



St. Peter's Academy Newsletter

24.04.2026

[Headteacher's message](#)



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started what are officially the Summer terms with lovely Spring weather and lots of new growth. Around the school, we are very grateful to our volunteers giving up their time to improve the school grounds, it is also wonderful to see the children involved in this through Gardening Club with Mrs Lloyd.

Our value this term is perseverance, which can be applied to school life in many forms, whether it is the Y6 children preparing for SATs, the sports teams we are sending to play in local matches, Mrs Morley running the London Marathon this weekend or simply supporting Spurs! Our assemblies so far have focused on 'keeping going against the odds'.

Have a great weekend,

Gordon Nunn

Headteacher

Explorer Class



We are very excited to be back in school, Term 5 already! This term, we are learning History, Geography and Science through the topic of transport and were excited to see a bus in our role play area in class. We have been using the bus to visit all sort of locations, across the country and around the world! Then to our amazement, a real double decker bus stopped by to say hi last week. The children were able to explore inside and outside the Faresaver bus, including finding out buses have 6 wheels and 104 people can safely travel on a double decker bus. A big thank you to Shaun the bus driver, for answering all our questions!

In Drawing Club, we have loved The Wacky Races and have had some amazing ideas for our own Wacky Car which would win the race! In maths, we have been using 'magic' counters (that are double sided colours!) to work out our number bonds to ten, showing this on our tens frames. In DT, we have made our own 3D buses and cars, using the scissors and Sellotape reels independently. And in PE, we are focussing on ball skills, ready for PE outside later in the term.

Discovery Class



We've had a lovely week in Discovery Class and it has been a pleasure to work with the children. In Maths, we have been learning about consecutive numbers, odd and even numbers and how numbers can be added in any order (commutative). In English, we have enjoyed reading *Emma Jane's Aeroplane* and have been practising spotting and creating rhyming words and sentences. In PSHE, we have learnt about different food groups and how to make healthy choices. Our science work has involved exploring seasons and what makes each one special. Hanukkah has been the focus of our RE lessons where we have explored the traditional game played with a spinning top called a *treidel*.

The children have worked really hard and showed great enthusiasm in all their learning - well done!

(Written by Mrs Morley)

Voyager Class



It's been a fabulous start to Term 5. The highlight has been starting our forest school sessions. We've done bug hunting & looked at food chains as well as exploring the wild plants growing in the woodland area.

We've started looking at our new book *The Proudest Blue* and the children are really enjoying it. We are starting by writing a narrative around this from a different character's viewpoint. In maths, we've been reviewing our addition and subtraction skills and applying it in different contexts such as money.

We are looking at seas and coasts in our topic and continue to explore plants in Science - which includes growing our own. We are looking forward to the term ahead and the hopeful better weather to enjoy more learning outside. Well done to Voyager class for a great start.

Odyssey Class



Welcome back to Term 5!

We've had a fantastic start to the term as we begin our Geography topic on Rivers and Canals. We are especially looking forward to welcoming Dave from the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust later in the term.

This week, we have been exploring our local river, the River Avon, as well as identifying rivers across the UK and the wider world. We have also been learning to name and label the key parts of a river.

In Maths, the class have been working extremely hard on using the column method for addition. Well done to Odyssey Class for showing great perseverance with this challenging topic!

In English, we are enjoying our new text, *The Rhythm of the Rain*, and will soon be writing a narrative from the perspective of a raindrop.

In Science, as part of our 'How Plants Grow' unit, we have planted broad beans on cotton wool. We will be observing and recording the growth of roots and shoots over the coming week.

This is just a snapshot of some of the wonderful learning we've been doing so far this term, and there is plenty more to come!

Navigator Class



We've had a very busy and exciting start to Term 5!

Swimming lessons have begun, with children developing confidence and key water skills each week.

In class, we are exploring new topics, learning about the UK and Greece, while in DT we are researching and designing pencil cases, with the end goal of sewing our own. We are continuing to work hard learning all our times table facts.

We are also enjoying our class reading, including *Nour's Secret Library*, *How to Grow Your Own Dragons*, and *The Angel of Nitshill Road*, which are inspiring thoughtful discussion and a growing love of reading.

We are also looking forward to our Sharing Assembly later in the term.

Pioneer Class



Pioneer Class have had an extremely busy and successful time recently! We thoroughly enjoyed visiting Sheldon School for the Year 5 secondary taster day, where the children were excellent ambassadors for our school and were praised for their fantastic behaviour. Back in school, the class took part in their very first cornet session using brand new instruments, led by Simon Carr from Corsham Wind Association, who was full of praise for their enthusiasm, focus and effort.

