



# St. Peter's Academy Newsletter 26th September 2025

## [Headteacher's message](#)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Fridays are quickly becoming my favourite day of the week because of Hot Chocolate Friday, when I get to spend time with one child from each class who has impressed the staff in their class over the past week and achieved the most Dojo points. It is great to speak with the children and find out what they have been enjoying and learning at school.

We have now confirmed the date for the Harvest Festival - this will be held in the school hall due to the building work happening in the church and details are below.

Have a great weekend,

Gordon Nunn

Headteacher

## Explorer Class



We have been busy learning our phoneme - grapheme correspondences and we are able to read and write simple words already! We have enjoyed sharing our books with our Y6 buddies and are excited to be part of the Read, Read, Read challenge in school.

## Discovery Class



Discovery class have had a wonderful week conducting some science experiments based on the 5 senses, in particular sight. In English, we have completed our first big write based on the story Katie in London. The class are now finding out about their new book called 'We're going to find the monster!'

In other news, we have celebrated hitting 200 Dojo class Points and having extra break and play time! Well done to you all for a successful week!

Achievements so far this term:

Stars of the week - Connor, Bonnie and Charlie

Dojo points of the week - Mia, Charlotte and Bennett

## Voyager Class



Voyager Class have had a fabulous few weeks and have evolved into a fantastic team. We have been working hard in our phonics lessons where we are learning lots of alternative graphemes for phonemes, then we have been using these within our writing. The children are using 'the clues in the room' to support their spelling in writing lessons. We have been writing expanded noun phrases in response to reading the text Lila and the Secret of Rain. Next week we will be innovating this and creating our own story with a different secret!

In Maths we are working on 'quick maths' where we choose efficient strategies to count and understand number value quickly. The children are using manipulatives very well and are becoming quite confident in representing and understanding number value efficiently.

We've also been around the world in Geography, looking at different habitats in Science and understanding how animals or plants depend on their habitats to survive.

We continue to read every day and enjoy getting our heads stuck in a book!

Achievements so far this term:

Stars of the week - Charlotte, Hannah and Joshua

Dojo points of the week - Maxwell, Sonny and Thea

## Odyssey Class



Another busy fortnight in Odyssey Class!

We had an art morning as a treat for our 200 Dojos - we enjoyed following a tutorial and making some beautiful Christmas cards. Can we reach 300 next?

We have also been producing some lovely writing all about retelling the story 'Home for Grace' from a different perspective, and experimenting with magnets and forces in Science.

On Tuesdays, we continue to enjoy lessons with Corsham Windband, and it is sounding really good. We can't wait to show you what we have been up to in our **sharing assembly on Friday 17th October, @ 9 am.**

So far in Outdoor Learning, we have built shelters, discussed seasonal change, explored animal tracks and made our own natural trails. This Friday, we are really excited to do natural tie dye and an Autumn scavenger hunt.

Stars of the week so far this term: Parker, Karvell, Willow and Jude

Dojo Stars: Orla, Henry and Emme-Rose

## Navigator Class



The Navigator class earned 300 Dojo points this week. They have used their point to have time in the outdoor learning area.

The children did find all sorts of leaves, branches and sticks that they will be using for their art still-life project.

Achievements so far this term:

Stars of the week - Theo, Maneli and James

Dojo points of the week - Sarah, Jenson and Fiza

## Pioneer Class





In Pioneer, we have had a brilliant couple of weeks. The children have been working extra hard to earn dojo points for superb behaviour and class work. With that in mind, I would like to say a huge well done to the children for earning the points required to pour a bucket of ice over Mr Robinson which Pioneer parents can view on the class dojo page..

In English, we have spent this week writing an innovated story based of the book 'Varmints' by Helen Ward. It has been wonderful seeing the children apply the skills we have been focusing on as well as learnt ambitious vocabulary which they are learning from reading a wide variety of books.

In Science, the children have been looking at reversible and irreversible changes where we have been able to explore a variety of experiments to understand how to reverse some changes through heating or freezing.

The children will be looking to go to Sevington Victorian School on the 14th November which will now be on Parent Pay.

Stars of the week so far this term: Eddie, Emmie and Isaac

Dojo Stars: James, Leti and Oscar

## Endeavour Class



In Endeavour Class, we have had a super busy couple of weeks!

In maths, we have been working really hard to understand and solve word problems by using bar charts. After lots of success, we have now started trying to make large numbers easier to calculate mentally by using redistribution. Ask us how to do it - we can go over 1,000,000! In writing, we have planned, acted and written our own stories based on the themes of The Phonebooth in Mr Hirota's Garden. There are some fantastic versions to enjoy.

