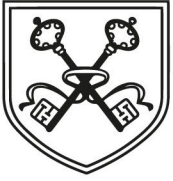


St Peter's



Church of England
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Summmmer Newsletter

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Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the end of a very busy and eventful term. For the first time, in over 2 years, it has started to feel like life in school is beginning to return to normal and the buzz around school – amongst pupils and staff – is really palpable. It has been wonderful to begin to welcome families back onto school site for share sessions so that you can once again get some sense of all the fantastic learning experiences that go on in classrooms every day. We know that this is just the start of a really exciting time of reconnection with our wider community and can't wait for our first big PSA event next week to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Walking around the school this week, it has been great to see so many diverse learning opportunities happening. Reception children are making excellent progress in their cycling lessons, with Fox Cycling, and are really starting to master their skills on the balance bikes. The artists in year 1 have been producing some incredible observational drawings in their sketch books and working with clay to create their own relief printed leaves. Also, the Pier building was alive with the sound music this afternoon as the year 5 trumpeters were improvising enthusiastically and the year 6 children were rehearsing for Mary Poppins!

We are also really proud of our year 6 children who completed their SATs with such maturity and resilience last week. It was great to see them - and the teaching team - enjoying a very well-deserved day trip to the Lake Grounds last Friday. Looking ahead to next week, we have a very special day planned, on Thursday, to celebrate the Jubilee in true St Peter's style! Remember that this is a non-uniform day, and everyone is invited to wear red, white and blue. We do hope that lots of you will join us for the PSA picnic on the field that starts straight after school. Even if you haven't bought a picnic box, there will be drinks and snacks available to buy at the event.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Best Wishes,

Catrin Battista & Janine Ashman

Reception

Reception children have had a busy start to Term 5!

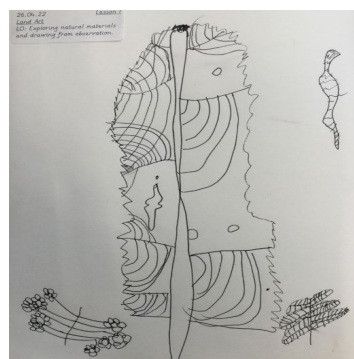
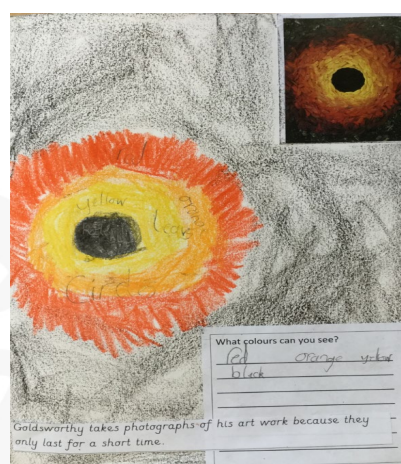
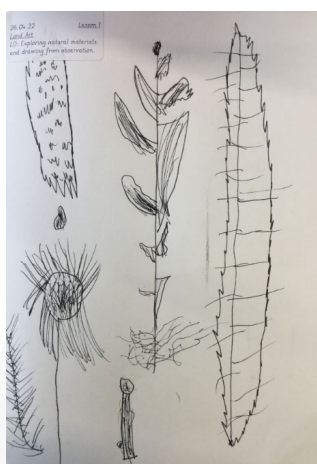
We have started our topic on Birds and have been exploring this through our key texts 'Lost and Found' and 'Owl Babies'. The children have developed their fine motor skills by creating their own bird feeders, creating bird nests out of construction materials and retelling the story using props.

As part of the PE curriculum, the children have been fortunate enough to have Fox Cycling come in every week to work with them on balance bikes. The children have been developing their co-ordination and balance and it has been a joy to see them so engaged and enthusiastic about the sessions. It is something that the children (and staff!) look forward to each week and we cannot wait to see their continued progress over the next few weeks.



Year 1

This term, Year 1 have been focussing on the work of Andy Goldsworthy in our art lessons. We have created our own temporary sculptures using natural materials. We also studied some of his examples of land art, developing our own responses to what we have noticed in terms of shape, colour and pattern. We have practiced our observational skills through sketching natural materials that he uses such as cones, leaves, shells and stones.



