



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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Newsletter 2



Autumn term



19th September 2025

Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

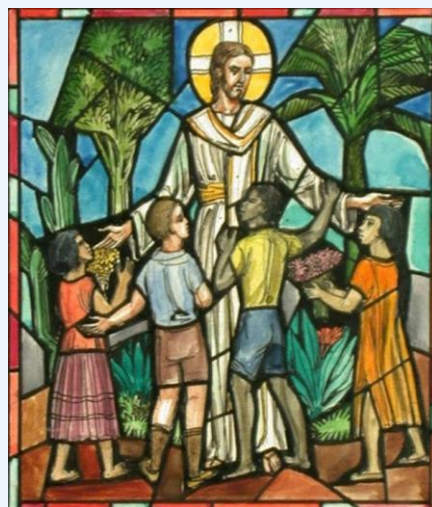
As we come to the end of another joyful and purposeful week, I want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of Education Sunday, which we marked last Sunday. This annual celebration reminds us that education is not just about academic achievement—it's about nurturing the whole child: mind, heart and spirit.

Our school community is built on values of kindness, curiosity and faith. Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to honour the role that schools play in shaping lives and building futures. It also reminds us of the importance of partnership—between home, school and church—in guiding our children to become thoughtful, compassionate and resilient individuals.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our special Mass. It was a beautiful moment of togetherness, reminding us that learning is a sacred journey. We are grateful for the support of our parish and for the prayers that surround our school each day.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and looking forward to another week of learning, laughter and growth.

God Bless
Mrs Mellor





Popes Intentions for September

This month, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray "for our relationship with all of creation." Inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi, he invites us to experience our interdependence with all creatures loved by God and worthy of respect and love.

Wednesday Word



Wednesday Word Family Time presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week.

[The Wednesday Word](#) | [The Sunday Gospel](#) | [Catholic Church](#)

Mass Times



St Peter's
Sunday 8.45am



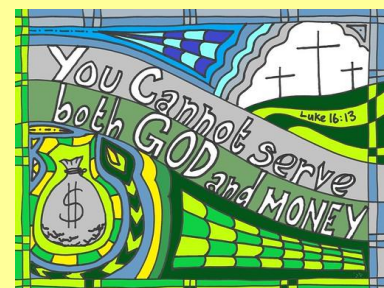
St Rose
Sunday 11.30am

Season of Creation

In this season of creation (1st September – 4th October) we reflect on the beauty of the Earth and our shared duty to care for it. Rooted in our Catholic faith and inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*, it's a global call to "hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor." In school, we'll explore stewardship, gratitude, and sustainability—encouraging children to notice nature's wonders and take small steps, like recycling and saving energy, to protect our planet. It's a time to pause, pray, and act with purpose.



Sunday's Gospel



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to be wise and faithful with what God has given us. Jesus tells the story of a steward who acts cleverly to protect his future, and teaches that we cannot serve both God and money. He encourages us to live with honesty, purpose and trust in Him.

💡 What it means for us

We're called to use our time and talents wisely—not just for ourselves, but to help others and live with integrity. Let's choose what brings us closer to God in all we do this week.



Please click here to be taken to the parish website where you will find a range of helpful information, including the parish newsletter [Frontpage](#)



Half Terms Jesuit Virtues

Eloquent and Truthful

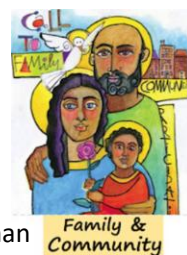


Eloquent Eloquence is expressing ideas clearly and kindly. It's choosing words with care and conviction, and using creative gifts—like art or music—to communicate in ways that are truthful, memorable, and compassionate.

Truthful Truthfulness means living with honesty and integrity. By following Jesus, who is the truth, we stay faithful to ourselves and God—standing up for what's right in all we say and do.

Half Terms Catholic Social Teachings

Family and Community



The Church teaches that family and community are central to human life. We are called to support one another, nurture strong families, and work together for justice, compassion, and the common good

At St Peter's we show we are part of a community by

- Working for the common good together
- Participating and engaging
- Being active members of our community

Good Work Awards Congratulations to the following children who have accomplished great work this week

YR	
Y1	<i>Aleena</i>
Y2	<i>Agney</i>
Y3	<i>Lara</i>
Y4	<i>Elsie</i>
Y5	<i>Nevaeh</i>
Y6	<i>Maria</i>

Special Mention Awards Congratulations to the following children who have demonstrated our values and virtues this week

YR	
Y1	<i>Irewoletomiwa</i>
Y2	<i>Reuben</i>
Y3	<i>Murael</i>
Y4	<i>Nabiha</i>
Y5	<i>Kaysa</i>
Y6	<i>Mia</i>

Class Attendance This Week- Well done Year 4

Reception	92.94%	Year 4	98.61% 
Year 1	93.39%	Year 5	95.56%
Year 2	96.11%	Year 6	96.7%
Year 3	97.13%	Whole School	96.06% 

Safeguarding: App Awareness

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS APPS PARENTS / TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN.

