine parents after 10 unauthorised sessions (half-days) - see below.

- Other than absence through illness or exceptional circumstances, we expect children to be in school for the full school day.
- Where possible, please book non-urgent medical appointments outside of school hours.
- Please only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances such as following serious or terminal illness, bereavement, or another traumatic event. We are unable to authorise holidays in term time. We understand that when children are unwell, they need time at home to get better and this is absolutely the right thing to do.
- Please notify the school as soon as possible via the office if your child will be unexpectedly absent (e.g. illness) Tel: 01249 653537, leaving a message if there is no answer or email admin.stpeters@dbat.org.uk Please inform the office on each day of absence.

In2Sports



We are changing our sports coach provider in September and using the opportunity to act on some feedback that parents and children have given us: As a result, rather than running whole-school clubs we will be trialling clubs more tailored at particular age groups. We are also reducing the prices and subsidising them using a grant that we receive as a school – clubs will now be at a very competitive rate of **£3 per session**.

In the first half-term (Term 1) there will be a **Year 1 and 2 MULTI-SKILLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** on Thursdays, starting on Thursday 5th September.

Year 5 and 6 will have a **FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** on Fridays after school, starting on Friday 6th September.

Please sign up on [Parent Pay](#). If we still have spaces we may consider opening up the clubs to other year groups.

Penalty notices for absence from school are changing.

The new government National Framework for Penalty Notices (fines) for unauthorised absences from school starts on 19 August 2024.

A parent/carer will receive up to two penalty notices for unauthorised absence over a three-year period for each child.



Penalty Notices are issued to each parent/carer for each child where there is unauthorised absence from school. For example, two parents of two children will have four separate fines.

When is a penalty notice issued?

When a pupil of statutory school age has 10 or more sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence from school in a 10 week period.

What is unauthorised absence?

A child's absence from school is unexplained or the school has not agreed the absence. For example:

- **Arriving late after register closes**
- A holiday in term time
- No reason provided for the absence • Other absence the school has not agreed to

How much will the fine be?

- First offence penalty - £160 per parent per child. Reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Second offence penalty (within three years) - £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- Third offence and further offences within three years. The third time unauthorised absence happens a penalty notice can't be issued and the case goes to magistrates court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

I need help to support my child to attend school. Speak to your school as they will work with you to support your child to return to school. You can also contact the Education Welfare Service for advice:

EWS@wiltshire.gov.uk

KS2 free school meals



For the children who have moved into Year 3, school meals will no longer be free for most children.

Click on this link to check if you are eligible for free school meals [Free School Meals](#)

You can still use the School Food United app to book the school meals.

FOSPA AGM Tuesday 10th September



With a new academic year starting there are new opportunities for people to join the FOSPA team, the following positions are open:

- FOSPA chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary

FOSPA will be having an AGM on Tuesday 10th September - all parents are very welcome to come.

If you would like to join FOSPA please get in touch with fospa.stpeters@dbat.org.uk

Vacancy



The Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust is currently looking to appoint an enthusiastic Area Site Manager to work across our schools based within our Wiltshire Hub.

For information and how to apply please use this link [Vacancy](#)

Wraparound Care

**ST PETER'S C OF E
ACADEMY**

Accepting Childcare Vouchers

WRAP AROUND CARE
MONDAY - FRIDAY ALL YEAR GROUPS (Ages 4-11)



Breakfast Club	After School Club Session 1	After School Club Session 2 Mon-Thurs only
7.45 - 8.45 am	3.30 - 4.15pm	4.15 - 5.30pm
£6.00	£5.50	£7.50
Breakfast Included	Snack Included	Light Tea Included

**BOOK NOW THROUGH YOUR
PARENT PAY APP**

Breakfast Club starts at 7:45 am, Monday - Friday

After-school club (Session 1) finishes at 4:15 pm, Monday - Friday

After-school club (Session 2) finishes at 5.30 pm, Monday - Thursday (no 2nd session on Fridays)

The costs are:-

- Breakfast Club £6 per session
- After School Club session 1 £5.50 per session
- After School Club session 2 £7.50 per session

You can book your places on [ParentPay](#) or if you pay by School Vouchers please use this form and you will receive a confirmation with payment details [BOOKING FORM TERM 1](#)

Traveling to school



We always encourage families to walk/scoot to school if at all possible. This is a great healthy lifestyle option and really helps with congestion.