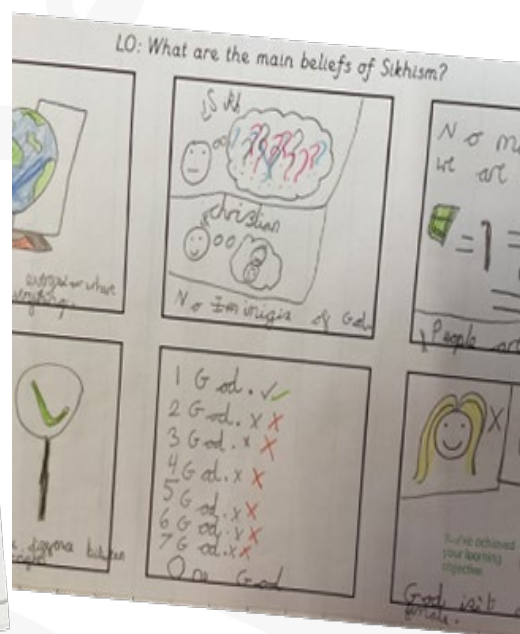
Year 2

In our RE lessons this half term, year 2 have started learning about Sikhism. Our first lesson began with learning about the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak. The children created a story map about Guru Nanak's life and the events that led him to begin the religion of Sikhism. Next, we focused on the six main beliefs of the religion and compared them to those of Christianity.

Worship Leader, Stanley said "the important person that started Sikhism was Guru Nanak, he started the religion in India."

Another Worship leader, Ava said "Sikhs do not have pictures of God because they do not know if he is a boy or a girl. They also believe that everyone is equal."

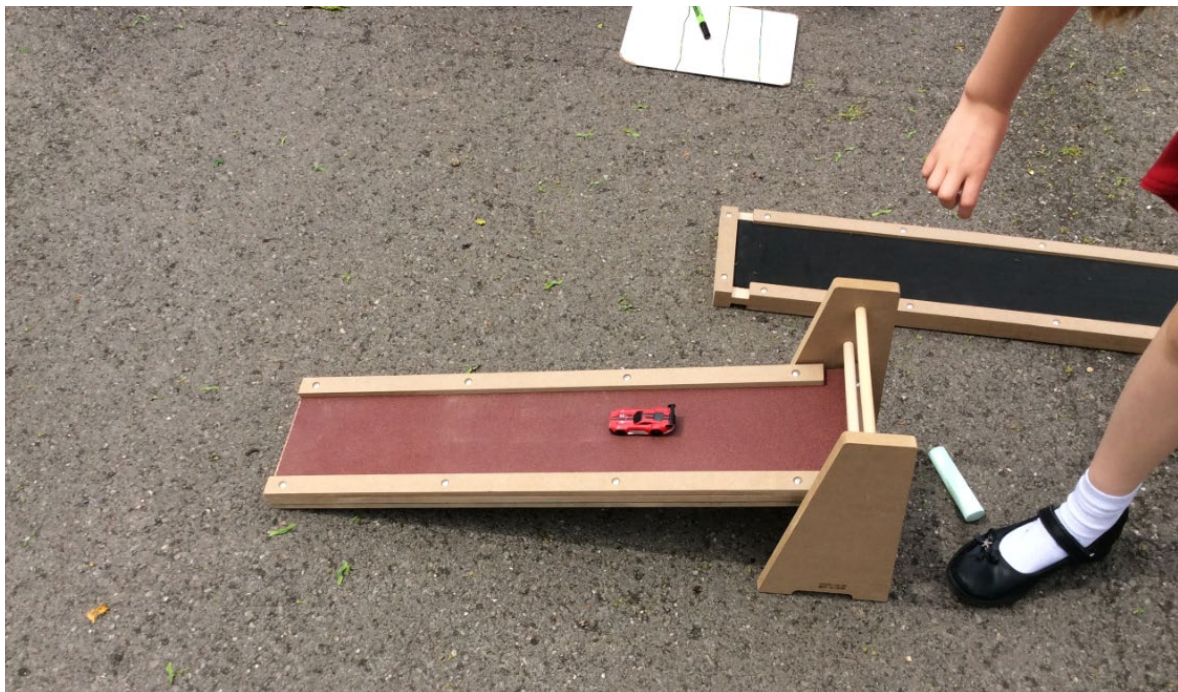
Finally, worship leader Sophie knew that "Guru Nanak disappeared for three days and returned talking of his visit to God."



Year 3

'We are scientists!'

