



Dear all,

Coming into Autumn 2 when the weather gets colder and (if possible) even wetter, I wanted to take a moment to chat about the importance of regular attendance. Every day counts, not only for academic progress but also for the friendships, routines, and experiences that make school such a positive place for your child.

We know there are times when illness or family matters are unavoidable and we completely understand. However, being in school regularly makes a real difference to your child's learning journey, giving them the best chance to thrive and achieve their full potential.

If you're facing challenges with attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our attendance team this year Mrs Bray and Mrs Meadowcroft, alongside myself. We're here to support you and your child to make things as smooth as possible. Please do have a read of the latest DfE guidance on attendance as the Government are taking a firmer approach moving forward. We, as a school, are bound by this.

[DfE external document template \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with us – together, we can help ensure every child enjoys a consistent, fulfilling school experience.

Warm regards

Mr B

ATTENDANCE

Each week we like to say 'well done' to the class with the best attendance:

Overall attendance is **96.5%** this academic year to date.

Well done to all of our pupils who are trying so hard with their attendance. 100% for so many classes is a first for St Peter's! Lets keep this up and be the best that we can be. The attendance bear has never been so busy!

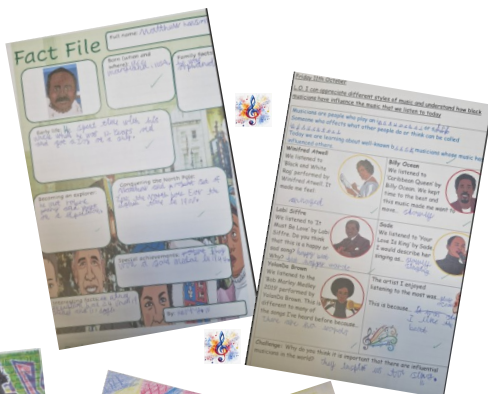
30/9	97.58 %	Orangutans
7/10	99.29%	Turtles
14/10	93.57%	Turtles

Spotlight on...

Black History Week

We have been celebrating black people's contributions to society and culture with a variety of activities.

Year 3 have written fact files about influential black people, listened to black music and imitated the art of Jean-Michel Basquiat.



Linked to their Art & DT topic Trailblazers and Barrier Breakers, Year 5 learnt about some inspirational black trailblazers in the world of art. Then the children recreated a piece of artwork by Chris Ofili called 'No Woman, No Cry'.

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WOW thank you to all the parents who supported our non uniform day to raise funds for our chosen charity. A grand total of £152.00 was donated for this worthy cause.



At St Peter's, our Christian values underpin the ethos and whole life of our school:

"In everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Matthew 7-12

+ **Thankfulness** + **Friendship** + **Justice** + **Forgiveness** + **Trust** + **Hope** + **Compassion** + **Respect** +

Spotlight on...

Black History Week continued...



In Year 1, children have made posters of black people who have inspired us and made the world a better place.

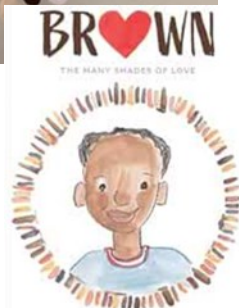
They learnt about: Michelle Obama, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks, Marcus Rashford and Mo Farah and why they are so important.



Throughout the month of October, Year 4 have looked at this calendar to learn about significant dates in Black history. They have also spent an afternoon researching and finding out information about significant black people. They discussed 'The Montgomery Bus Boycott' and the importance of Rosa Parks standing up for her rights and what she believed in.



EYFS read the story 'Brown, The Many Shades of Love'. They talked about our different skin colours. They used finger paint in lots of different skin tones to show the different colours of people around the world.



Year 5 investigated the origins of Black History.



This work fits perfectly with our school Christian Vision and Values and the Inclusiveness and Empathy Character Muscles that we are working are learning about in school.



Miss Chamberlain's Books of the



Transcendent

Author: Patrick Gallagher
Publisher: Orion/Hachette
Interest age: 9-11
Reading age: 9+

Genius twins Kira and Jacob must pass a series of trials to join a top-secret organisation known as Transcendent. If chosen, they will be sent to outer space on a mission to save the world.



Wilding

Author: Isabella Tree **Illustrator:** Angela Harding
Publisher: Macmillan
Interest age: 9-11
Reading age: 11+

A beautifully illustrated non-fiction book which tells the important story of the rewilding of the Knepp Estate



Flower Block

Author: Lanisha Butterfield **Illustrator:** Hoang Giang
Publisher: Puffin Books
Interest age: 4-5

Theo's sunflower has grown right through the tower block! A delightful celebration of nature and community.



Billy: The Powerful Life of Billy Boston

Author: Jessica Dunrod **Illustrator:** Selom Sunu
Publisher: Llyfrau Broga Books
Interest age: 6-8
Reading age: 6+

The inspiring life of Welsh rugby legend Billy Boston.

Visit booktrust.org.uk for more info.

Miss Mayne chose Scarlett and Alfie from Year 6 and Morgan and Scarlett from Year 5 to attend the Sports Ambassador training last half term. It was a full day of training where the children learnt how to be fantastic sporting role models, how to support other children during playtimes using sporting games and how to help out in school with sporting events such as athlete visits and Sports Day. The children will be having regular meetings with Miss Mayne to discuss ways to improve sport within the school.