In Science, we have been investigating light and shadow and this week we created and conducted an experiment to prove our theories. In Geography, we have collectively researched 10 different types of natural disaster and then taught each other about our area of expertise.

We have also been working hard between lessons to apply for leadership roles across the school. I'm pleased to announce that the following children have achieved the following roles:

Worship Leaders: Lily and Reuben C

Sports Ambassadors: Freddie, Harriet, Ben, Leah, Darani, Florence and Leo

School Ambassadors: Alana, Finley, Charlie and Matthew

COSPA (School Council): Harry C and Skyla.

It goes without saying, that the most popular part of our week is visiting out buddies in Explorer Class. We have enjoyed playing, puzzling and reading together over the last few weeks :-)

Achievements so far this term:

Stars of the week - Leah, Finley, Evie and Harriet

Dojo points of the week - Matthew, Ben and Alana

## Playground Buddies



Welcome to our new team of Playground Buddies. Our Buddies play an important role in helping make sure our playground is a happy and safe place. The Year 6s have all written letters to tell us why they would be a good role model, and our first team started the first week of this term.

## Tuesday 7th October School Photographer



On Tuesday, 7th October, photos will be taken of all school children, individually and with their siblings.

On this day, please wear full school uniform, no PE kits please.

We are offering an additional sibling photo opportunity at 8.15, for siblings who are not at St Peter's Academy.

## School Book Fair from 7th October - 13th October



The School Book Fair starts on Tuesday 7th October at 3.15 pm in the school hall, and will finish on Monday, 13th October.



You can pay by card.

## Toys from home in school



Can we ask that the children not bring in toys from home? When they need a fidget toy, we can provide them with this in school.

And we have toys for them to play with in school, toys from home should stay home.

Thank you

## FOSPA

NEW EVENT!  
CHRISTMAS  
WREATH  
MAKING.

Make your own festive wreath with  
Cottontail florist.

£35pp.

Bring your own drinks & nibbles.  
Tea, coffee will be provided.

Friday 28th November 7.30pm.  
St Peter's school hall.

There is a limited amount of  
spaces early booking  
recommended.

Friends of St. Peter's  
Academy

Dates for your diary

Fizzy Disco - 22nd October 2025 - UV Disco - PRE PAY ON PARENTPAY

KS2 Movie night - 13th November - FREE EVENT

Wreath making - 28th November - An evening for the grown-ups. PRE PAY ON PARENTPAY

Advert Fayre - 5th December. Come along straight after school for festive treats and a chance to meet Santa.

Would you like to help FOSPA without having to commit to attending committee meetings?

Do you have a free hour to help at events without wanting to organise them?

Do you have useful contacts who may want to donate a raffle prize without having to arrange all of it?

If so, the FOSPA helpers group is for you! Have a look at this link [FOSPA](#)

Harvest Festival Thursday 9th October, 9 am



*Everyone is welcome to join our Harvest Service in the school hall at 9 am. We are supporting the Doorway project.*

### **Doorway Harvest Wish List**

#### **Yes please, we really need...**

Tinned tomatoes

Baked beans

Tinned vegetables (including potatoes)

Tinned meat (e.g. corned beef, meat stew)

Tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines etc)

Bags of pasta & rice

Packet soups, packet instant mash

Packet savoury noodles

Coffee & Tea

Tinned fruit

Tinned puddings & custard

Packets of biscuits, bars & cereal bars

Long life fruit / jelly pots

Individual cartons of fruit juice

#### **No thanks, we have enough or can't use....**

Tinned soup, tinned pulses

Cereals & porridge

Pot Noodles

Jars of cooking sauce

Jam & Chutney

Fresh produce

Catering-sized items

Anything containing alcohol

Anything that is past it's Best Before Date.

***Thank you for your support!***



Saturday 15th November Open Day



# St Peter's C of E Academy

Giving children the keys to unlock their future



Join us for our school open  
day! And walk in on

**Saturday 15th November**  
**10 am—12 pm**

St Peter's Academy - Lords Mead  
Chippenham—SN14 0LL

Have a look at our website for  
more school information  
[st-peters.wilts.sch.uk](http://st-peters.wilts.sch.uk)



Unable to attend our open day?  
Contact us on 01249 653 537 or  
[admin@stpeters.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:admin@stpeters.bluekitetrust.org)  
to book a tour of the school on a  
Tuesday morning.

## In2Sport After school and Half term club

Thursday after-school club is Multisport term 1 £21.00

Friday after-school club is Gymnastics term 1 £21.00

Book your space on ParentPay.