In science this term, year 3 have been busy learning all about forces, friction and magnets. To start, we learnt how force can affect motion. Then, as scientists, we set up an experiment to find out whether different surfaces could slow down the speed of an object. Using a wooden ramp with four different surfaces, year 3 found that the rougher the surface the greater the friction.



Year 4

What an incredible start to term 5 year 4 have had! Our first residential to Mendip proved to be a roaring success and we were incredibly proud of all the pupils' behaviour, perseverance and sense of fun during trip.

Kicking off with tobogganing, it was a pleasure to see all three classes taking a speedy turn down the slopes where there were even a few races between the pupils and teachers. This was followed by frisbee golf where many pupils relished the opportunity a try and get a Frisbee 'throw in one' on a picturesque course that was very enjoyable to explore.

Later on that first day, we had a long walk to the quarry (we were very impressed by the pupils' stamina) where we took to the cliffs to climb. We were overwhelmed by the bravery and resilience of the children, many of whom overcame some fears around heights.

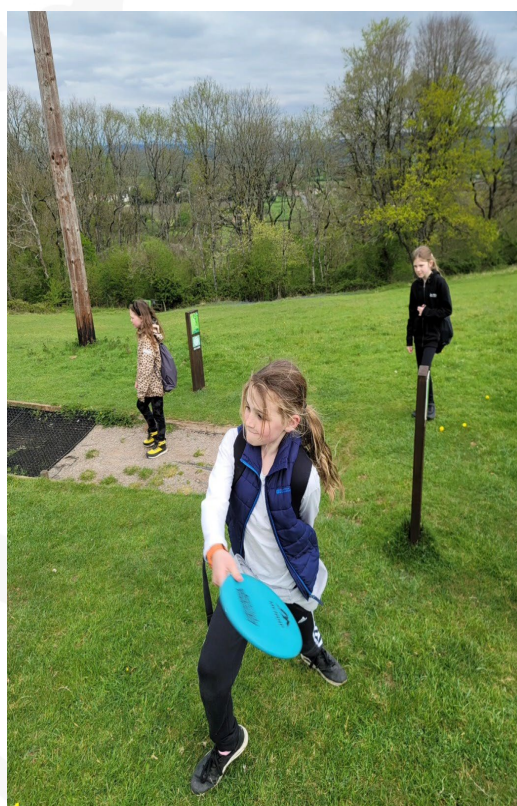
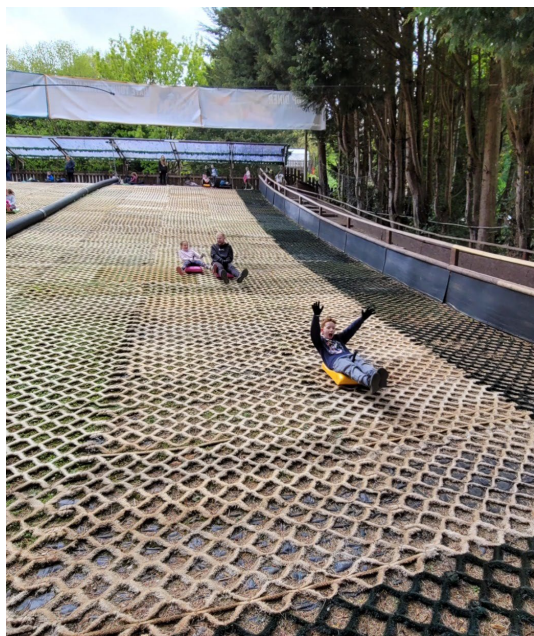
We had a very good night's sleep on the whole after that very busy first day and we all embraced the active archery activity the following day. The year 4 teachers even found themselves becoming targets for some of the children!

Back in the classroom, we have been studying very useful life skills including mastering the skills of telling the time and reading our exciting new text, Beowulf.

In addition to this, we appreciate all of the toilet rolls that were donated to help create our Barbara Hepworth inspired sculptures in art that many parents admired during our recent share session. On the latter point, it was wonderful to welcome you all back into the classroom as it has been a long time since we have been able to show all of the incredible work the pupils have done. We look forward to sharing more with you very soon.



Memories of Mendip 2022 !

