

# SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



Term 3 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

## Happy Lunar New Year!



This year is the year of the snake. Anybody born during the year of the snake will be mysterious, passionate, wise, enthusiastic and sensitive. To help celebrate the Lunar New Year we had some visitors in school and the children really enjoyed learning about the different traditions and ways people celebrate.

## Jubilee Year of Hope



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January we marked the school's launch day of the Jubilee Year of Hope. The children made beautiful origami flowers in their classes to create a collaborative art installation over our 'Jubilee Door of Hope' which is in the school hall. All the children took part in a Jubilee prayer trail around the school which finished with them walking through the door and making a pledge of hope. Every child was given a little cloth sack to keep the items they collected on the trail. The first item they collected was a wooden figure to remind them that they are part of the Jubilee, a piece of ribbon to remind them of water and that, like water, life is sometimes smooth but can also be rough. They also collected an anchor which is the symbol of hope and a cross to remind them of Jesus and how he wants us to look after others.



**Year 6  
SATs**

## Congratulations and Well done!

SS Peter and Paul has been ranked third in the list of top performing Primary schools in Bristol according to 2024 SATS scores. 86% of children met the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths with 24% achieving the higher standard. Well done to all the staff and children for this amazing achievement!

We have recently had some lovely feedback about the behaviour and politeness of the children in our school. Several visitors to the school have commented on how well behaved the children are as they move around the school and always offer to lend a hand. It is so lovely to hear this.

## Forest School



Mrs Gladman and the children have been making the most of our wonderful woodland area in their weekly forest school sessions. This week they were making dens and warmed up with cups of delicious hot chocolate! Mrs Gladman has an action-packed itinerary planned for the coming year which includes session for all classes.



## Lunchtime Prayer Club

The Chaplains are continuing to organise opportunities for the younger children to pray, reflect and listen to bible stories at lunchtime. They are developing as strong faith leaders of our school and are wonderful role models for the younger children.





### Cricket with Gloucestershire Cricket

All Classes had a very active session with a representative from Gloucestershire cricket last week. This was fantastic for developing hand- eye coordination, batting and bowling skills and having lots of fun at the same time. Information about cricket courses can be found at:

<https://gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org/cricket/youth/dynamos-cricket/>



### Football Sessions with Mr Marsh-Brown

The children have been lucky enough to enjoy football training with a professional footballer this week. Mr Marsh-Brown has offered to come to school to hold fun training sessions with different year groups and the children are really enjoying themselves as well as learning some super ball control skills. We are very grateful for his time.



### Local History Walk



Year 5 went on a fascinating neighbourhood walk this week with local historian Michael Gorely. They learned so much about their local area and used old photographs to notice changes by comparing how buildings and roads used to look and how they appear now. You can certainly see the resemblance between Coltham Hill now and then.

Year two are looking forward to going on their walk next week.

### KS1 and KS2 Maths Meetings



It was lovely to see so many parents joining us for Maths meetings in KS1 and KS2 over the past two weeks. Teachers were able to share a little about how Maths is taught at SS Peter and Paul, the resources we use and how we make it fun. Parents were able to ask questions about how to support their children with maths. KS1 and KS2 children are enjoying Maths club on Wednesday mornings. They play enjoyable maths games, sing songs and generally have fun with numbers.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

The Course will commence on the 25th February and the First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on the 21st June. Applicants should have reached their 8th Birthday by the 1st Sept 2024. Application Forms are available at the Cathedral Office and will need to be returned by **1st February**.

## SEND Coffee Morning

SEND COFFEE  
MORNINGS



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 12<sup>th</sup> March.



The school has arranged for the School Nursing Team from Sirona (NHS) to visit the school for parent/carers sessions once a term. These sessions will usually be on the second Tuesday of each term from 8:50am-10am. The planned dates are: 04/03/2025, 06/05/2025 and 10/06/2025. 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.

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/>



## PTFA

The PTFA have been busy arranging lots of events for the community. The first event is a tea afternoon and uniform sale which will be held in the hall after school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Come and support your PTFA by buying tea and cake. Everyone is welcome!

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March a Family Bingo Event will be held at school between 5pm and 7pm. The tickets will be £3 per person and will go on sale from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Bingo is a great family game and everyone can take part. Refreshments will be on sale throughout the evening. Come and join us for a great family event.



## 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

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!



## Holocaust Memorial Day

This week the children in KS2 learnt about the holocaust and marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and 30 years since the genocide in Bosnia. As part of their reflection on the events of World War II and other events they linked their learning to our current Catholic Social Teaching topic related to human dignity. Our special reindeer Luc, stands for human dignity and reminds us that everybody matters and everyone is special and deserves to be treated with respect. We should treat every person the same way we want to be treated.

Everyone is special



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