@IN\_2SPORT in2sportcoaching

07799 268115 (Tash) 07968 778732 (Vicky) info@in2sportcoaching.co.uk

**BOOK ONLINE AT** [www.in2sportcoaching.co.uk](http://www.in2sportcoaching.co.uk)

The half term Holiday club will be here

@ St Peter's C of E Academy, SN14 0LL Dates: 23rd – 31st October 2025

**Football - Dodgeball - Basketball - Hockey - Handball – Tag Rugby - Cricket - Tennis** plus many more!

**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** £28.00 (early bird price of £26 until 17/09) **Clothing:** Sports clothes & trainers

Additional hours available from 8am - 4pm @ £5.50 per hour

**Items to pack:** packed lunch (no nuts), water bottle, hat, sun cream, jacket

## St Peter's Wrap Around 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 - 4.15 pm	4.15 - 5.30 pm
£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 - 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 have a variety of Family Support experience, working at all levels from child protection through to early interventions, with both children and parents/carers. I started off as a childminder when my children were small.

I then worked at a Children's Centre as a play worker running sessions like stay and play and moved on to a family support worker. I have also worked as a youth worker and worked in supported housing for young men. My last job before moving to Lighthouse was at Eldene Nursery and Primary School, where I was a Family Support Advisor and Deputy Safeguarding Lead. Some of my jobs were to support families with things from benefits and finances to attendance. I also attended meetings such as TAC/TAF, CIN and child protection meetings.

*What is an FSA?*

An FSA can offer support, guidance and a listening ear to parents. We 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

*How can an FSA support me?*

These are some of the things we can support with.

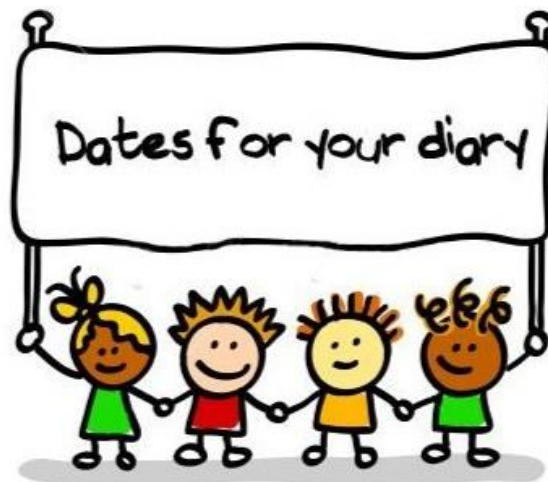
- Behaviour at home
- Attachment and trauma
- Anxiety (child and adult)
- Routines, including morning, evening, bedtime, sleep
- Parenting Groups (therapeutic and programmes)
- Bereavement
- Domestic Abuse (both current and historic)
- Substance abuse



- 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 [admin@stpeters.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:admin@stpeters.bluekitetrust.org) to arrange an appointment

## Dates for the diary 2025 - 2026



Tuesday 30th September - Cross Country Event (Y4, 5 and 6)

Tuesday 7th October - School photographer

Tuesday 7th October - Book Fair until Monday 13th October

Thursday 9th October - Harvest Festival in School Hall

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th October - Parents Evenings

Friday 17th October - Odyssey Class (Y3) Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 21st October - Flu vaccination

Wednesday 22nd October - Fizzy Discos

Thursday 23rd October - Half term starts

Monday 3rd November -Teacher Development day - No pupils in school

Friday 14th November - Pioneer Class (Y5) trip to Sevington School

Tuesday 9th December - Pioneer class (Y5) Watching the Christmas production at Sheldon School

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th March 2026 - Y6 Residential to Braeside

## 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						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	
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March 2026							April 2026							May 2026						
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June 2026							July 2026							August 2026						
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Term dates summary:			Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026	
<b>Term 1</b>	01 September to 22 October 2025	38 days	Christmas Day Holiday	Thurs 25th December 2025
<b>Term 2</b>	03 November to 19 December 2025	35 days	Boxing Day Holiday	Fri 26th December 2025
<b>Term 3</b>	05 January to 13 February 2026	30 days	New Year's Holiday	Thurs 1st January 2026 Good Friday
<b>Term 4</b>	23 February to 27 March 2026	25 days		Fri 03rd April 2026 Easter Monday Mon
<b>Term 5</b>	13 April to 22 May 2026	29 days	06th April 2026	
<b>Term 6</b>	01 June to 22 July 2025	38 days	May Day Holiday	Mon 04th May 2026 Spring Bank
<b>TOTAL</b>		195 days	1st Holiday	Mon 25th May 2026
			Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 31st August 2026

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School Holiday

Bank holiday

Term Time

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