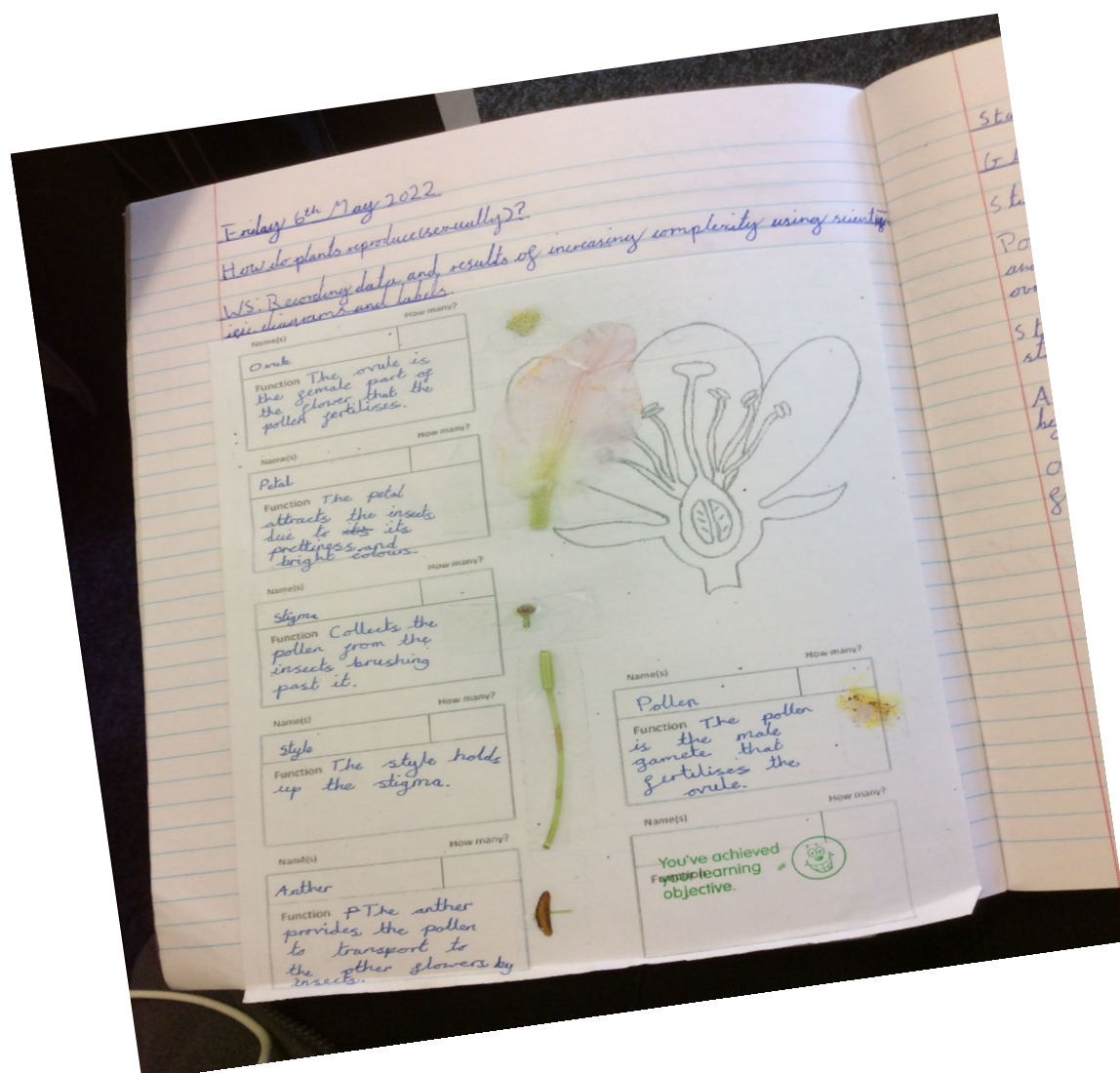


It really was a lot of fun !

