

SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



Term 1 25th October 2024

Harvest Mass

Canon Colin came to school on Thursday 17th October to celebrate Harvest Mass with us. Foundation Stage sang the Big Red Combine-Harvester, complete with actions, and impressed everyone with their confident performance. Year 5 led the singing for us and did the readings. Thank you to everyone who donated food for St James' Priory who support the homeless and people in need. The Priory were very grateful for the donations.



Creation Topic



The children have been completing their topic work on being stewards of our world. Years 3 and 4 have installed their bug and bird houses in the woodland and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the first residents.



Year 5 and 6 had a talk from the Waste Nothing team from Bristol Waste. The children learnt about how items are re-used, recycling is dealt with and what happens to the products created from recycling. Further information about owning pre-loved items and buying compost made from recycled garden waste is available at: <https://bristolwastecompany.co.uk/> The children also asked about how they could get the school's recycling collected.



Cinema Night

On Friday 18th October the PTFA ran a very successful cinema night showing Hotel Transylvania 3 which was well attended and enjoyed by all the children who attended. The film ended with everyone standing up and dancing the Macarena, which was great to see.



Thank you to the PTFA who have worked so hard to organise the events for the children in recent weeks. The two events raised a combined total of £1,990.28. The Sponsored Bounce raised £1,466.10 and the Movie Night £524.18. Thank you to everyone who supported the events.

The next event is the Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November at 3.30pm. Please support the PTFA by donating the requested items, helping with the preparation before the event, set up on the day and helping to clear up after the event.

Sports Hall Athletics



Children from Year 5 and 6 attended a Sports Hall Athletics competition at St Bede's where they took part in a number of athletic events. They performed very well and came 4th overall out of 11 schools which means that the school will be invited to the next round of the competition. Thank you to Mrs Partridge for organising the team and thank you to all the parents for transporting the children to St Bede's.

Spooky Songs

On Thursday 24th October the school choir visited St Joseph's Nursing home to sing a range of Spooky songs for the residents. The children sang beautifully and the residents enjoyed the performance. Thank you to Miss Bryant-Henry for training the choir during her lunchtime. We look forward to hearing their Christmas songs at the Christmas Fair.

This year we have a number of events planned with the nursing home including a Remembrance Service and Carol singing.

The residents enjoy the children visiting and the children gain an understanding of looking after everyone in our community.



Inset Day

On Friday 25th October the staff will be attending St Bede's Catholic College to take part in a joint inset day with other schools in the Newman Partnership. The speaker, Canon Luiz Rusillo, is well known for his inspirational talks about the mission of the Catholic Church and education. The staff are looking forward to attending and having the opportunity to work with colleagues from other schools.



Nasal Flu Immunisations – Please sign up

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Children in our school will be offered the vaccine on **19th November**. Vaccinating your child will help your child but it will also help stop the spread of flu in the community so helping to protect you, your family, friends and the wider community. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.



No Nuts

I would like to remind you that the school has a nut free policy as we have children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. It is important to check all foods that are brought into school to ensure that they are nut free. This includes any food that is brought in as a snack after school or at any other time.

A guide for parents and carers on applying for a primary school place for the school year 2025-2026

15 January 2025

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What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

Check the website for a copy of the guide for parents and carers on applying for a primary school place for the school year 2025-2026. The guide contains information on how to apply for a school place, including details on the application process, the deadline for applications, and the criteria for selection. It also provides information on how to appeal a decision and how to contact the school admissions team for further information.

Why apply online?

The online system is the easiest and most secure way to apply for a school place. It allows you to apply for multiple schools at once and provides a clear overview of your application. You will also receive confirmation of your application and any further information you need to provide.

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.



Secondary Applications - Year 6 parents need to apply online for Year 7 places for September 2025 by 31st October which is the Thursday of half-term.



Clifton Cathedral Junior Choir

The choir is a children's choir sponsored by Clifton Cathedral's Music Service. Rehearsals take place once a week at the Cathedral on Fridays from 4.15pm – 5.45pm. The choir sings Vespers each week on a Friday evening at 5.15pm during term time as well as contributing to various Masses, concerts, tours and broadcasts throughout the year. Membership of the choir offers children the opportunity to develop their musical and vocal skills, particularly sight-singing, and to make new friends with similar interests whilst having fun and performing a wide choral repertoire to a high standard. The choir is open to any children in KS2, but it also welcomes children in Year 2 to join after the Easter holiday in that academic year. Potential new choristers have a four-week probationary period before an audition, in order to become full members of the choir. For further details please contact the Cathedral Organist and Junior Choir Director, Stephen Bryant
Email: juniorchoir@cliftondiocese.com

School Uniform



Thank you for sending your children into school with the correct uniform. Please make sure your child brings a coat to school **every day**.



Please make sure that your child should wear black shoes for school, **not trainers**. Trainers are to be worn for PE only and are not for everyday use.



The PE kit is a white T-shirt, preferably with a logo, and blue shorts or blue jogging bottoms and should be in school every day.

If you require any additional items of uniform we would encourage you to buy it pre-loved from the PTFA. This saves you money and saves our planet.

Shoulder length hair should be tied up and hair should be off the face and secured with a small band or blue ribbon.

If your child wears glasses please make sure the class teacher knows and that the glasses come into school each day.

Term Dates 2024/2025

Term 1 Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October 2024

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

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Activities for Term 2 2024/25:

Please note that all clubs will be ending at the end of term 1 and new clubs starting in term 2.

Monday	Year 4 Archery - Finish time 4.15pm Craft Club Years 2, 3 and 4 Finish time 4.15pm
Tuesday	Year 3 Invasion Games- Finish time 4:15pm Year 5 Dance - Finish time 4:15pm
Thursday	KS2 Lunchtime Choir Year 1 Multi-skills - Finish time 4:00pm Years 4-6 Frisbee - Finish time 4:15 (provided by U-Sports, paid activity)
Friday	Year 6 Archery - Finish time 4.15pm

A Prayer for Food Justice

Lord Jesus,

You understand what it is like to be hungry.

Teach us to have grateful and generous hearts.

Forgive us when we make selfish choices

or remain silent in the face of injustice.

You welcomed all to your table.

May we recognise our interconnectedness,

with our common home and our global neighbours,

so all are invited to share the feast.

Amen

