

St Peter's Catholic Primary School

School Year 2026 - 2027

School Newsletter

October 2026



Please read me, I'm
full of very
interesting and
important
information!

October begins with great joy and gratitude...

As October begins, please have a look through the newsletter to see some of the lovely things we've had going on this term.

Remember, we are always available to offer our help and support and to answer your queries. Please, always, reach out to us.

**Thank you, God, for your gifts.
Help us to share them generously.
Help us to see the unseen
and hear the unheard.
Help us to put others first.
Amen.**



Attendance

This year, we are introducing our attendance initiative, "**Thrive Under Five**", encouraging every child to miss **no more than five days of school during the academic year wherever possible**.

Every lesson matters. Learning is carefully planned so that each day builds on the one before. Missing school means children can miss important learning, experiences and opportunities that are difficult to replace.

Why attendance matters

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- achieve higher academic outcomes;
- develop stronger friendships and social skills;
- build confidence and resilience;
- experience greater wellbeing; and
- be better prepared for the next stage of their education and future life.

Our own experience, alongside national research, **clearly shows that excellent attendance is one of the strongest indicators of future success.**

Our attendance expectations

The expectation is that every child attends **every session, every day**, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend or there are exceptional circumstances.

We will continue to monitor attendance throughout the year using the following attendance bands:

Rather than waiting until attendance becomes a significant concern, we will contact families early if attendance begins to fall so that we can work together to identify any barriers and offer support.

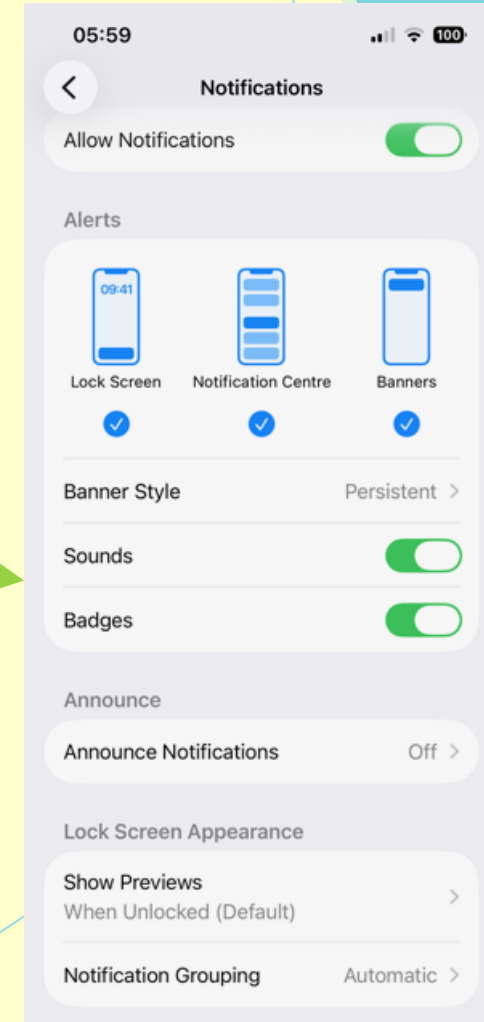
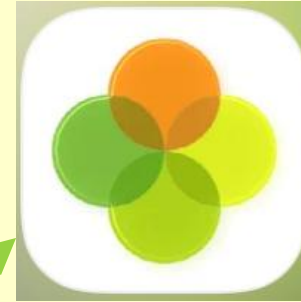
Attendance	Days Absent	Our View
 Above 99%	2 days or fewer	Excellent
 97-99%	Fewer than 5 days	Good - Thrive Under Five
 95-96.9%	Around 9 days	Below Expectation
 90-94.9%	13-18 days	Poor
 Below 90%	More than 19 days	Persistent Absence

Arbor - if you haven't done this yet, please try to get it sorted.

Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor App and got logged in. This way, you will be able to receive in - app messages in addition to emails.

This is the Arbor logo which you will see when looking for the APP.

Please ensure you have notification settings set in a way that means you receive notifications. (Apple version)



Keep checking your junk mail as the emails seem to keep going back in there for some people.

You may need to turn your phone on and off to get the notifications working - I did.

Uniform

We ask that you adhere to the rules for school uniform as laid out on our school website and in our Uniform Policy.

We have noticed that some children are not wearing correct PE shorts and are wearing fleeces during the school day. Fleeces should not be worn inside; round neck school jumpers or cardigans are required.

Fleeces are not official school uniform.

Rucksacks are not permitted at St Peter's. They are too cumbersome and take up too much space in our cloakrooms.

You may use either a book bag from the PTFA or one purchased online or a small drawstring bag.

