

# SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



Term 3 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Epiphany



The children started the new term by celebrating the Epiphany with a Mass led by Year 6. The children sang and read beautifully and it was a lovely way to welcome the children back to school. We are very grateful to Father Michael for coming to celebrate Mass for us.



## The Fourth Wiseman

Mrs Brady joined us for the Epiphany celebrations and told the children the story of Fourth Wiseman. His name is Artaban. Like his friends Gaspar, Melchior and Baltasthar, Artaban is a physician, priest, astrologer and wise man from Persia. Unfortunately, he never reached baby Jesus and then spent thirty-three years following him but never succeeding in meeting him.

## Prayer Club

The younger children are really enjoying their lunchtime Prayer Club sessions run by the Chaplaincy group. The Chaplains have been busy planning some lovely creative sessions for the children. They have been listening to and acting out stories from the New and Old Testament as well as making prayer posters and setting up fantastic prayer areas.



## Snow

The children were very excited by the snow and ice we experienced during the first week back at school. Whilst we were complaining about the weather the children were complaining that there was not enough snow! Foundation Stage enjoyed making ice pictures and learning about water freezing which tied in with their Artic project.



### Year 3 Theatre Trip



Year 3 had an exciting adventure when they saw *Little Red and Other Winter Tales* at the Bristol Old Vic! The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, which brought winter stories to life with fantastic actors and beautiful staging. It was a magical experience, and the children were captivated by the creativity and energy of the show. The trip was a wonderful way to bring winter magic into the classroom and inspire their imaginations! We were very grateful to the Old Vic who donated the tickets to us free of charge.

### Year 4 Anglo Saxon Workshop



Year 4 visited the M-Shed to take part in an Anglo-Saxon workshop. They had the opportunity to examine replica tools and artefacts from the Anglo-Saxon times and discuss what they would have been used for as well think about modern equivalents. The children also had the opportunity to look at the type of clothing and decide who would wear it.



### Movement Sessions

The whole school took part in movement sessions run by USports. The children really enjoyed the sessions which were very active and well organised. Further details about activities run by this organisation can be found attached to this newsletter or from their website at: <https://www.u-sports.co.uk/bristol-sports-coaching>



### Forest School

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Gladman has completed her forest school training and is now running forest school sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. During the course of the year all the children will have the opportunity to attend forest school. During the sessions they will be able to make dens, whittle wood, and understand more about nature. We are very grateful to Mrs Gladman for studying so hard and gaining the necessary qualifications.



### Gymnastics Club

The children are enjoying the new clubs this term and Year 5 are particularly enjoying showcasing their amazing talents on the gym equipment. If you are interested in your child joining an after-school club please contact the office.





## Hockey Club

For the third year running, we are fortunate to have players from United Bristol Hospitals Mixed Hockey Club (Mr Fielding's previous club) coming in to coach the KS2 children in hockey over the next 2 terms. Years 3 and 6 are receiving coaching on Friday afternoons with an after-school club on offer for Year 5 and 6. All the children are enjoying their sessions and we are very grateful to all the students who are giving up their time to come into school.



## KS2 Adventure Playground



Thank you for your patience this week whilst we have been updating the KS2 Adventure Playground. The children are very excited about the project which will give them a new den making area and shack with a chalkboard to draw on. The area was designed to give the children more shade and a range of different activities. Hopefully it will be open for the children towards the end of next week. This project was funded through our Sports and PE grant.

The PTFA are currently saving in order to fund the refurbishment of the KS1 playground which we hope to start later this year.

## Arbor

In order to improve communications between home and school we have introduced a new management information system called Arbor. Lots of parents who have signed up to the system have commented on how easy it is to use and they liked the opportunity to change their data as required. Please make sure you check your spam folder for the welcome email, which was sent out on the 16<sup>th</sup> January inviting you to sign up to the system. Parents/Carers' Evening booking system will go live on Arbor at 4pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January.



## SEND Coffee Morning & School Nursing Team sessions

Miss Walker held the second SEND Coffee morning of the year. SEND Coffee mornings are open to all parents/carers and are a way to talk to other parents/carers and to Miss Walker about issues around SEND. The next meetings will be 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> March.



The school has arranged for the School Nursing Team from Sirona (NHS) to visit the school for parent/carer sessions once a term. These sessions will usually be on the second Tuesday of each term from 8:50am-10am. The planned dates are: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> June. The sessions will consist of allotted slots which will be 1:1 with the school nurse (Nicky O'Leary). We expect these to be 15 minutes long, but if demand is high they may be shorter.

School Nurses work alongside young people and families offering support and information around topics such as anxiety, emotional support and relationships, sleep, healthy eating and exercise. The School Nursing Team can help with a range of concerns, offering medical advice or, if your concern is outside of their remit, signposting you to other resources.

If you have a concern about your child and would like to arrange to see the School Nurse please contact the school office. **You do not need to tell us what your concern is**, just that you would like to see the School Nurse.

We will be in touch about booking slots on future sessions at the start of each term.

More information about the School Nursing Team can be found on the link below:

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/>

### **Term Dates 2024/2025**

**Term 3** Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2025

**Term 4** Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April 2025

**Term 5** Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May 2025

**Term 6** Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

### **Inset days for 2024/2025**

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

### **Half-term Activities**

A message from the team at Kingsdown Sports Centre:

Join us this half-term for all 5 days at ESC Kingsdown for an exciting activity camp filled with fun, fitness, and adventure! Our camp offers a wide range of sports and creative activities designed to keep children active, engaged, and having fun throughout the break. Whether your child loves team sports, soft play or arts and crafts, there's something for everyone throughout the week! With experienced staff and a safe, friendly environment, it's the perfect way for your child to make the most of their time off. Don't miss out – sign up today on our Glofox app or call the centre on 01676 542129 ext 3. Thank you!

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.  
Jesus, our light,  
In this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.  
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;  
to be fair, forgiving and kind.  
Amen





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# FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CLIFTON

Our football development centre in Clifton, Bristol, is an excellent opportunity to give your child that extra opportunity to work on their football skills. High quality sessions which will work to develop your child's skill and confidence in the game.

## THURSDAY EVENING

**5-12 YEARS  
OLD**

**6PM - 7PM**



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ABBOTS LEIGH  
CLIFTON  
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