PE News



WASPs News

WASPs welcomed one new member at their AGM. Please consider joining this lovely group to help raise funds for St Peter's. The Library is looking fantastic and this is all thanks to the amazing efforts of WASPs fund raising - it's not quite finished yet, but we be sure to keep you updated. WASPs have lots of ideas for future events:

12.11.24 Odd Sock Day to coincide with Anti Bullying Week.

18.11.24 Christmas Jumper Day

Class Christmas Hampers for our Christmas sale (watch out for more news about this)

Leavers hoodies

4.3.25 Sponsored Pancake Flip

23.5.25 Break the Rules Day

Key Stage 1 and 2 discos

The staff at St Peter's really appreciate everything WASPs do for the school and we look forward to working with them with all their exciting ideas. We really hope parents reading this will come and join WASPs as more hands make light work! You can be assured of a warm welcome 😊

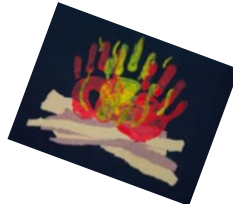


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St Peter's Newshounds...

We had some lovely pictures for our wildlife competition and it was really difficult to choose a winner. We used the money we raised to buy our chocolate prize. Well done to Isabelle Gibson in Year 1, your picture was fabulous.

This month we will be running a Bonfire Night picture competition. For 20p you can buy a piece of black paper for your art work and then use chalks or coloured pencils for your design. We will judge the winners at the end of the month. Good luck.



Learning in school and out...

TIGERS NEWS

Tigers Class had some very special visitors this week! The children all enjoyed trying on the uniform and hats, looking at what equipment the police carry and looking inside the police car. The sirens were very loud! They all know the special number we call in case of an emergency (999) and they are beginning to learn their address, as we learnt that is the special piece of information the emergency services ask for if you contact them. We also enjoyed a visit from a paramedic and found out about all the equipment they have to carry on board an ambulance.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

A huge thank you to all the families that have donated to our collection for the local food bank. It is greatly appreciated and will help so many families. Year 4 did a fantastic Harvest assembly which showcased the importance of the harvest period. It also included a harvest acrostic poem, a harvest song and some corny jokes! Great job Year 4.



DOGS TRUST VISIT ST PETER'S

We had a super visit from Sarah Saunders of the Dogs Trust. The children learnt about how to stay safe around dogs and how to be a good friend to their own pets. Sarah commented on how well the children listened and how insightful their questions were. Well done St Peter's.



POLAR BEAR NEWS

In the Polar Bear class, for DT we have been learning about 'remarkable recipes'. The children had to write their own recipe, including ingredients, equipment and instructions that they later had to follow. Before making their fruit kebabs, they drew and designed what they wanted them to look like. We then had a go at making them! The children were incredibly sensible at chopping the different fruit and worked brilliantly as a team. Their fruit kebabs looked delicious and they had so much fun making them and eating them. Well done Polar Bears!





Breakfast and After School Club

Shining Stars offers breakfast and afterschool club provision for children who attend St Peters School. Club is run by Miss Meadowcroft, assisted by Mrs Shenton and Mr Dowling. We have a dedicated classroom where we encourage children to be inquisitive to the world around them through themed sessions, arts and crafts, role play, outdoor play, board games ,IT and child led free play sessions.

Sessions are delivered in the morning from 7.30am to 8.45am. All attendees are provided with breakfast and Infants are escorted to their classes ready for the start of the day. Afternoon session have two time slots available to support parents. Both start at 3.15pm with infants being collected from their classrooms and escorted to provision. The first evening session ends at 4.45pm, with the extended session available until 6.00pm. Snack food and drink is provided in these afterschool sessions and includes (but is not limited to): Hot dogs, Pasta, Pizza, Sandwiches, etc. Places are available for all children from Reception to year 6.

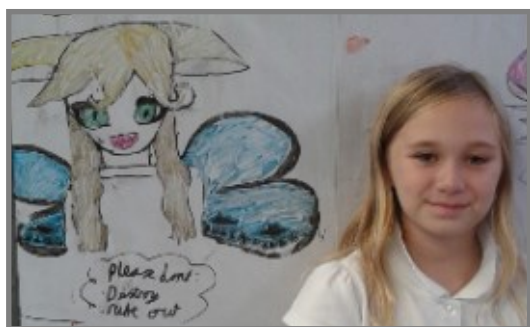
Bookings.

All bookings should be made in advance via the ParentPay app / online.

Tax-Free Childcare.

For parents who use shining star provision, please check to see if you qualify for tax-free childcare. As a childcare provider we are all 'signed up' so you could save £2 for every £10 in fees paid, if you register. As payment cannot be made via ParentPay, please advise the office if you register so we can amend our records.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Its all been about getting creative in Shining Stars this month.

Featured in the photos are some fantastic examples of the children's work.



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Stars of the Week.

★ Each week we recognise the successes of those who attend club.

★ So far this term, the following children have received a certificate for their fantastic contribution to club or for demonstrating the school values:

★ Dennis A (R) / Freya S (4)

★ Lily S (2) / Oliver W (4) / Harper B (2) / Cleo B (1) / Sofia H (1) / Georgia C (2)

★ Congratulations to you all .

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Ella F and Ava M with their whiteboard artwork.

Ava M, Olivia S and Libby I colouring a giant poster featuring autumnal themes. Finishing off with some autumnal pumpkin carving!

With the nights getting darker and colder, its time for IT Sessions, X-box playing and Movie nights!