Bags larger than this stop pupils from being able to hang their coats or jumpers on their pegs, which in turn causes items to fall on the floor and cause trip hazards.

If you have provided your child with a rucksack, please change it for a permitted bag by the end of the half term holiday.



Website

[Home | St Peter's Catholic Primary School Sittingbourne](#)

Homework will be emailed to you as we are working to refine our homework page:

[St Peter's Catholic Primary School - Homework](#)

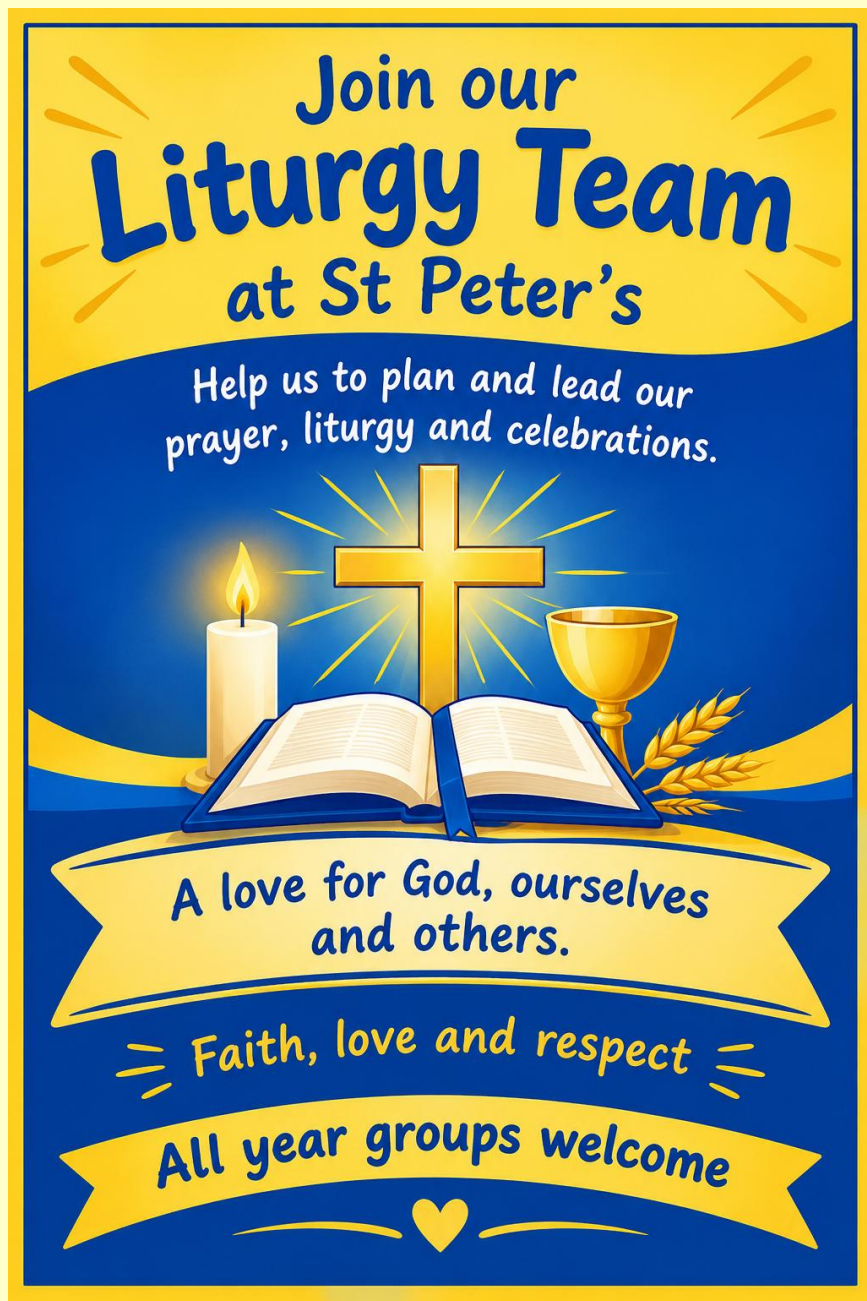
The **School Calendar** on the website is now up to date. Find it here:

[St Peter's Catholic Primary School - Our School Calendar](#)

Scroll to the bottom of the page on your device and with just a couple of clicks you can sync the school calendar to your phone or outlook calendar. (It takes about 30 seconds)

The school lunch menu is available on the website. You can find it here:

[St Peter's Catholic Primary School - Lunches](#)



Do you want to share the word of God?

Are you confident in speaking in front of others?

Do you display our school values in your everyday life?

Would you like to be in our liturgy team?

Pupils from all year groups are welcome to apply to be part of our Liturgy Team.

