



St Peter's Catholic Primary School

School Year 2024 - 2025

School Newsletter

April 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of another exciting and productive term, we should take a moment to celebrate the hard work, achievements, and wonderful memories we've shared with our pupils.

March has been filled with learning, creativity, and fun. In this edition of our newsletter, we'll be sharing highlights from the term, upcoming events, and important reminders as we head into the break.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a vibrant and nurturing place for our children to grow and thrive.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable holiday!



Swale foodbank



25/02/25

Dear Parents / Carers of St Peters Catholic Primary school,

You may notice a box has appeared in the main entrance to the school, Mrs Gillespie has very kindly offered to be our Swale Foodbank collections volunteer at St.Peters.

We would like to thank you in advance for any donations you may feel you are able to contribute. There is a list of items needed on the front of the box and we will update the school office when our stock levels are running low on certain items.

We have lots of fundraising ideas planned for 2025 and are very grateful that you have joined our community support system.

Thank you for supporting Swale Foodbank.

This foodbank is run in partnership with local churches.
Registered charity number 1190373 | Registered in England and Wales



We are pleased to say that the first donations in our little food bank box have been collected.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the first box.

Please do continue to give as we head into the summer months.



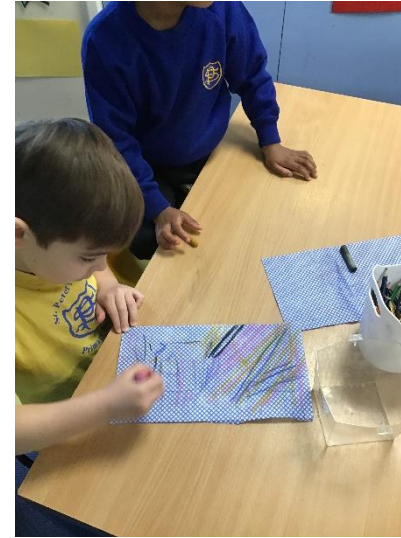
World Book Day

A great time was had by all on World Book Day! Thank you to Mrs Cooper for her wonderful idea of "Pick a word" some people really embraced the theme! Children and staff enjoyed drop everything and read and there were lots of other reading activities in class too.



British Science Week

Click on the link to see our latest science newsletter [here](#)



Lenten Prayer Group



We were so pleased to have many families attend our Lenten Prayer Group. It is wonderful to take ten minutes together to pray each week.



Now>Press>Play

Your children may have come home very excited about the free trial that we completed of a tool called Now Press Play. These are individual headphones that children wear during a lesson to engage in an audio experience related to their learning.

We chose for each class to try a lesson based on their history learning, at least, some classes managed to squeeze a second English bases session in too!

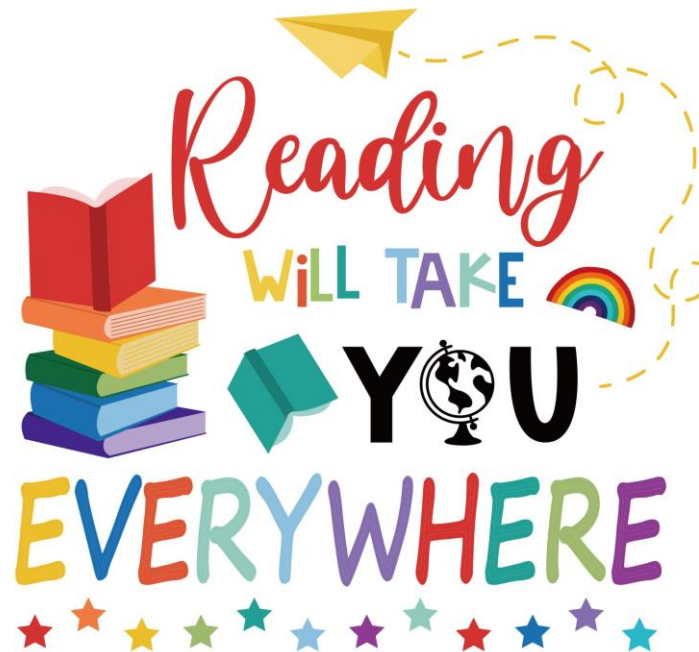
Though the children enjoyed it, we will spend time carefully considering if it is something that we would like to move forward with. The cost for a year's subscription is just over £2000. We hope to be able to invest in them for next academic year. If you know a business that would be able to support us in purchasing the subscription, please do let us know.



