



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! As we wave goodbye to the festive cheer of Christmas, we step into a new beginning. The first few days of this term at St Peter's have been brief yet filled with joy and excitement. Despite the unexpected Headlands 'facelift' of our beloved school, the spirit of learning inside the walls hasn't faltered.

Preschool Press

It has been lovely welcoming familiar faces and new ones to Preschool for a short but very busy first week. The Christmas decorations have all been packed away and the children have been working together in the home corner using brooms, vacuum cleaners and mops to make Preschool clean and tidy as well as keeping on top of all the laundry! Our theme this term is animals and Winter habitats. The children have been discovering which animals live in snowy climates by listening to stories about and creating tissue paper pictures of polar bears, penguins, foxes and wolves. Exploring the artificial snow led to lots of discussion about texture with the children describing it as cold, wet and soft. During our outdoor learning morning the children collected leaves, sticks and moss to help create dens and nests for animals which hibernate or enter a state of torpor in the Winter and we will be finding out more next week!

This term's Parents Meeting is at 7pm Thursday, 11th January in the Cedar Hub, we look forward to welcoming all nursery parents to this event to share information and a chance for you to socialise.

PTA News

We had a very successful Michaelmas term raising a fantastic amount for the PTA. The Christmas festivities were a particular highlight so a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated. Whether it was purchasing the PTA Christmas Gifts, attending the Christmas Fayre, booking tickets for the Grotto or buying the highly sought-after raffle tickets, we managed to raise a fantastic amount of **£1,802.78!!** This will truly make a difference to helping enrich our children's lives! More details to follow on how these funds will be spent. The current competition for designing the new PTA logo is well underway. There is still plenty of time to enter – deadline for entries is Friday, 12th January. The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday, 10th January at 4.30pm, it would be great to see some new faces so if you want to come along and offer your ideas (or sit quietly and observe!) you would be more than welcome. We have another exciting term ahead with lots of lovely things planned (and possibly a musical event too!) so please keep an eye out for any communications and watch this space!

Clubs Start Next Week

After School clubs start next week. It's always a challenge organising such a wide range of activities for so many children, especially as they're always so popular. Upper School Computing is busy as ever but there's still room in the brand new Harmonica Club if anyone would like to switch. Lego Club is also busy and we have a few spaces left on the Golf Club that night if anyone wants to try something new. There is a small charge to golf but we use the latest technology at the Pytchley Lodge Trackman range. Please read your club's sheet carefully. Thank you to all the teachers running clubs which are a huge part of the St. P experience.

For those who missed the reminders in previous Head's Updates, the information below may be useful.

Uniform and Parking

A regular reminder that information about regulation school uniform can be found at <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/Uniform> and can be ordered via ParentMail. New tracksuits are on

their way (in a few weeks) and many other items are now back in stock! The Year 6 girls look very smart in their new ties and I know they're proudly learning to tie them ready for secondary school. Please also remember parking permits if you're using the restricted bays; forms are available from the School Office.

Attendance and Lateness

School registration is at 8.45am and this is when the main gate is closed. If your child is late and the gate is closed, you must bring your child to the School Office to be registered (school children only). It's important that your child is punctual every day to minimise disruption to the class.

Key Dates for Your Diary

- Nursery Parents Event - Thursday, 11th January, 7pm
- Year 6 Class Assembly - Monday, 29th January
- Reception Class Assembly - Monday, 5th February
- Share Your Work - Monday, 5th February
- Half Term - Monday, 12th February to Friday, 16th February
- Year 5 Class Assembly - Monday, 26th February
- World Book Day - Thursday, 7th March
- Red Nose Day - Friday, 15th March
- Lent House Matches - Wednesday, 20th March
- Last Day of Lent Term - Wednesday, 27th March

Wishing you all a fantastic term ahead. I know that we have many exciting things planned for the children; there will be more dates to be added to your diaries I'm sure!

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>

Addendum: There was a typo in the 2025 term dates, to clarify, the one week half term is Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025. This has been corrected on the website.