

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." JOHN 8:12

ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY



Pride



Effort



Teamwork



Empathy



Respect



Spirituality

LIKE ST. PETER, WE BUILD UPON THE ROCK OF JESUS TO ENABLE US TO SHINE: ACHIEVING OUR GOD GIVEN POTENTIAL AND LOVING OURSELVES, OTHERS, THE WORLD AND GOD.

firm foundations, shining bright

Summer Term Newsletter 3

Thursday 22 May 2025

So we come to the end of this half term and now have 7 weeks or 44 days left of the school year. And there is so much to do. It will be an incredibly busy half term when we get back so please keep an eye on the diary and all communications from school. In particular please do check the school calendar on the website which is being update regularly. This will allow you to see all the dates we have planned for the rest of the year so far.

Over the half term break further work is being done in school with the urinal in the boys toilets being removed and additional cubicles installed. This is part of the overall school plan to refurbish all areas of the school in stages. You might have noticed that the F2 outdoor area is also being redeveloped. If not go and have a look – it looks great!

Coming up in the next two weeks of school...

	Week beginning 2 June	Week beginning 9 June
Monday		
Tuesday		Choir at AmaSing at Floral Pavilion 5/6R Library visit
Wednesday	Crosses around the world day in school Y5/6 Girls football at St Bridgets (details to follow)	New Starter Parents Meeting
Thursday	F2 Buddy Day Y6 Hilbre Visit Y3/4RW class worship	
Friday	Matthew Patrick MP visiting	No Outsiders Book day in school Friends Non-uniform day (sweets for the Summer Fair)

Additional Term Dates coming up...

You can find lots of these on the new school website in the calendar section. Please take a minute or two to go through this and make a note of any key dates for you. We are adding to this on a regular basis.

<https://www.stpeters-heswall.wirral.sch.uk/calendar>

Attendance Update

Percentage Attendance in 2024-2025	
So far this year %	National so far this year %
95.9	94.8

On the subject of attendance please be reminded that the national push on attendance means that very few requests for holiday absence can be authorised and that unauthorised absence that meets the threshold does result in a fixed penalty notice. I know we are getting into the end of the year and the good weather but school attendance is still hugely important and is no less important at this time of year.

The infographic consists of eight panels arranged in a 2x4 grid, each with a light blue background and black text and icons.

- Panel 1 (Top Left):** Features a silhouette of a superhero flying. Text: "95% ATTENDANCE OR MORE GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A FLYING START!".
- Panel 2 (Top Middle-Left):** Features a line graph with an upward arrow. Text: "INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS".
- Panel 3 (Top Middle-Right):** Features a calendar icon for 2019/20 with "10%" written on it. Text: "MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR".
- Panel 4 (Top Right):** Features an open book icon. Text: "GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL Improves reading + MATHS SKILLS".
- Panel 5 (Bottom Left):** Features a pie chart with "IN" and "OUT" sections. Text: "THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL (PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!)".
- Panel 6 (Bottom Middle-Left):** Features a thumbs-up icon. Text: "PUPILS WITH 6.5% ABSENCE OR LESS ACHIEVE ON AVERAGE 75% A*-C GRADES IN THEIR GCSES!".
- Panel 7 (Bottom Middle-Right):** Features a clock icon. Text: "TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!".
- Panel 8 (Bottom Right):** Features icons of a rocket, a stork, two children, and a graduation cap. Text: "MORE SCHOOL = HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE".

I was on a training day with other schools from across the Wirral on Monday and a number of questions were asked about how schools should respond to parents tagging holidays onto bank holiday dates or clearly gaming the system by taking frequent holiday absences without every meeting the Fixed Penalty Notice threshold. Our local authority attendance officer has requested that the following paragraph is communicated to all parents:

185. The National Framework does not prevent a penalty notice from being used in other cases where an offence has been committed but before doing so authorised officers are expected to make the same considerations as set out above. If in an individual case the local authority (or other authorised officer) believes a penalty notice would be appropriate, they retain the discretion to issue one before the threshold is met. This might apply for example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below threshold, or for repeated absence for birthdays or other family events. If local authorities wish to exercise this discretion to issue a penalty notice earlier in such circumstances, they should make this clear in their Local Code of Conduct. Local authorities who conduct, or may wish to, conduct truancy sweeps will also want to make provision for this within their Code.

School Places Available

We still have some places available for Reception 2025 and are also starting to fill our places for Early Years in September 2025. Please do share with anyone you know who might be interested. Encourage them to contact the school to come for a visit.



ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY
School Places at St Peter's!

Are you looking for a school place in Reception for your child? We still have spaces available for Reception 2025 and are also inviting visits from prospective parents for Reception 2026.

We offer:

- A school with a clear long term vision.
- High quality teaching from an experienced and dedicated staff
- High standards of academic achievement alongside inclusive provision for ALL
- A focus on developing values and skills for life

Call the school office to arrange a personal tour with our new headteacher Mr D Wallace.

0151 342 2556 schooloffice@stpeters-heswall.wirral.sch.uk



Early Years Places...
ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY
from foundations shining bright

Why choose us?

- Our team is led by an Early Years specialist teacher.
- Qualified, dedicated and experienced long-standing staff.
- Flexible sessions to suit your needs and working pattern.
- 15 or 30 hour funded places.
- Option to pay for additional sessions where available.
- AMAZING purpose-built all weather outdoor learning environment.
- Strong home - school partnerships.
- Excellent daily links with our main school.
- Fresh home-cooked meals prepared on site.

Places are limited...
 We are currently taking enrolment for September 2025 in our thriving Early Years. Enquire today for your child to join us on our learning adventure!

Contact the school office for further information:
 St. Peter's CE Primary School, Thurston Road, Heswall, CH60 4SA
 0151 342 2556
schooloffice@stpeters-heswall.wirral.sch.uk

Share the Learning

It was nice to see a really good attendance at this week's Share the Learning. There was a lovely atmosphere in all the classrooms as I walked around the school. I hope those of you who could make it enjoyed it. The final date for this is as follows:

- **Summer 2: Friday 11 July** Science and Art Books 8.50- 9:15am

We plan to continue with these events on a half termly basis next year.



Sporting Updates

Recently the Year 5/6 football team made it through to the semi-finals of the Houlihan Cup. Fingers crossed we can go all the way! The Year 3/4 team lost a cup game away to Birkenhead school and this week played in the Oak Trees Cup at Tranmere Rovers.



Mrs Hesketh also took a cricket team to a tournament where the team did really well winning some games and losing to some excellent teams.

Collective Worship

Our worship rota is usually as follows:

Monday – St Peter’s church leading

Tuesday – Mr Wallace leading. In these worships we are currently look at ‘The Biggest Story’ which is how the Bible is not just a group of stories but a whole story from start to finish.

Wednesday – Come and Praise with Miss Collins

Thursday – KS2 Picture News. This looks at topical issues that are in the news.

On Thursday KS1 are looking at different stories from the bible usually following up from Mr Wallace’s worship.

Friday – Celebration.

Class worships coming up:

- 3/4RW - Thursday 5th June
- 5/6R - Wednesday 18th June

Final Prayer

As a church school I always think it is good to end the newsletter with a prayer for the weekend. This was written by Alice, Willow and Frankie in Year 3/4C.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for family and friends.

Thank you for all our wonderful memories.

We love how you created us kind, courageous, with all our emotions.

Thank you for the sun, moon and all the planets. Please stop pollution.

Thank you that we trust you to help us with things like global warming that is changing the world in a bad way.

Please help us to have a great half term.

Amen

Have a lovely half term break next week!

Dave Wallace
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