

SS Peter and Paul Newsletter

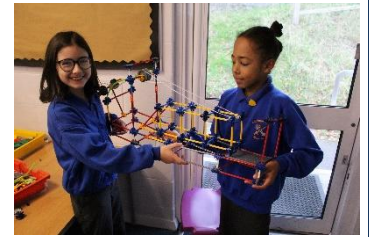


Term 2 15th November 2024

Year 5 and 6 STEM Challenge



Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a STEM Challenge to design and build a bridge. The children worked in pairs and the winning pair will represent the school at the STEMWORKS regional final. The organiser who visited the school to run the competition was very impressed with the designs but also the children's ability to work together



and the language they used whilst designing and making their designs. Congratulations to Charlotte and Kanyah in Year 6 who won the competition, and Phoebe, Kiaon, Leonidas and Hugo in Year 5 who were runners up.

Year 6 Life-skills Visit



On Tuesday 5th November Year 6 visited the Life-skills centre where they learnt about how to stay safe and other important skills such as shopping safely, crossing the road, staying away from railway tracks, what to do in the event of fire, how to make a 999 call as well as basic first aid. The visit is very important because it does not just tell the children about the difficulties and dangers but allows them to learn through different scenarios. The children took part with confidence and enthusiasm. They all agreed it was a useful visit which will prepare them as they move on to having greater independence at Secondary school. They will complete

some follow up work at school. Thank you to the parents who walked with the children and made the trip possible.

Remembrance Year 6



On Friday 8th November Year 6 held their Remembrance Assembly. The children shared family stories about those who had been involved in the wars. The children explained why it is important to remember. They sang in Flanders Field, by John McCrae, who was a poet, surgeon, artist and soldier during the Second Battle of Ypres, in Belgium. They also sang "Where ever you are". A minute's silence was observed by the whole school, parents and friends.



On Monday 11th November the children joined members of the clergy, military personnel and other schools for an Act of Remembrance at the cenotaph on Whiteladies Road. Two members of the class laid a wreath on behalf of our school community and the children joined with the children from St John's to sing the Military Wives' song Where Ever You Are.





In the afternoon Year 6 visited St Joseph's Home and performed an abridged version of their assembly as part of the Remembrance Service for the residents. It was a very moving service with the children and residents taking part.

To raise money for the Royal British Legion the children have been selling poppies and small stationery items at breaktimes since half-term for the period up to Remembrance Day.

School Chaplaincy Team



On 7th November the members of the Chaplaincy team from Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful day at St Bonaventure's parish hall. They met children in Chaplaincy teams from lots of other local Catholic schools and took part in many fun creative activities related to the Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope. Our Chaplaincy team were a credit to our school and contributed some amazing thoughts and ideas.

Chaplaincy Commissioning at Clifton Cathedral



On Friday the 8th November the Chaplains were invited to Clifton Cathedral for a special commissioning Mass held by Bishop Bosco. They joined with other schools from the diocese to pledge their willingness to support the ethos of their schools.

They were very happy to receive their chaplaincy badges from the bishop and have been proudly wearing them in school. The Chaplains are very active in school

and have been holding prayer and rosary clubs as well as planning their own assembly. Thank you to Mrs Hewlett for all the work she does in organising the chaplaincy work in school.



Christmas Fair



The excitement is building in school as the final arrangements are underway for the Christmas Fair which will be held on Friday 29th November from 3.15pm. Thank you for all your donations so far. There will be two additional own clothes days one on Friday 22nd for bottles and

chocolates and the final own clothes day will be on the day of the fair when we would like donations of cakes (particularly homemade ones). The PTFA have worked very hard to make the fair happen but still need your help on the day. The PTFA could do with extra support but it is important that you let them know before the day so that they can organise any offers of help in the most effective way. You don't need to help for the whole fair and the more helpers we have the less time each person has to work on a stall. Each class has their own stall so please talk to your class rep about what you can do to help. The whole community is looking forward to the event so please support the fair in whatever way you can.