This is not exhaustive, and updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers (updated 2022). New apps are constantly being created, so it's important to monitor what children download.



FACEBOOK  Allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.	SNAPCHAT  Is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.	INSTAGRAM  Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.
WHATSAPP  Allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.	OMEGLE  Is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.	KIK MESSAGING Kik  Is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.
WHISPER  Is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up.	CALCULATOR %  Is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.	HOT ON NOT  Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.
ASK.FM  App where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.	YUBO  Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.	BURN BOOK  Anonymous rumors can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.
WISHBONE  This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.	SKOUT  Is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.	MEET ME  Is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet.
TELLOMYN  Anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.	Zoomerang  Is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.	TIK TOK  Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.
FACEBOOK MESSENGER  Is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to end encryption will make it even more unsafe.	BADOO  Is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.	KIDSCHAT  Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.
VINE  Allows users to watch and post six second videos. While many of the videos are harmless, porn videos do pop up into the feed, exposing your children to sexually explicit material.	POOF  Hides other apps on your phone. If children have apps that they want to keep hidden from their parents, all they have to do is download this app and "poof," their screen is clear.	DISCORD  A gaming app that allows video sharing and video chat. Bullying is a problem on Discord. Some of the bigger problems include suicidal ideation, hate speech and graphic images.
HOOP  Hoop is a dating app that connects to SnapChat and allows 12 + teens to swipe on pictures that they like with the purpose of meeting. This leads to issues with fraud and sexual predators.	GALLERYVAULT  GalleryVault and other vault apps hide photos and videos. One of the scariest options on it gives the user access to a secret web browser and alerts the user if someone attempts to break into the app.	PSST!  Is a chat room app that prides itself on messages being deleted almost immediately from the server, ID-masking, and secretive private chat. For parents, these features are worrying.

CALL FOR INFORMATION, ADVICE OR IF YOU JUST WANT TO TALK

Prevent
ED
ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION

IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE CALL NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

IF YOU'RE A CHILD & WANT
HELP CALL CHILDLINE
0800 1111

NNECA
NATIONAL NEDERLANDS CHILD ABUSE
WWW.NNECA.ORG.UK
WWW.CHILDABUSEHELP.ORG.UK



After School Clubs

This half term we have the following clubs running. Children must be collected from club promptly at finishing time. Staff give up their own time to go above and beyond for our children, giving up time they could be with their families or preparing lessons etc. We appreciate your support in collecting on time

Monday:	Writing Club	Year 5 and 6	Miss Luff
Wednesday:	Multi Sports	Year 3	PE Provider
Friday:	Art Club	Year 2	Mrs Fouracres



Could you be a governor?

**This Education Sunday –
An Invitation from the Archbishop**

Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.



We urgently need more Governors to help guide our schools and **keep** Christ at the heart of their mission.

If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills, and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children & young people.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



I know this is a cause close to many of our hearts, so, please do join us from 3pm on **Friday 26th September** for a cake and a drink with your children.

Donations of pre packaged cakes are welcomed from Monday 22nd September

Thank you for your support

Home School Agreement

At St Peter's, we believe our school thrives when we work together in a spirit of mutual respect and trust. A strong partnership between home, school and parish helps create a safe, supportive and successful environment for every child.

By accepting a place at St Peter's, families have already shown their commitment to working with us in nurturing both learning and faith. Our **Home-School Agreement** simply sets out how we can continue that journey together—supporting your child's education and growth in line with our Mission Statement.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to read and sign the agreement using the link below. It's a small but meaningful way to strengthen our shared commitment to your child's wellbeing and development.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FRJSbeVK5Q>

Secondary School Applications- Year 6

This is a reminder to all Year 6 parents that applications for secondary school are now open. Apply for your child's secondary school via the Birmingham City Council website [Admissions](#). It is very important that you follow the instructions very carefully. If you require any help with your application, please speak with Mrs Burnett.

THE DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS IS 31ST OCTOBER!

Please ask if you need any support with making an applications

Homework

At St Peter's, we are always looking for ways to support both children's learning and family wellbeing. This term, we're making some small but meaningful changes to our weekly homework to ensure it's purposeful, manageable, and allows for quality time at home.

Here's what to expect:

Reading

Children are expected to read **daily for at least 10 minutes** to an adult. This builds fluency, stamina, and vocabulary. In the upper years, discussing books together helps develop comprehension and a love of reading—while also creating special moments between children and adults.