MillionARe Readers

We were very pleased to be able to celebrate the success of six children from year 6 with a specially decorated table and a little treat with their lunch.

Amelia, Elissa, Olivia, Rodacris, Edward and Joseph have all read a million or more words in their free time. Well done to you all!!



Class pages

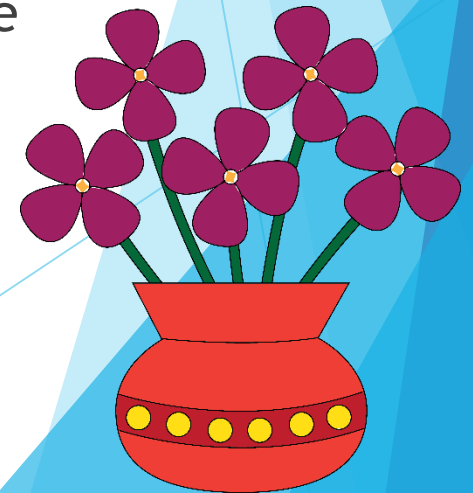
Make sure you are checking in to your children's class pages to see their learning each week.



Staffing updates

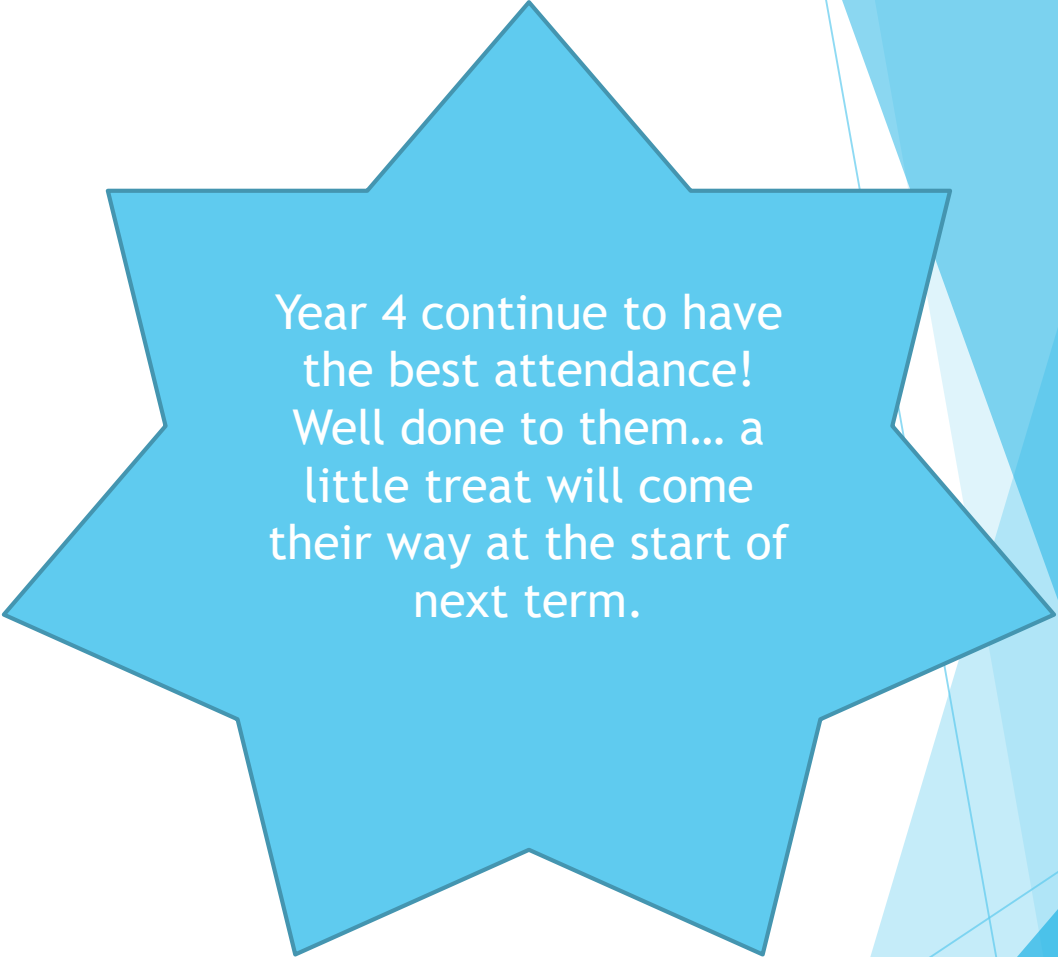
I am delighted to say that Mrs Michelle Barker has been able to return to work for a few hours each week. Her treatment is on going and it is likely that she will need to be off again in the near future but it is lovely to have her back and I am sure those of you who have seen her have given her a warm welcome.

