

St Peter's



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Summer Newsletter

from St Peter's
Primary School

A final Headteacher message from Mrs Ashman...

Despite the record-breaking temperatures of this week, the overwhelming feeling of this term has been 'normality' with a return to many of the very special events and activities that are so important to St Peter's. We have been able to continue to send children on educational visits and have visitors into school to enrich and bring a different perspective to children's learning. Visitors also offer important links to our local community and our Legacy Learning – it was particularly lovely for your Year 2 pupils to welcome Pearl from the Kanamai Trust back into school for the first time since 2019. This term's newsletter shares lots of the amazing trips, and visitors, children have experienced over the past few weeks.

Term six is an important one in terms of transition; getting ready for changing classes and teachers and, for some, new schools. All pupils have now met their new teachers for September including our year 6 children who have all visited their secondary schools for move up days. Most are moving up to Gordano, but a few are going to other local schools where we know that they will make a brilliant impression and make lots of new friends. Our year 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard this term to put on an amazing performance of Mary Poppins, showing so many of the important qualities that we know will stand them in good stead in their futures. The show was watched by nearly 1000 people in two dress rehearsals and 3 performances. As they move onto their new schools, they must remember that **'anything really can happen'** if you chase your dreams and believe in yourself!

We have some children from other year groups who are also leaving us this term who will be missed by their friends and staff. We wish them all the best of luck in their new schools. We also are saying goodbye to some members of staff who are leaving us this term: Miss Jones, Miss George, Miss Evans, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Vargas and Miss Newport, who have all made so many contributions to St Peter's and will be greatly missed.

It is also my final few days at St Peter's and, after twelve years here, it feels a very big change and a wrench to be leaving! St Peter's is an incredibly special school with the most amazing staff, pupil and family community. It has been a privilege to have been part of the team and part of so many children's lives over this time. I am immensely proud of all we have achieved during this time and am delighted to be working within the Lighthouse Schools Partnership so I can continue to see – from a distance – the amazing work and achievements that I know the future holds for St Peter's children and staff.

In the words of Mary Poppins, St Peter's really is 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'!



Goodbye and Thank You – Mrs Ashman

Today, we say a very sad farewell to Mrs Ashman who has been such a huge part of the St Peter's community for the last 12 years. Her vision and her passion for improving the education of young people has been second to none and she has transformed the opportunities not only for children, staff and families in St Peter's but also thousands of other children through her pioneering work with Teaching School and English Hub.

We will remember Mrs Ashman for so many things and she leaves behind a huge legacy which we are proud to continue. Just some of her achievements include:

- Being the driving force behind the expansion of St Peter's and the fantastic facilities that we have
- Leading the way on Teaching School and English Hub
- Rallying the troops during the pandemic and getting a whole online learning system set up across the Trust
- Being chief costume maker for all the fantastic year 6 productions
- Instigating many fantastic school trips and visits – including our now well-embedded tradition of taking year 6 to the West End
- Throwing herself whole-heartedly into every project and venture that has made St Peter's the place it is today

Above all, we will remember Mrs Ashman for her smile, her laugh, her relentlessly positive attitude and her ability to show that anything is possible with a dream, a vision and an endless source of energy and enthusiasm!

We will all miss her hugely but are so glad that she is still going to be working for the Lighthouse Schools' Partnership, in her new role, and we hope that she will be back to visit us often.

On behalf of the whole school community – we thank you and wish you every happiness and success on your next exciting journey!



Parent School Association (PSA)

A **huge thank you** to everyone who attended the summer fair last Friday. This was our first major community event in 3 years and did not disappoint.

We are delighted to announce that the total amount raised was: £2, 855.31

Special thanks to our amazing PSA committee for all the planning and preparation that made this happen. The PSA committee are a fantastic group of busy parents who give their time to work with the school to enhance and enrich our community both socially and financially.

This year, funds raised by the PSA have paid for:

- 30 iPads
- Fridge Freezer
- Year 6 Leavers' books
- Subsidies for school trips
- And... coming soon is a fantastic outdoor history timeline that is due to be installed in the new term – watch this space and look out for our grand unveiling!

We have a full programme of events planned for the new academic year and will share all of these with you very soon. In the meantime, some key dates for the diary are:

Thursday 20th October 7pm - 'Beat the Teacher – Back to School Quiz Night' (Adults only!)

Saturday 3rd December - Christmas fair

Thursday 2nd March – Book at Bedtime

Thursday 23rd March - Easter Disco

Friday 14th July - Summer Fair

We are also bringing back after school cake/fruit sales and many more fundraising events.

At the moment, we have a very small committee, but a growing number of volunteers and we would love your help. If you are interested in getting more involved with the community life of the school in this way, please complete the MS Form below. At the start of the next academic year, a member of our PSA will be in touch with you. Let's work together to make our school community an even better place!