Maths

Quick recall of number facts is a vital foundation for maths success:

- **KS2 children** will be expected to use **TT Rockstars** at least **three times a week**.
- **KS1 children** will receive login details for **Numbots**, a fun and engaging platform to support number fluency.

Spelling

Spelling lists will be sent home for the **entire half term**. Children will practise these in school, but regular practice at home will help them improve. We recommend a few minutes of spelling practice each evening.

Retrieval Practice

As part of our curriculum, children regularly revisit prior learning to help it stick. They love doing this through quizzes, so—**by popular demand**—we're introducing **retrieval homework via Blooket**, an interactive platform they enjoy. While we're mindful of screen time, this tool is engaging and fun—why not challenge yourself alongside them? It might just give *"Are You Smarter Than a Ten-Year-Old?"* a whole new twist!

Year 6

In addition to the above, Year 6 pupils will have targeted tasks set by their teacher using **IXL** and **SATs Companion** to support their preparation.

Learning Grids

We know families enjoy working together on our topic-based learning grids, so these will continue at key points throughout the year to encourage creativity and collaboration.

If you feel your child would benefit from additional support or further work, please speak with their class teacher.

We'll be **trialling this approach during the Autumn term** and will gather parent feedback before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make homework meaningful, manageable, and enjoyable.

Dinner Menu

Week Beginning 22nd September 2025- Week 1 Menu

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK ONE

DINE
Main Meal

DINE
Vegetarian Meal

DINE
Jackets or Pasta

Dessert
STOP
Sweet choices

MONDAY
AROUND THE World

Sausage
and
Mash

Quorn
Sausage
and
Mash

Jacket Potatoes
and Pasta
available daily.

Ice Cream

TUESDAY
Italian

Lasagne
with Garlic Bread
and Sweetcorn
or Side Salad

Lentil Bolognese
with Garlic Bread
and Sweetcorn
or Side Salad

Jacket Potatoes
and Pasta
available daily.

Lemon Drizzle

WEDNESDAY
Roasts

Roast Chicken
Stuffing & Gravy
with Roast
Potatoes and
Carrots or
Broccoli

Veggie Potato
Cakes
and Carrots &
Broccoli

Jacket Potatoes
and Pasta
available daily.

Chocolate
Brownie

THURSDAY
AROUND THE World

Chicken Wrap
with Wholegrain
Rice and Rainbow
Slaw

Cheesy Baked
Bean Wrap
with Wholegrain
Rice and Rainbow
Slaw

Jacket Potatoes
and Pasta available
daily.

Apple Flapjack

FRIDAY
Fish & Chips

Fish Fingers
with Chips and
Garden Peas or
Baked Beans

Vegetarian
Vegetable
Fingers
with Chips and
Garden Peas or
Baked Beans

Jacket Potatoes
and Pasta
available daily.

Chocolate Chip
Cookie

Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available

Fresh Bread is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly, and Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL

Free School Meals Eligibility

Additional Funding for School

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

There is an easy way to find out! Did you know ...just registering your child for Free School Meals means the school gets extra money? We'd like to make sure we're not missing out on vital funding for our school ...and need your help! The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

Through a link to a Government database, we are now able to automatically track whether pupils are entitled to Free School Meals.

You can do the check yourself by using this link [FSM Checker](#) or if you prefer you can come to the school office and the staff there will be able to help.

The Pupil Premium funding makes a huge difference to the school budget and allows us to provide additional teaching and provision in the school. We have a duty to ensure this funding directly supports eligible families so it is imperative all families check their eligibility. Please help us to ensure we receive the funding we are entitled to. Thank you for your support.



School Start Times

At **8.45am** each morning a member of staff opens the school gates. The bell rings at, **8.50am** and **gates will close promptly at 8.55am** and children may make their way straight into their respective classrooms where they will begin the day with a calm, purposeful activity e.g. handwriting, reading, recap prior learning etc.

We would like to re-emphasise that the start time of school is **8.55am**, however, we would encourage our families to take advantage of the earlier start as the children enjoy the calm 'soft' start to the day.

Lessons begin promptly at 8.55am

Pathfinders

We're delighted to be working with **Pathfinder**, a charity that offers trauma-informed, strengths-based support to children and families through schools. By training and supervising school staff to become dedicated support workers, Pathfinder provides flexible, long-term help with emotional wellbeing, SEND, housing, benefits, and more. Their approach empowers families to lead change and build community, making a real difference where it matters most.