If you do need to drive, please park considerately, avoiding double-yellow lines and people's drive ways. Also please ensure that enough space is left between parked cars to allow for emergency vehicles (E.g. Fire engines).

Dates for the diary 2024 - 2025



Class Curriculum Meetings - Wednesday 11th September 3.30pm and 4pm

Individual school photos - Tuesday 24th September

Teacher/Parents Evenings (Sign up details for Individual meetings coming shortly) - Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th September

Book fair - Tuesday 8th October - Monday 14th October

Endeavour Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 18th October 9am

Fizzy Disco - Wednesday 23rd October

Last day of Term 1 - Wednesday 23rd October

Navigator Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 13th December 9am

Pioneer Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 7th February 9am

Odyssey Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 28th March 9am

Voyager Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 23rd May 9am

Discovery Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 20th June 9am

Explorer Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 11th July 9am

Term dates 2024 - 2025

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024 -25 **Wiltshire Council**

September 2024					October 2024					November 2024							
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26		Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27		F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29
Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24	

December 2024					January 2025					February 2025						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25	
W	4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26
Th	5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27
F	6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28
Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23

March 2025					April 2025					May 2025							
M	3	10	17	24	31	M	7	14	21	28	M	5	12	19	26		
Tu	4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	6	13	20	27	
W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	W	7	14	21	28	
Th	6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29
F	7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25	

June 2025					July 2025					August 2025							
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25		W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26		Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27		F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29
Sa	7	14	21	28		Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24	31

Term dates summary:	
Term 1	02 September to 23 October 2024 38 days
Term 2	04 November to 20 December 2024 35 days
Term 3	06 January to 14 February 2025 30 days
Term 4	24 February to 04 April 2025 30 days
Term 5	22 April to 23 May 2025 23 days
Term 6	02 June to 24 July 2025 39 days
TOTAL	195 Days

Bank and Public Holidays 2024/2025	
Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2024
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2024
New Year's Holiday	1st January 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025
Easter Monday	21st April 2025
May Day Holiday	05th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2025

key:	
	School Holiday
	TD Day, school not open to pupils
	Bank holiday
	Term Time

Term 1: 04/09/2024 - 23/10/2024

Term 2: 05/11/2024 - 20/12/2024 (Finish at 2 pm - No after school club)

Term 3 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

Term 4: 25/02/2025 - 04/04/2025 (Finish at 2 pm - No after school club)

Term 5: 23/04/2025- 23/05/2025

Term 6: 02/06/2025 - 23/07/2025 (Finish at 2 pm - No after school club)

TD Days (children not in school): Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Monday 4th November, Monday 24th February, Tuesday 22nd April and Thursday 24th July.

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Wiltshire Museum, Devizes is holding the Oexmann Art Award Competition & Exhibition again this year and would like to encourage pupils from St. Peters to take part.

Entrance to the competition is free for under 18's, and we will try to display as many entries from children as possible in the exhibition afterwards (space permitting).

If you would like to take part, then all entries must be received at Wiltshire Museum during normal opening hours from Monday 23 to Saturday 28 September 2024. Entrance to the competition is open in the following categories: 6-11 and 12-18. Please check our opening times [here](#).

Details for artwork submission are as follows:

- There is no restriction on the subject of the artwork submitted
- Artwork can be in any two dimensional medium, i.e. painting; drawing; collage; printmaking (but not photography or computer generated). There is a strict size limitation of up to A3 for ages 6-14 and up to A2 for ages 15-18, on either card or heavy paper, and entries must be submitted unframed.
- 3D entries are also acceptable and can be in any 3D medium, e.g. papier-mâché or clay. Dimensions of 3D work must not exceed 25cm x 25cm x25cm

- Up to 2 entries per child
- Entry is free of charge

Important dates:

- Submissions: Monday 23 – Saturday 28 September 2024.
- Judging: Wednesday 2 October 2024
- Prize Ceremony: Sunday 20 October 2024
- Exhibition in the Museum's Art Gallery: 19 October until 23 November 2024

A full description of the rules and conditions of the competition can be found on the entry form, one of which must be submitted for each entry. Further details and entry forms are available on our [website](#).

We do hope you will take part in this exciting competition to help promote and encourage young Wiltshire artists and look forward to receiving your submissions.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at: oxmann@wiltshiremuseum.org.uk

With best wishes

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