

We have had a very busy and exciting start to the new school year, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling back into our school community and exploring what it means to be a St Peter's citizen. It has also been great to fully welcome families back into school; thank you to everyone who attended our welcome to year group meetings and to all who joined us for prayers and reflections for Queen Elizabeth and to cast their votes for our new 'House' names yesterday, on the 'International Day of Democracy.' Thank you all for your support in getting this year off to a fantastic start!

St Peter's Houses – Reading at the Heart of our School Culture

Thank you for supporting International Day of Democracy yesterday. Year 5 did an excellent job of running the voting and instructing people on what they needed to do. They took responsibility for ensuring the voting was fair and that everybody had an opportunity to have their say. They have seen first hand how important their Legacy Learning about democracy is!

After the whole school community had the opportunity to vote, we now have four new House names: **Coelho, Donaldson, Jeffers and Rauf**. These authors are all fantastic choices and we enjoy sharing their books with children across the school.

We will launch our new Houses on our first Family Day of the year on the 30th September. Children will find out which House they belong to and we will be learning more about the poets and authors we have chosen.



Celebrating the Life of Queen Elizabeth II

Thank you to everyone who joined with us to share memories, reflection and prayers for our Queen. We had a wonderful service of thanksgiving for the life of an inspirational person who truly showed how 'excellence in service with others' brings strength and unity across communities. St Peter's church are holding some events over this weekend and you can find the information below and on their Facebook page.



Important Updates September 16th 2022

'Come and join us for A Service of Prayer and Reflection remembering her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with hymns, readings, prayers, silence and an opportunity to reflect on our memories of the Queen. All are welcome'

Sunday 18th September at 6.00pm in St Peter's Church.

The link to the Facebook post is here:

[St Peter's Church – Service of Prayer and Reflection for Queen Elizabeth II](#)

St Peter's Church, Portishead will also be screening live coverage of the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II on Monday, September 19. All are very welcome.

The church will be open all day from 9am-5pm for people to give thanks, offer prayer and share memories. The screening of the funeral itself will start at 10.30 am.

We hope that this will give an opportunity for those who want it to draw comfort from one another, to be able to chat before and afterwards, and to be in a shared sacred space.

Tea and coffee will be available.

The details are also on the Church's Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/portisheadCofE>

Volunteers in School

We are delighted to be able to welcome parent/carer/grandparent volunteers back into school. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in this before the holidays and apologies that we had to postpone the planned safeguarding briefing, due to staff illness, in the last week of term.

Many of you have already expressed an interest in volunteering via our MS Form and we have your details on our system. If you are interested and have not yet completed our MS Form, please do so by clicking on the link below:

[Volunteering in School](#)

You will then need to attend a safeguarding briefing session (if you did not attend at the end of last year) and we are offering 2 dates:

Thursday 22nd September 8.50am – 9.20am

Friday 23rd September 2.30 – 3.00pm

Please meet at the welcome desk for these sessions.

Volunteers really do give us extra capacity in school and make a massive difference to the things we can offer pupils. Thank you in advance for your help!



Travel to School and Parking

We are very aware that travel to school and parking continues to be a challenge. Finding a safe and sustainable solution to this issue is something that we are committed to doing and we have plans in place to work with North Somerset and other community partners – including yourselves (parents) - to address this challenge. As always, our main priority is to ensure the safety of all our pupils as they travel to and from school and I know you will share this priority.

We would welcome some input from a working party from the parent community. If you are interested in being contacted to join us for a focus group, please complete the MS Form below:

[Working Party – Travel to School](#)

PSA Events

We are pleased to announce that our popular after school cake sales are returning. We are also adding the option of bringing fruit instead of cakes so that there is a healthy option for all. All funds raised from these sales across the year will help us to maintain our exciting educational visits programme for all children across the school.

Our first cake sale is on Thursday 22nd September and we are asking the **year 2** families to bring the cake and fruit donations for the first sale. Please drop these at your child's classroom on the morning of the sale.

The rota for the rest of the school year is as follows:

Thursday 10 th November	Year 5
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 4
Thursday 9 th March	Year 3
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1
Thursday 15 th June	Reception

Year 6 will be running their own 'Enterprise' programme and further details will follow about this.

Beat The Teacher Quiz Night!

Thursday 20th October at 7pm in the Pier Hall.

Bar and Refreshments available.

Please join us for what promises to be a great evening for parents and staff.

Details on how to book your team table will be coming out from the PSA next week.



Sharing Learning

Easter Exhibition (save the date!)

Wednesday 29th March 3.30 – 5.00pm

Share Sessions – Dates For The Year Ahead

In response to feedback on the parent survey, we will be having share sessions on a different morning each term so that more parents/carers are able to attend. We hope that by giving you enough notice of these that you will be able to come along to at least one or two of these across the year.

Please note that:

- We have had to double up on some year groups
- Reception share sessions do not begin until the start of term 4.
- Doors open at 8.30 and close at 8.50am

There will also be opportunities to see your child's work at parents' evenings and our Easter exhibition.

Term 2 – **Friday** share session

Date	4.11.22	11.11.22	18.11.22	25.11.22	2.12.22	9.12.22
Year group	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 2	Year 1	Year 3

Term 3 – **Thursday** share session

Date	5.1.23	12.1.23	19.1.23	26.1.23	2.2.23	9.2.23
Year group	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1

Term 4 – **Wednesday** share session

Date	23.2.23	1.3.23	15.3.23	22.3.23	29.3.23
Year Group	Reception Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3 Year 2	Year 1

Term 5 – **Tuesday** share session

Date	18.4.23	25.4.23	2.5.23	9.5.23	16.5.23	23.5.23
Year Group	Year 6	Year 5 Reception	Year 4	Year 1	Year 3	Year 2

Term 6 – **Monday** share session

Date	12.6.23	19.6.23	26.6.23	3.7.23	10.7.23
Year Group	Year 6 Year 4	Year 5	Year 3 Reception	Year 2	Year 1