



10th September 2025

Welcome

Welcome back and an extended welcome to our new families joining St Peter's. We also welcome Miss Garratt, who has joined the teaching team and is teaching in Year 2. The children have had an amazing start to the term and have been very settled in their new classes. We started the week thinking about our school value of 'love'. The children thought about how they could share love within our school community through showing kindness, sharing with their friends, helping others when they are sad, hurt or stuck and listening to adults and children in school.

Many thanks to yourselves for all the support with your child's return to school.

Please note that we operate an open-door policy and value our home-school partnership. Teachers are available on the door before and after school, or alternatively speak to the office to request a different time.

Sheds

You will have noticed that we have had new school sheds on or playground. We are very excited to be embarking on our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) play journey this year... keep your eyes peeled for more information that will be coming out later this term.

Wellies

We would like all children to have a pair of wellies that can be kept in school so that they can access outdoor learning and playtimes whatever the weather. Please can wellies be labelled and in a carrier bag so they can be kept on your child's peg. If you have any problems getting a pair of wellies for your child, please speak to the school office.



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GOODBYE DUCKS!

We were very blessed to have 8 ducklings with us in the summer term. They have now flown the nest. A special thanks to Mr Russ and Adell for taking such good care of them.

We pray that they return to us next year.



NSPCC

Speak Out. Stay Safe.

Next week, Year 1 – Year 6 children will be taking part in the 'Stay Safe. Speak Out.' NSPCC program during an assembly. There will be a separate letter coming your way with more information.

Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 will have workshops delivered by volunteers from the NSPCC on Thursday 25th September.

"All children have the right to speak out and be heard, to be safe and to get help when they need it".

KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

- 11.09.25 Year 5 Swimming.
- 16.09.25 Key Stage 1 Speak Out. Stay Safe. NSPCC assembly.
- 17.09.25 Key Stage 2 Speak Out. Stay Safe. NSPCC assembly.
- 17.09.25 Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability.
- 18.09.25 Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability.
- 18.09.25 Year 5 Swimming.
- 25.09.25 Year 5 Swimming.
- 29.09.25 Level 3 Bikeability.
- 02.10.25 Year 5 Swimming.
- 07.10.25 Mr Egypt visiting Year 4.
- 09.10.25 Year 5 Swimming.
- 16.10.25 Year 5 Swimming
- 17.10.25 Children's last day in school. Break up for half term.
- 03.11.25 School reopens for everyone.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

ATTENDANCE

We are delighted with the overall attendance and punctuality rates for the first 3 days back in school. Thank you for ensuring your children are in school every day. Our aim is for 95% attendance and we had a fantastic 95.66%.

We understand that there are times when your child is too unwell to attend school. Please ensure you contact the school office by 8:30am if your child is going to be absent. We will also contact you should your child become unwell in school.

In line with our attendance policy, please note that term-time holidays will not be granted unless for exceptional circumstances.

The Public Health Agency have created the helpful guide above for deciding whether your child is well enough to go to school.

The following illnesses can be managed safely with self-care and do not require to see a GP routinely.

The web pages below offer clinically approved information on how to recognise them:

Conjunctivitis: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis/>

Hand, foot and mouth disease: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

Chickenpox: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Common cold: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold/>

Communication Survey

Thank you to those who have completed the communication survey.

If you have not already done so, we would welcome your views before it closes on Friday 12th September at 3pm.

forms.office.com/e/pHWfr53ZEi

SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

During the first week back, our staff team completed the training and updates from Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 and St Peter's Safeguarding policy. Our updated policies are available on the school website.

Our Designated Safeguarding Team are Mrs Kaluza, Mr Corrigan, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Taylor. If you have any concerns, would like support our advice, please come and speak to us.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Children should wear their red school jumper/cardigan on PE days, not black hoodies. We have lots of donated uniform in great condition should you require any. Please ask at the office.

If you need any uniform throughout the year, we do have a wide selection of pre-loved uniform.

MINI MEDICS

On Tuesday, Year 6 took part in a Mini Medics course where they learned vital life-saving skills that will stay with them for their future. The children were taught how to perform CPR, apply a bandage correctly, and what to do if someone is choking. They also discovered the important first steps to take when faced with an emergency situation. The children were extremely sensible and are now confident knowing they could make a difference if someone is ever in danger.



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