In the classroom, Pioneer Class have been working hard across the curriculum. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of common factors, prime factors and multiples, while in geography they have explored extreme weather and learned where different types occur around the world. In English, the children have begun exploring and retelling the story of 'The Giant and the Sea', alongside building their comprehension skills through work on a text called *Dystopia*. Well done to Pioneer Class for their commitment, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout all of these exciting learning opportunities!

Endeavour Class



Endeavour Class have come back to Term 5 and we have hit the ground running. So far, we have been busy learning about percentages, pie charts and dual line graphs. In English, we have been writing inspired by the short film - Alma. We are learning how to control pace and develop tension through dialogue, description and sentence structure. We have started creating pieces of Art inspired by Jon Burgerman and have also been very busy revising.

Well done for getting stuck in to lots of learning this term!

Staffing Update



Some positive news to share about individual members of staff:

Mrs Tucker gave birth to a baby girl (Lilac) who came over two weeks early, they are both doing very well.

Mrs Greenaway is recovering well from her treatment and is looking forward to a return to work shortly.

Miss Hammond will not be at work for the rest of this academic year following the removal of a benign brain tumour last term, we are delighted to report that she is now back home and her recovery is progressing well.

FOSPA Easter News



The children have received some lovely feedback from the residents and their families at Waterford Place Retirement homes for their Easter cards. And we would like to pass on our thanks to FOSPA for supporting this event.

'I went to visit my elderly parents who were ever so pleased to have on the display a lovely card made by one of your pupils and felt I needed to write to let you know small gestures of kindness can make someone's day.'

'I would like to say massive **thank you** for an effort and hard work your pupils and teachers have done to prepare and distribute the Easter Cards for our Homeowners.'

'It is very reassuring to know that St. Peter's is teaching its' young children to be so thoughtful and kind - the children are Chippenham's grown-ups of tomorrow - and therefore the town's future. Thank you so much for thinking of us all.'

EYFS Garden



A huge thank you to Allison for all her hard work, the EYFS bank is looking so good now. When walking past, please can you remind your children to keep on the path and not to walk on the wall or the bank as the new plants need time to establish. And if anyone has any further donations of shrubs, or a few hours spare and would like to help with this project, please see Mrs Wallis.

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If you are considering taking the next step towards becoming a teacher, we invite you to explore The Blue Kite Academy Trust's Initial Teacher Training Programme.

Visit the following website <https://thebluekitetrust.wixsite.com/inspire/initial-teacher-training> to learn more.

The Blue Kite are currently recruiting trainee teachers to begin their careers this September. There has been significant interest, with many candidates already securing their places. However, there's still time to apply, as interviews will continue through to the end of April 2026.

For more information about the programme, feel free to contact Kirsty Baker at The Blue Kite Academy Trust via email at inspire@bluekitetrust.org

To apply, click the following link or scan the QR code on the flyer: <https://www2.ambition.org.uk/l/330231/2023-06-20/twm58>

Parent Coffee Morning Friday 15th May



Following the success of our last coffee morning, we are delighted to invite all parents to join us for another relaxed and informal gathering on Friday 15th May, straight after drop off in the school hall. There will be plenty of tea, coffee, and pastries to enjoy.

Feel free to bring a friend and take the opportunity to chat with Mrs Wallis and other parents. It's a great chance to share ideas and support one another—while being reminded that you're not alone on the parenting journey! Jacqui Cook, our Family Support Advisor will also be available for private conversations if required.

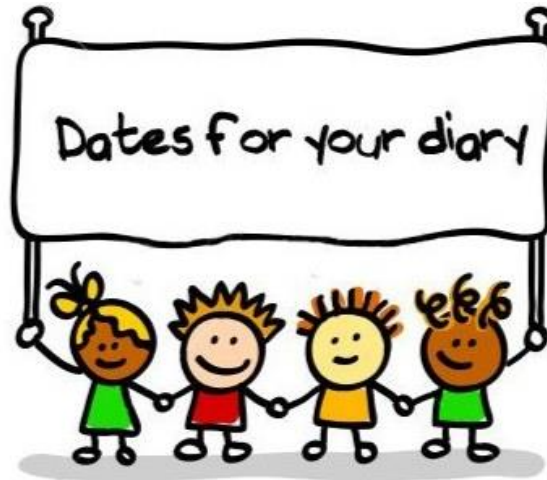
Crazy Hair Day, Friday 22nd May



Save the date for the next event! Get ready to let your hair go wild! On Friday 22nd May, we're celebrating Crazy Hair Day — a joyful chance for children to come to school with the wackiest and most imaginative hairstyles they can dream up. Think spikes, twists, ribbons, and styles that defy gravity!

This is the second event organised by COSPA and the Worship Council, for Wiltshire Treehouse. We kindly ask for donations via ParentPay, with all proceeds going directly to Wiltshire Treehouse.