SEND COFFEE MORNINGS



SEND Coffee Morning

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 22nd January and 12th 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 9am-10am. The planned dates are: 14/1/2025, 4/3/2025, 6/5/2025 and 10/6/2025. 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/>



Restless Development Triathlon

Charlotte from the Restless Development triathlon team visited school last week to tell the children about the 2025 triathlon which will be held at Clifton College on Sunday 4th May. The triathlon is open to all KS2 children, competing in teams of 4. The details of the event have been sent to all KS2 parents and is attached to this newsletter.

Starting School in September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you need to make an application for Reception in September 2025 by midnight on 15th January 2025. The guide for parents/carers is available on-line at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions for parents/carers to view and download. In addition, we would recommend you complete a supplementary form available from the website or the school office.

Please feel free to recommend the school to friends and family. We are currently advertising a number of school tours for children who would like to join us in September 2025. All the dates are available on the school website calendar. Please contact the office to book.



Important dates for the rest of the term

- 29th November - PTFA Christmas Fair
- 4th December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am **Ticket required**
- 5th December - KS1 Nativity 2pm **Ticket required**
- 13th December – KS2 Carol Service 2pm at Clifton Cathedral **All Welcome**
- 17th December – KS2 Christmas Lunch
- 18th December – KS1 Christmas Lunch
- 19th December – Children’s Disco
- 20th December – Mass 9.30am

Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter regarding St Joseph’s Nursing Home Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th December.

Term Dates 2024/2025

Term 2 Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024

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

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025



As the mornings and evenings are getting darker, it is important that children can be seen. As many winter coats are dark in colour the school will issue each child with a small reflector which can be attached to their coat or bag so that they will be visible to motorists and cyclist as they travel to and from school.

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

Be Bright, Be Seen

THINK

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Lord, send us the gift of peace.
Convert the hearts of those
who commit violence and wage war.
Turn them away from persecution
towards peace.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.
Turn hatred to understanding,
and anger to compassion.

Through your love, transform horror
into hope.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.
Amen



SSPP'S INVITATION TO THE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON 2025

We are very pleased to invite you to the Schools Triathlon Series – the UK's largest sports fundraising event for children – organised by Restless Development.

When: Sunday 4th May '25

Where: Clifton College

Entry Deadline: 29/11/24

Who: Years 3 – 8

What is Involved in The Schools Triathlon?

- Teams of 4 complete the course as a relay
- Each team member will complete the below distance of each discipline:

Year Group	Start Times	Swim	Cycle	Run
Year 3 & 4	9am-12pm	50m	1000m	750m
Year 5 & 6	1-4:30pm	50m	1000m	750m
Year 7 & 8	12-1pm	100m	2000m	750m

How To Enter?

- Create a team of four children, then choose your team name!
- Select one parent to register your team's interest in the event via the link above (you will need all participant names and their parent/guardian's email)
- You will receive an email to confirm if your team has or hasn't been successful 3 weeks after the deadline date given above
- If your team is given a place, we will email all parents within the team to invite them to register their child for the event

What is Included?

- A free participant t-shirt
- A medal for all finishers
- A certificate for children who raise the minimum £50 fundraising or above
- Hoodies are available to buy once registered, or at the event

RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT


Restless Development

We are a global charity who supports the collective power of young people to create a better world. Every year we train, mentor, nurture and connect thousands of young people to lead positive change in their communities; supporting them to tackle challenges they face such as lack of education, unemployment and climate change. [Watch this video](#) to learn more!

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER
NOW!**

Fundraising

Each participant must fundraise a minimum of £50, with a target of £100. The first £50 raised by each child will go to Restless Development as the organising charity. The second £50 raised will go to your school's chosen charity. Anything raised over £100 will go to Restless Development.

Check out our FAQs, or email us: schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org  [@schoolstriathlon](https://www.instagram.com/schoolstriathlon)



St. Joseph's Home Christmas Fayre

**Entrance
50p**

on 30th of November
from 11am to 3pm

Loads of prizes & surprises:
For kids

Santa's Grotto	Tombola
Games	Crafts
Face painting	Bric-a-Brac
	Food stalls