



St Peter's CE Primary School



Autumn Term 2026 Newsletter Issue 4

23 October 2026

So that is the first half term of the year finished and we all get to enjoy a well-deserved break. Please note that children come back to school on Tuesday 3 November as we have an INSET day on 2 November. That leaves us with 7 weeks of school business before we finish for the Christmas break. So much to get through – but it will be fun. This time of the year is always so nice in a primary school and so exciting for the children.

COMING UP →

	Wk beginning 2 November
Mon	INSET – school closed for children
Tues	Activity for All Year 2 Team Building Event
Wed	
Thurs	
Fri	Remembrance Worship in school
	Wk beginning 9 November
Mon	
Tues	Activity for All Year 3 & 4 Team Building Event
Wed	Year 4 Indoor Athletics (details tbc)
Thurs	Class 4C Worship at 2:50pm Y6 Houlihan Cup Match away Thingwall
Fri	

In addition to this we have 2 class worships now in the calendar for this term as follows:

- Thursday 12 November – Class 4C
- Thursday 3 December - Class 6C

Both of these are at the end of the school day starting about 2:45pm.

Link to the website calendar:

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

Attendance

Latest attendance statistics for each class. Remember we are trying to improve our overall school attendance from 95.7% to at least come in line with other local schools.

I'm looking forward to seeing these statistics go up over the next 2 weeks.

F2	96.5%
Y1	94.1%
Y2	99.1%
Y3	97.1%
Y4	97.2%
Y5	93.6%
Y6	94.8%
School	95.9%

Lateness

Unfortunately, lateness in the morning is becoming an ongoing issue at school. To clarify our timings:

- **8:50am** - We open our school doors to welcome the children in.
- **9am** - School officially starts and we take the register. Any children coming into school after 9am receive a late mark.
- **9:15am** – the registers close. Any children arriving after this time receive a late mark and an unauthorised absence for the session (unless attending a medical appointment or other valid reason).

9am is not a target time to arrive at school and we would request that your children are in the playground ready to come in at 8:50am. Not only does this avoid late marks but it enables to settled and relaxed start to the morning entry and allows all children to be in class ready to start learning at 9am. Lateness is disruptive for both the child and the teaching staff.

I appreciate that parking is a challenge outside school and that this does sometimes cause delays but I cannot understate the importance of being on time for school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Friends Bonfire and Fireworks

Another appeal for people to sign up to help out at the Bonfire and Fireworks night. We are holding off releasing the tickets for this event until we know we have enough people to make it happen and **currently there is a real risk we won't be able to go ahead**. This would be a real shame after many years of this event - it has become a much-anticipated St Peter's and

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Heswall event. So here is the appeal again. Please, please consider coming and helping out. If lots of people do a short stint, it makes everything so much easier.

Fancy being part of the crew that makes the magic happen?

We'd love to get tickets on sale for our Bonfire & Fireworks event before half term, but there's just one small snag... we need a few more brilliant people to help us run the event on the night!

From helping things run smoothly to making sure everyone has a brilliant evening, it takes a team effort to make the fireworks fly (quite literally!)

You don't need to be a professional firework launcher, have superpowers or possess any special skills - just a willingness to muck in!

We need to fill all the Event Marshall slots as a priority and as a thank you to people for stepping into those roles, they all get free entry on the night.

Can you join the crew? Every extra volunteer makes a real difference, and all the money raised goes straight back into supporting our school and the children.

Sign up

here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70A0E4BA4AD23A6FB6-66303630-2026?useFullSite=false>

Help us get those tickets on sale and make this year's event one to remember!

Climate Ambassadors

This is the Climate Ambassadors second mission!

	<p>What have we discovered?</p> <p>St Peter's Bistro Meals: There was quite a lot of food being wasted. We are going to continue to monitor reasons for this including looking at portion sizes across the school.</p> <p>Lunch boxes: They contained many more items with single use plastic or wrapping than reusable tubs.</p> <p>What we're going to do next...</p> <p>We have shared with the children why wasting food and using too much plastic is so bad for the planet. We will look again at the food wastage at lunchtime and speak with dinner staff to find further solutions.</p> <p>If you send a lunchbox, can you reduce the amount of single use plastic in it?</p>
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Well done to the children and thanks to Mrs Fruin for leading the group.

Parent's Evening

I hope you found your Parents Evening this week of use and were reassured about how your child has settled down into the new school year. There will be an interim report card sent home with an up-date of your child's attainment in January and a further set of Parents Evenings for you in March.

In the meantime, please do contact us if you have any concerns.

Friends of St Peter's Disco

This is a fantastic achievement from all involved. The children had a great time and money was raised for new books. What more could you want?



Sports Update

We have had a variety of Sporting events recently. We continue to send an enthusiastic team along to the cross-country events. Well done to Zac Moulton in particular for consistently getting a medal and also to Ella Roberts for achieving a 6th place on her first go. Well done to our girls team as well for finishing in 3rd place last time out. It is great to see all the children continuing to run to try and improve their positions.

The Year 6 footballers are making good progress through the Houlihan Cup and this week played in the Wirral finals of the Tranmere Rovers tournament. They made it all the way to the final before agonisingly losing out in extra time. A fantastic achievement though and we are really proud of them.

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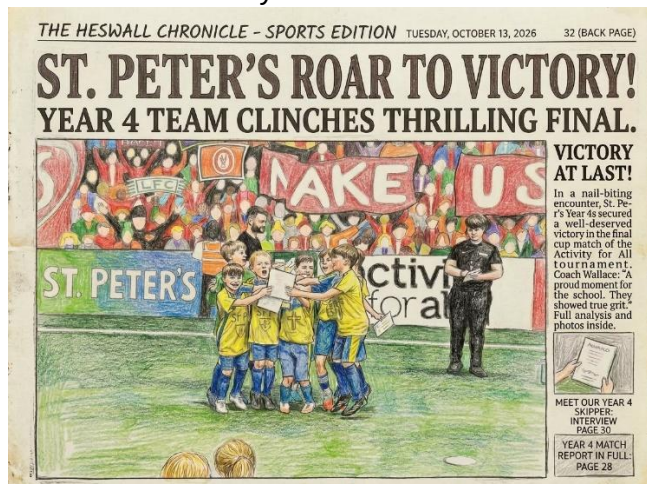
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Year 6 footballers also played in a tournament at Activity for All this week winning lots of games and representing the school with pride.



Finally, congratulations to the Year 4 footballers who won the Activity 4 All tournament last week.



There are more sporting events planned for next term, (not all football by a long way!) and we are trying to ensure that lots of children get the opportunity to represent the school.

Dinner Menus

Just a quick note to say that the dinner menus have been updated for the second half of the autumn term and you can see them on the school website here.

https://www.stpeters-heswall.wirral.sch.uk/school_dinner

Final Prayer

As a church school I always think it is good to end the newsletter with a prayer for the weekend.

Dear Lord,

We give You thanks for all the blessings of this past half term.

Thank You for the new things we have learned, the friendships we have shared, and the fun we have had together across our school community.

As autumn turns toward winter and the days grow shorter, we pray for a safe, happy, and restful half-term break for all our pupils, families, and staff.

May this time away from school be a chance to recharge, reflect, and enjoy quiet moments with those we love.

Watch over us while we are apart, keep us in Your care, and bring us back refreshed and ready to learn when the new term begins.
Amen.

Have a lovely half term break.

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