We are awaiting news from Mrs West, who soon to have an appointment with her consultant. We hope to see her very soon, when she is fit and well enough. Huge thanks goes to Mrs Edmonds and team for keeping the learning going so well in Year 5 for the past 2 terms!



Attendance

Year Group	Attendance to date
Reception	95%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	94.4%



Year 4 continue to have the best attendance! Well done to them... a little treat will come their way at the start of next term.

Attendance continued...

The Department for Education's expectation for children to attend school for 100% of the school year is clear and is reflected in our attendance policy.

The school must monitor attendance and will make every endeavor to work with parents to approve attendance and follow the school policy as necessary.

As the summer months approach, we hope that we will see the end to the nasty bugs and chicken pox and that attendance across the school will improve.

Thank you for always striving for the best possible attendance for your children.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



One last wedding favour...

Miss Vedamuttu is getting married on 26th July 2025 at our parish church, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since St Peter's runs through her bones for many reasons, she is keen to have a choir of pupils accompany the organ for the ceremony.

Mrs Baker has kindly offered to be the choir mistress but we need some willing volunteers from years 3 - 6 to sing.

If your child would like to volunteer, please email the main office with the subject - **Miss Ved's Choir** - and we will be in touch in due course with further details.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 22 nd April 25	Term 5 starts
Friday 25 th April 25	Family Trust assembly Swimming commences for Year 3 - walkers needed to help with walking to and fro please (10 weeks)
Monday 28 th April 25	Photography Club begins
Tuesday 29 th April 25	10am - Year 2 to visit the station - Geography field work
Friday 2 nd May 25	2:45pm - Crowning of Mary Service
Monday 5 th May 25	Bank Holiday - no school
Tuesday 6 th May 25	EYFS to visit King George's playing field - Geography field work
Saturday 10 th May 25	10am & 2pm - First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday 11 th May 25	2pm - First Holy Communion Mass
Monday 12 th - 16 th May 25	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 13 th May 25	Year 3 to visit Milton Creek Country Park - Geography field work 10am - Year 2 walking around local area - Geography field work
Thursday 15 th May 25	11am - Year 4 visiting Albany Rec and King George's playing field - Geography field work
Friday 16 th May 25	1pm - Year 6 walking to Sittingbourne High Street - Geography field work
Friday 23 rd May 25	End of term 5

Check the
calendar for
more dates
[here](#).

Date	Event
Monday 2 nd June 25	PC Ongley visiting Year 6 to talk about transition to secondary school
Tuesday 3 rd June 25	Science Fair
Friday 6 th June 25	Year 6 Top up swimming begins
Friday 6 th June 25	Year 2 visiting Quex Adventure Park
Wednesday 11 th June 25	Year 5 visiting Countryside Learning, Otterden
Thursday 12 th June 25	Year 3 visiting Canterbury Cathedral
Friday 20 th June 25	2:45pm - Year 4 Class assembly
Wednesday 25 th June 25	Diocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at Aylesford Priory (pupils to be agreed)
Saturday 28 th June 25	12pm - 3pm - St Peter's School fete - many helpers needed
Monday 30 th June 25	KCSP Primary Sports Day @ Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford. (pupils to be agreed)
Wednesday 2 nd July 25	Big Summer Sing at Fulston Manor (pupils to be agreed)
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 25	Year 6 Residential - Carroty Wood
Tuesday 8 th July 25	Whole School Transition Morning
Wednesday 9 th July 25	Whole School Transition Morning
Monday 14 th July 25	9am - Year 6 Leavers Breakfast
Tuesday 15 th July 25	2pm & 6pm - Year 6 leavers production
Wednesday 16 th July 25	School's Got Talent (TBC) 12pm - Year 6 Leavers lunch 1:30pm - Year 6 vs Parents rounders' match
Thursday 17 th July 25	Leavers mass (TCB)
Friday 18 th July 25	9:10am - Leavers assembly 2pm - Term 6 ends