[PSA membership and volunteering](#)

Reception

It has been a very busy final term for our Reception children as think about transitions and getting ready for year one. We have been fortunate enough to have our buddies come and visit us and do some stay and play sessions. This has been a lovely opportunity for the children to play with their buddies and get to know them as well as for their buddies to read to them. It has been particularly lovely at lunch times to see the children getting together and seeing these friendships flourish.



We have also spent the last few weeks looking at 'Africa' and learning that it is a continent. We have explored this through the texts *The Ugly Five*, *Handa's Surprise* and *The Lion Hunt*. We have also learnt the story map to *The Lion Hunt* which we will be performing to our buddies later on this week.

We also had a brilliant Africa WOW day on Thursday 14th July where we did some African food tasting, learning a chant and spending some time in the garden completing some craft activities. It was an exciting way to round off all of the children's exceptional hard work this year!



Year 1



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Writing a recount about our trip to Bristol Aquarium

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First we got on the coach and drove to the aquarium. Next we walked to the aquarium. Then we had a tour around. After that we fed the fish. Later we had our picnic. Lunch and a drink. Afterwards we had a swimmer. Then we saw the sea stars. Finally we got back on the coach and we went home.

This term, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Bristol Aquarium.

We learned facts about sea creatures, fed the fish and had a wonderful workshop about sharks! Back in school, we have been developing our writing skills for different genres. We wrote a recount about our trip in chronological order using time conjunctions and we have also been learning to write non-fiction fact files about sea stars.

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Sea Stars
Sea stars are not fish. They usually have five arms and some have more. They can not swim. Some have lots of sharp points. There are over 1,000 different species of sea stars. They have two stomachs. With two arms they can move one. They can live up to 100 years. Sea stars sometimes they can eat. They eat mussels and fish.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant term!

Firstly, we enjoyed a trip to Noah's Ark where we learnt about different animals and how they're suited to their habitats. We loved the workshop where we got to meet and hold some of the animals!



The following week, we enjoyed a trip to the SS Great Britain where we learned more about the inspirational work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Our teachers were really proud when we amazed the staff there with all our expert facts and knowledge.

Finally, in our art lessons this term, we have been learning about Ghanaian Adinkra cloth. We discovered that Adinkra cloths contain special symbols and meanings and using this as inspiration, we created our own stamps which we have printed on to a class cloth.



Year 3

It has been a busy and fun term in Year 3! We had a wonderful time on our educational visit to St Ffagans this term. We especially enjoyed looking at the changes in homes over the centuries and how they differ from today. We had a great day seeing how towns have developed over time and how life has evolved over the years.

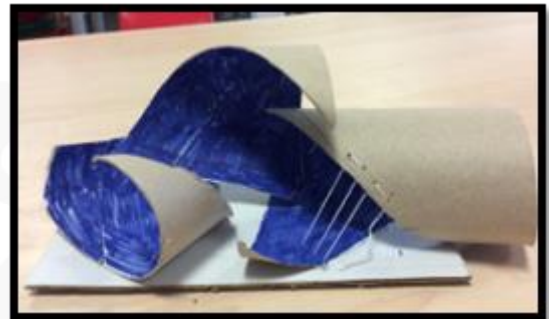


As a year team, we are so proud and impressed with the children and their dedication to our legacy learning about the RNLI. They raised nearly £2000 from the cake sale and their sponsored walk/run around the running track. We look forward to giving this to the RNLI so they can continue the amazing work they do.



Year 4

Year 4 have loved continuing their art learning all about sculpture this term. Inspired by the works of Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore, they created their own abstract pieces using foil and papier mache, and also using toilet rolls and thread. We also went on a fantastic walk around the Portishead Sculpture trail where the children sketched out of doors and then created beautiful sketchbook pages capturing their reactions to the different pieces.



In history, we have continued our learning about Britain and invasions by focusing on the Vikings this term. We started off with an amazing visit from Erik, who taught us about crime and punishment, clothing and warfare brought in amazing artefacts for the children to explore.



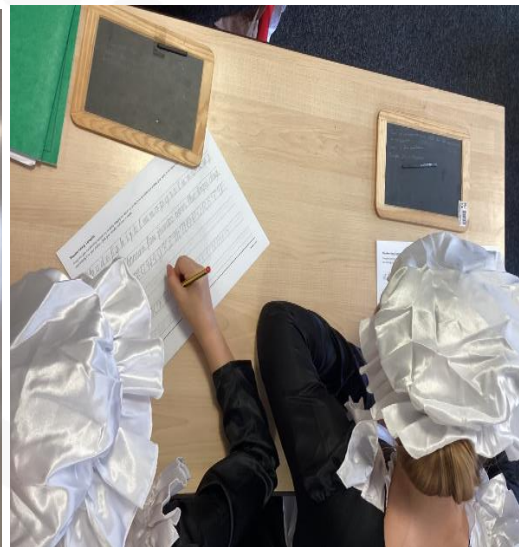
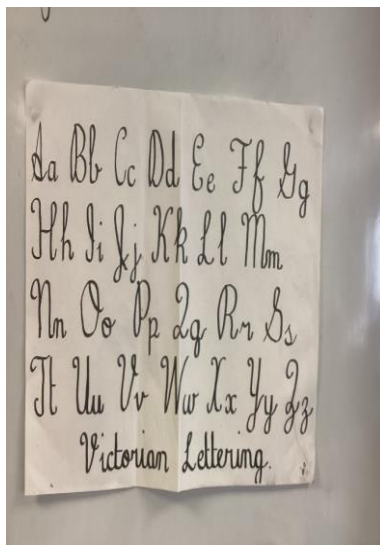
Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy and exciting term 6 with visits, trips and events in school. The children visited the Jamia Mosque in Totterdown and were able to connect their learning in RE by exploring the Mosque and asking the Imam questions. The children were inquisitive and respectful, and were role models for St Peter's throughout the whole visit.

