

SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



Term 1 11th October 2024

Creation



The children are continuing to work on their Creation topic looking after our planet. They have been using age appropriate books to think about what they can do to help. Foundation Stage and KS1 have a book which outlines 10 things the children can do, one being eat all their lunch to avoid waste and another is to turn the lights off when they leave the classroom.

Year 4 have now installed their beautiful bug hotels in the woodland and will be checking to see if they have any guests over the coming months. Whilst Year 3 have been finishing off their nesting boxes and are hoping to install them in the woodland next week.



Class Representatives

The children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in elections to select their class representatives. The children who stood for election wrote a manifesto and explained

to the children in their class how they would make school a better place. Congratulations to our new representatives.



Chaplains

Congratulations to our newly appointed chaplains who have been busy running the Rosary club to celebrate Mary during the month of October. The chaplains are very excited to be able to take the younger children to our prayer area and the



children from Foundation Stage and KS1 are always very enthusiastic to go with the chaplains. The younger children said they enjoyed learning new prayers and spending time with the older children. The chaplains will attend a formal commissioning service at the Cathedral on 8th November and will receive their chaplaincy badges from Bishop Bosco. They will also attend a formal training session with the Newman Partnership Schools planned for November.

Tennis Tasters

Year 2 are enjoying their tennis sessions with Simon Porter. All classes are having a Tennis Taster session provided by Simon Porter. The children have enjoyed developing their tennis skills. Details of private tennis coaching can be found at: www.simonportertennis.co.uk



Clifton College Art Workshop



Year 6 have been visiting Clifton College Preparatory School to complete an art project. The theme related to our RE Creation unit and involved looking at sea creatures. The children drew their creature and then transferred the design onto a silk screen using resist techniques. The children then painted the silk screens. The children enjoyed working in a



dedicated art space as well as having access to lots of resources. We are very grateful to Clifton College for providing this opportunity for our children and to the parents who accompanied.

The Secret Garden



On Tuesday 1st October, the whole school enjoyed a production of the Secret Garden delivered by M & M Theatrical Productions. This was the third production we had purchased from the company and once again the children were mesmerised by the costumes and scenery which transformed our school hall into a colourful world of fantasy. The children sat completely enthralled for over an hour, we were all engaged by the enthusiasm and talent of the actors.

After the production Year 6 attended a workshop where they learnt how the show was produced using 4 actors. They learnt about script writing, the stage design, how the quick costume changes were achieved and saw the lighting and sound mixing desks.



Sponsored Bounce



The PTFA organised a Sponsored Bounce to raise funds for school. The children were very excited to see the inflatable castle in the hall and were keen to complete their 'bounce'. Each child received a certificate with their number of bounces at the end of the bounce. Please send any remaining sponsorship money into the school office. Thank you to the PTFA, especially Lu Gaddeo, and

the parent volunteers who had to count the bounces – some of the children are very energetic and able to bounce very quickly!

We are always looking for extra help with PTFA events and would welcome any support you can offer. If you are able to help please make contact through the school office or through the PTFA class reps.

The next PTFA event is the Film night on **Friday 18th October**. The children will stay after school and will have a snack and a drink whilst watching the film. Parents/carers will pick up at 5.15pm from the KS1 playground. Tickets are £3 per child and will be available until Wednesday 16th October.



The PTFA are busy planning the Christmas Fair and the first non-uniform day will be Friday 18th October when children can wear non-uniform in exchange for bringing a mystery jar into school. Further details to follow.

Dentistry Talk

Mrs Valencia visited Year 4 to talk about oral hygiene and teeth as part of their science topic. The children enjoyed her visit and it helped them to understand more about the importance of looking after their teeth. Everyone received a packet of toothpaste and a chart to record when they cleaned their teeth. We are very grateful to Mrs Valencia for giving up her time to support the learning in Year 4.



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.



As the weather is becoming colder please make sure your child brings a coat to school **every day**. The children will go out to play in the rain unless it is very heavy, so it is essential that they have a coat in school. As we approach the winter months and the days get shorter it is also a good idea to make sure that your child is wearing something reflective so that they can be seen by drivers and cyclists.



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.

Harvest Mass

We will be holding a Harvest Mass on Thursday 17th October at 9.30am in the school hall to celebrate the food we have and the farmers that produce it. Everyone is welcome to attend. Year 5 will be leading Mass and Foundation Stage will be singing the Big Red Combine Harvester song. We will be collecting dried foods, as outlined in our recent letter, to donate to St James' Priory for the homeless people. Please try to bring at least one item.

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

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

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025

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

- Check the website to see what you need to apply for a school place. You will need to provide evidence of your child's age, your child's current school, your child's current address, your child's current contact details, your child's current contact details, your child's current contact details, your child's current contact details.

Why apply online?

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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**. When making the decision about which schools to apply for please check the admissions criteria carefully. Certain schools are oversubscribed and it is unlikely that you will get a place if you do not meet the admissions criteria. Every year we have a few children who do not get any school of their choice and this is usually because they have not met the criteria. The application process can be accessed via this website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/secondary-apply>

Mr King, principal of St Bede's, visited Year 6 last week. He described what life was like at St Bede's and the children were very excited about the different opportunities that were on offer at secondary school. If you are applying to St Bede's please make sure you apply via the Bristol City Council website and complete a supplementary form, which should be sent directly to St Bede's.



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

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

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Activities for Term 1 2024/25:

Monday Year 3 Multi-Sports- Finish time 4.15pm

Tuesday Year 4 Invasion Games- Finish time 4:15pm
Year 6 Dance - Finish time 4:15pm

Thursday KS2 Lunchtime Choir
Year 5 Archery - Finish time 4:15pm
Years 1-3 Frisbee - Finish time 4:15 (provided by U-Sports, paid activity)

Friday Year 2 Multi-skills - Finish time 4:00pm

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

School Uniform



Thank you for sending your children into school with the correct uniform. I would like to remind you that all children 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.

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