Dates for the diary 2025-2026



Tuesday 28th April - Book fair, 3.10pm in the school hall

Friday 1st May - Girls Football Match at St Mary's (Y5)

Friday 15th May - Parents Coffee Morning, straight after drop off in the school hall.

Friday 15th May - Cricket Festival at Chippenham CC (team of Y5 and Y6 children)

Friday 22nd May - Navigator Class Sharing Assembly 9am (Year 4 parents welcome)

Friday 22nd May - Crazy Hair Day. Last day of Term 5 (school finishes at normal time)

Monday 1st June - TD Day: no children in school

Tuesday 2nd June - Term 6 starts for children

Friday 19th June - Voyager Class Sharing Assembly 9am (Year 2 parents welcome)

Wednesday 24th June - School Sports Day 9.30am-12pm All welcome

Friday 26th June - TD Day: no children in school

Friday 3rd July - Discovery Class Sharing Assembly 9am (Year 1 parents welcome)

Saturday 11th July - Summer Fete 12pm - 2pm All welcome

Wednesday 22nd July - last day of term (2pm finish for children)

St Peter's Wrap Around Care



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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
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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 - Leading Cashless Payment System for Schools](#)

We accept child care vouchers, please contact the school office for a booking form

Lighthouse Family Support Advisor



I am your Family Support Advisor, Jacqui Cook. I can offer support, guidance and a listening ear to parents. I can also work with other professionals such as health visitors, school nurse, school staff, social care team and many others to support your child and family's needs .

These are some of the things I can support with.

- Behaviour at home
- Attachment and trauma
- Anxiety (child and adult)
- Routines, including morning, evening, bedtime, sleep
- Parenting Groups (therapeutic and programmes)
- Bereavement
- Domestic Abuse (both current and historic)
- Substance abuse
- Housing and benefit support
- Signposting for financial support
- Low mood and Mental Health
- Support with and/or contribution to Early Help Records/Education Health Care Plan
- Chair and/or attendance at Team around the Family/Child meetings
- Attendance alongside schools at other multi-agency meetings as appropriate.
- Completing onwards referrals to specialist agencies (for both parents/carers and children)
- Support parents to attend appointments and understand processes, sitting in at these meetings if requested

- Support for parents to complete paperwork, forms, applications, etc.

Please contact jcook@bluekitetrust.org to arrange an appointment

Jacqui is at St Peter's on the following dates to meet parents, please email to book a time with her:

Friday 15th May 2026

Friday 19th June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

In2Sport Afterschool clubs



Thursday after-school club - Cricket and Rounders - £21.00 for Term 5

Friday after-school club- Cheerleading - £21.00 for Term 5

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Bank Holiday weekend

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Jay Miller's Circus is coming to town [Tour Dates - Jay Miller's Circus](#)

Term dates 2025 -2026

September 2025						October 2025						November 2025							
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		3	10	17	24		W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30	
December 2025						January 2026						February 2026							
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March 2026						April 2026						May 2026							
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Term dates summary:		Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026	
Term 1	01 September to 22 October 2025	38 days	Christmas Day Holiday Thurs 25th December 2025
Term 2	03 November to 19 December 2025	35 days	Boxing Day Holiday Fri 26th December 2025
Term 3	05 January to 13 February 2026	30 days	New Year's Holiday Thurs 1st January 2026 Good Friday Fri 03rd April 2026 Easter Monday Mon 06th April 2026
Term 4	23 February to 27 March 2026	25 days	
Term 5	13 April to 22 May 2026	29 days	May Day Holiday Mon 04th May 2026 Spring Bank
Term 6	01 June to 22 July 2025	38 days	Bank Holiday Mon 25th May 2026
TOTAL		195 days	Summer Bank Holiday Mon 31st August 2026

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	Bank holiday
	Term Time

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The Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) comes to an end on 31 March 2026 and will be replaced by a new Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF).

This change means that families who currently receive holiday food vouchers, through the HSF scheme, will receive their last vouchers in March. The Government has advised that

under the new Crisis and Resilience Fund, there is no provision for automatic Free School Meal holiday vouchers in holidays from 1 April 2026.

The Easter Free School Meal payment will cover two days (30 and 31 March), with a total payment of £5 for every eligible child. Funding will be distributed once you have confirmed your eligible children

Wiltshire Council is working with Wiltshire Citizens Advice Team to help families who may be struggling. Parents/carers who need help can complete the online form: citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk and a member of the team will contact them to discuss their situation and provide support

FUEL continues to provide eligible children with free access to enriching activities, nutritious meals and healthy eating information during the holidays [FUEL programme - Wiltshire Council](#)

Where schools can help

- Distribute the letter to all FSM in term time households
- Share same message as Wiltshire Council with parents/carers in newsletter etc
- Promote and encourage Holiday Activity and Food programme (FUEL) participation
- Help parents/carers to complete the Citizen's Advice contact us form for resilience financial support