During this term, we also had a visit from Michael Loader and his team for the children to work on a Refugee Project.

As expert learners in upper KS2, the children in year 5 have also had many opportunities to interact with their buddies this term. They have shared stories, completed activities and watched Reception perform stories. It was joyous to watch them interact and share special moments together. We thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a day in the life of Victorian children on our WOW day!

It has been a fantastic final term and we know the children are all very excited about transitioning to year 6 after a very well deserved rest over the summer break!



Year 6



This term, year 6 have been really busy! At the start of June, we all visited the Bristol Life Skills Centre - an exciting and memorable environment in which to learn. By taking part in activities on their realistic scenarios, which include houses, a road, shop, dark alleyway and a railway line, we could actually experience difficult or dangerous situations in a safe environment and learn how to deal with them.

Mary Poppins

We thought you would like to see some of the fabulous photos of our Mary Poppins show and some of our parent reviews. We've more photos and a film that we will be sharing with you really soon! A huge well done to the whole cast and crew on such a professional and brilliant performance.



"An amazing show - even the grandparents travelled 4 hours to come and see it!"



"Wow, what a fantastic performance! The compassion from each and every year 6 shone through, it was evident to watch that everyone had just as much fun whether they were on stage or in the audience. I felt so proud watching and had a permanent smile on my face throughout! Thank you to all the year 6s and their lovely teachers who supported them throughout"



"Congratulations to every child who played their part to make it such a success and to the teachers who have put it all together despite continuing uncertainty and absence due to Covid. You should all be incredibly proud of what you achieved!"



Thank you to all our dedicated Eco leaders who have worked hard this year to ensure that the pens in their classes were recycled correctly. Because of our hard work, we have recycled a huge amount of pen waste. The plastic from the pens is recycled and turned into plastic play equipment.

Play Leaders

It has been another busy term for the play leaders with the weather allowing for more activities on the field. We also welcome some new play leaders from year 2! They are raring to help with playtimes as they transition into year 3 and will continue their role next year. Here are just a few of them!



Reading

Please help St Peter's to raise money for new books!

Love Reading 4 Kids is an excellent website with many book recommendations and top tips on reading for pleasure.

They have started a scheme to raise money for schools to spend on books. The Love Reading book store is offering 10% off the RRP and will also donate 25% of the book's price to school to spend on new books!

Please see the information from them below:



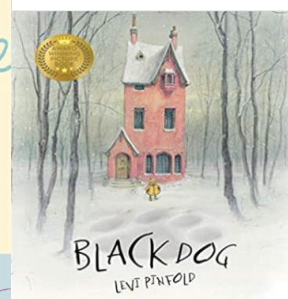
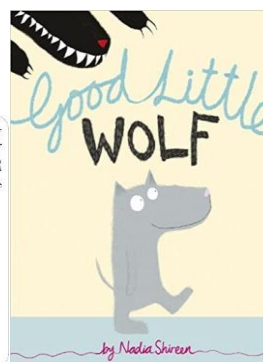
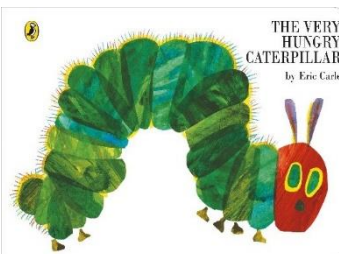
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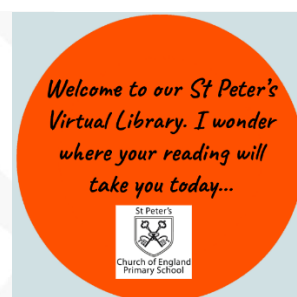
On our move up morning, teachers shared some of their favourite books with their new classes. This is a selection of our recommendations...





Also, to help you to keep reading and enjoying new books over the summer, remember to use our St Peter's virtual library on our website. You can access this by clicking on the link below:

[St Peter's Virtual Library](#)



Happy 'Holiday Reading'!