Most pupils will apply in writing, if this is not possible, other arrangements can be made just speak to Mrs Vedamuttu on the gate.



Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Carrotty Wood at the end of September. They spent two nights away from home and took part in some great activities .

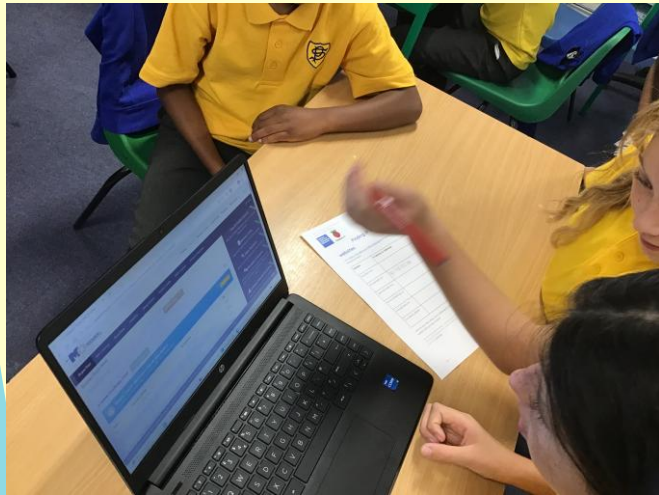
Thank you to the staff who attended with them!



Learning around the School



From building on their painting skills from last year to developing map reading skills in Geography, each class has been very busy learning in many different ways!



McMillan Coffee Morning



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our coffee morning and to those who attended, helped and enjoyed chatting to new and “old” faces. Total raised to be confirmed in the coming days.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was wonderful as always and Swale Food Bank were as grateful as ever for your generosity.

Swale
foodbank



Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (The PTFA)

Our PTFA is virtually non existent and we really need to build it back up. Funds are tighter than ever for schools and the PTFA can make a huge impact on the opportunities and experiences available to pupils in school.

Are you willing/able to give over time to organising or helping with a fundraising activity such as a quiz night, beetle drive or the school fete??

Are you a group of parents who like a get together but can also get stuff done??

We really do need families to come together on this. I know that everyone is busy but many hands make light work and your time WOULD make a difference to the children.

Please register your willingness on this [MS Form.](#)

Admissions for September 2027!

Please share the link for our website with parents who have children starting Reception Class in September 2027.

As in previous years, tours will take place at 10am and 1:30pm on a number of days in November.

More information can be found on the school's Admissions page:

[St Peter's Catholic Primary School - Our Admissions Process](#)



St Peter's
Catholic Primary School
Faith, love and respect

New Reception Pupils
starting in
September 2027

We would love to welcome you to our school!

 School tours throughout November

Our Mission Statement
A love for God,
Ourselves and Others.


Our Values

-  Faith
-  Love
-  Respect

 Visit our website:
www.st-peters-sittingbourne.co.uk

 Call us on:
01795 423479

Secondary School Applications for September 2027

Applications for Secondary Schools are open now and close on 2nd November 2026. All the information you need can be found on the KCC Website.

[Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)

Applications for 2027

For children starting year 7 in September 2027 applications opened on Monday 1 September and close on Monday 2 November 2026.

You can apply for up to 4 schools:

Put the schools in your order of preference.

It's in your best interest to list 4 schools.

Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give priority for a place over another child.

You are not able to name the same school more than once.

To apply for a school outside of Kent, name the school in your application with your other preferences. Your application details will be passed on to the relevant local authority for processing.

If you have applied but your circumstances have changed and you need to amend your application, email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk so we can help you.

Date	Event
Thursday 15 th October	One Day Creative Workshops - Black History - Years 1 - 4
Friday 16 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day - Pupils invited to wear red One Day Creative Workshops - Black History - Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 20 th October	3:30 - 6pm - Parent Consultations
Wednesday 21 st October	3:30 - 6pm - Parent Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	2:30pm - 3:40pm Showcase of Learning - Writing and Artwork
Friday 23 rd October	SCHOOL CLOSED for Staff INSET
Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th November	HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2 nd November	Parent Tours begin for Reception Class admissions 2027 Christmas Card Making Day - helpers needed
Monday 9 th November	4:15pm - Mastering Number Workshop for parents - online
Tuesday 10 th November	9:10am - Year 2 Mastering Number live lesson
Wednesday 11 th November	9:10am - Year 1 Mastering Number live lesson
Thursday 12 th November	9:10am - Reception Class Mastering Number live lesson
Thursday 19 th November	Flu Vaccinations in school - have you registered your child for this?
Friday 4 th December	SCHOOL CLOSED for Staff INSET
Monday 7 th December	Normal School Day