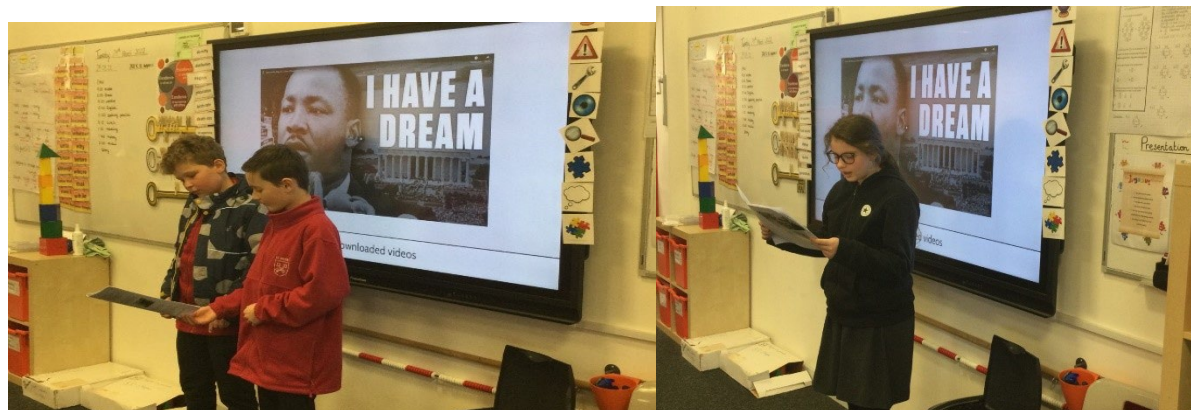


Year 5

In year 5, the children have loved learning about the Victorian era through our English text 'Oliver Twist'. They have written fantastic first-person narratives and we cannot wait to share these with you at our upcoming share session. In RE, the children have enjoyed exploring a new religion (Islam) and making comparisons to Christianity. They have learned about Salah (prayer) and the features of the Mosque. By interpreting graphs and Venn diagrams, children have learned about energy and sustainability in geography and have dissected plants in science to explore reproduction.



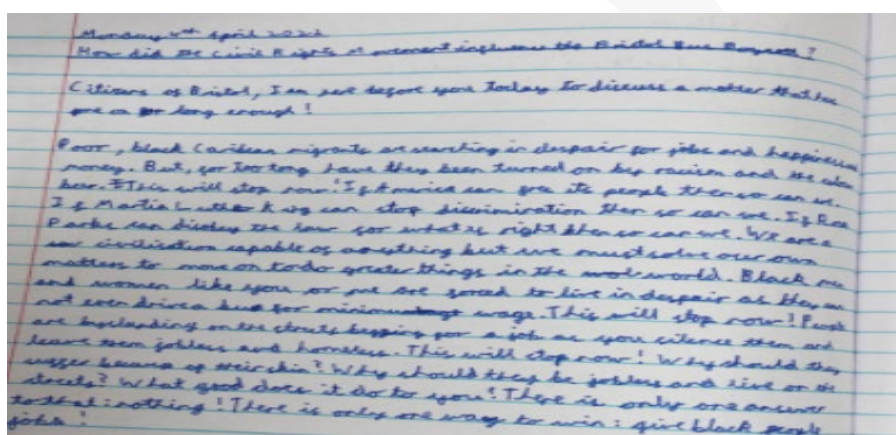
Year 6



During history, Year 6 really enjoyed learning about the Civil Rights movement, including Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and how they stood up for what was right. The children particularly enjoyed performing MLK's speech in front of their peers. We were inspired by their powerful and memorable performances.

Following on from this, we learnt about history a little bit closer to home - The Bristol Bus Boycott- and how it was influenced by the Civil Rights movement in America.

Inspired by speeches read in parliament, we wrote our own. They included repetition, emotive language and rhetorical questions to develop powerful speeches.



Year 6 continued ..



After all our hard work this SATs week, we enjoyed a lovely break outside. Some children decided to be proactive environmentalists and clear up all the litter surrounding the play area. We hope this inspires others to promote excellence in our environment!



Over the last 2 terms, Eco leaders and all at St Peter's have been working hard to make sure all pens are recycled correctly across the school. This week three full bags of pen recycling were delivered to our Terracycle link. The plastic from the pens is recycled and turned into plastic play equipment.

Thank you to our excellent Eco Leaders.



Our PlayLeaders

The play leaders have had an exciting term as plenty of new play equipment arrived! It was organised and sorted carefully into our new play shed. The play leaders have begun sharing different boxes of equipment during our lunch breaks, demonstrating how it should be played with and ensuring everyone has an enjoyable and safe play time. It's been easy to spot the play leaders this term thanks to their new bibs. It has been especially lovely to see the play leaders supporting and encouraging new games with the children in reception.



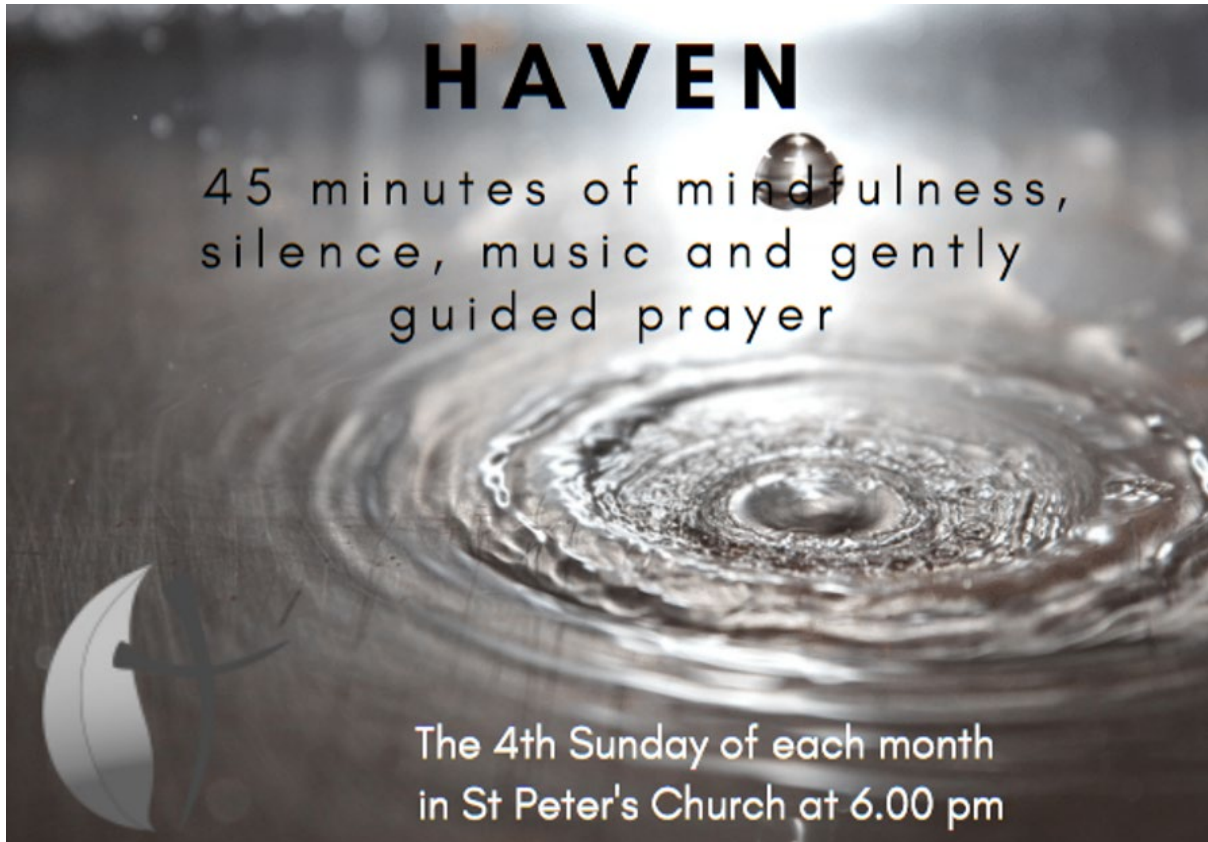
Mrs Wilford's adventures

Portishead Pilot Gig club recently attended the 31st World Pilot Gig Championships in the Isles of Scilly. A member of the ladies vets crew was our very own Mrs Wilford, our Year 2 TA. The races are a test of endurance and determination and the first race - just under 2 nautical miles - somewhat further than the club's usual stretch up the Marina! After some hard-fought racing, with oars clashing, the second race was very close and the Ladies Vets Crew finished in 20th place. Mrs Wilford loved the experience so much she hopes to attend the Championships again next year but, before this, she has set herself another challenge... This weekend, to raise funds and awareness for Sands, The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity, she will be completing a night-time trek up Mount Snowdon. In memory of her son Danny, Mrs Wilford will set off on Saturday at around midnight, hiking under a moonlit sky reaching the summit at around 5am on Sunday. We hope that the showers stay away and the sun shines at sunrise!

For more information on Sands please visit www.sands.org.uk or bristol.sands.org.uk



From our Church



HAVEN

45 minutes of mindfulness,
silence, music and gently
guided prayer

The 4th Sunday of each month
in St Peter's Church at 6.00 pm