Ms Kenny is our **Pathfinder** and can be contacted by:

email: pathfinder@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk

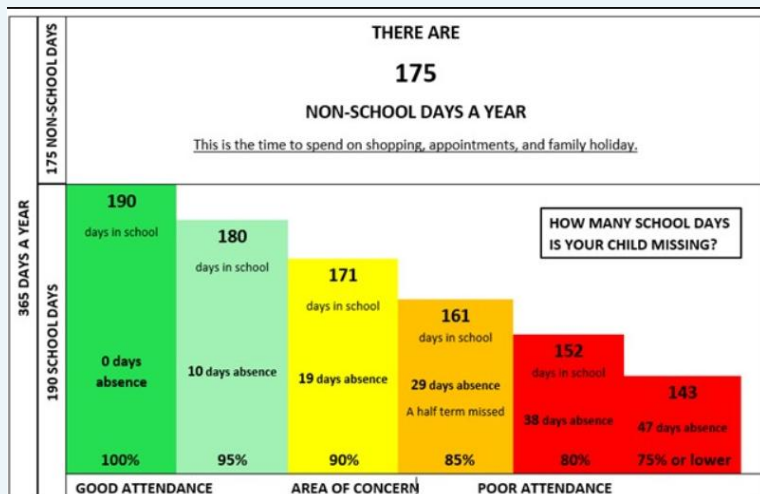
phone number: 07506954616

Good Attendance Matters

Good attendance is vital if your child is to achieve all that they are fully capable of.

Please always ask for help if you need it, we are always here to listen and support

Please [click here](#) to read the Good Attendance Matters Leaflet from Birmingham City Council



Be at your classroom on time and ready to learn!

Every minute counts

Lateness = lost learning (Figures below are calculated over a year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost	15 lessons
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost	33 lessons
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost	50 lessons
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost	65 lessons
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost	95 lessons

KEY DATES

Below, is an overview of diary dates for the next academic year. All dates are **subject to change** so please be mindful of this. If there are any changes, we will give you as much notice as possible.

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	ALL
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Date	Overview	Information
September		
22.09.25-03.10.25	Y5 and Y6 Swimming	Every day for 2 weeks – swimming kit needed
26.09.25	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon	3pm-4.00pm – school hall: All welcome
29.09.25-03.10.25	Reception Reading Workshops	9-9.30am – sign up to a day
October		
October	Black History Month	<i>Look out for more information!</i>
03.10.25	Y2 Harvest Class Assembly	9am – school hall : Parents invited
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day	
16.10.25	Flu Immunisations	Ensure you have completed the link
21.10.25	Y3 Diwali Assembly	9am- school hall: Parents Welcome
22.10.25	Autumn Term Parents’ Evening	NB: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
23.10.25	Break up for half term	Normal 3.30pm finish
24.10.25	INSET DAY	No children in school
November		
03.11.25	Children return to school	Gates open at 8.45am
04.11.25	School Photographs	Whole School
06.11.25	Y6 SATs Inspire Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
10.11.25-14.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week	More info to follow
17.11.25-23.11.25	Road Safety Week	PSHE work in school this week
27.11.25	Y1 Phonics Parent Workshop	9am-10am – school hall: Parents invited
28.11.25	St Andrew’s Day	All children in St Andrew’s house are able to wear something blue with school uniform
30.11.25	First Sunday of Advent	
December		
01.12.25	Advent	Wear something purple with your uniform today
04.12.25	Y6 Advent Parent Prayer Service	9.00-9.15am – school hall: Parents invited
05.12.25	Christmas Fayre Afternoon	2.30-5.00pm – school hall: Sign up for a slot
09.12.25	Y2 Advent Parent Prayer Service	9.00-9.15am – school hall: Parents invited
11.12.25	Y5 Advent Parent Prayer Service	9-9.15am – school hall: Parents invited
15.12.25	Reception, Y1, Y2 Nativity Production	2.30pm-3.30pm – school hall: Tickets on sale Dec 1 st £1per adult, children free
16.12.25	Reception, Y1, Y2 Nativity Production	9.15am-10.15am – school hall: Tickets on sale Dec 1 st £1per adult, children free
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner Day AND Christmas Jumper Day	Replace school jumper for a Christmas jumper. Please ask- we have a few in school
18.12.25	Christmas Party Day	Own clothes – disco at school- no charge
19.12.25	Y3 and Y4 Carol Service	1pm-2pm – St Peter’s Church
19.12.25	Break up for Christmas	2pm finish

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Safeguarding Children

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



At St. Peter's we are committed to the safety and happiness of our children

- Are you feeling upset or unsafe?
- Are you worried about a child, friend or a family member?
- Does something not feel right?

Please speak to one of St. Peter's Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Mellor
Principal

Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Luff
Vice Principal

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Kenny
Senior Learning Mentor

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss McDonagh
Class Teacher

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Love by Jesus, we love, we learn, we live and grow together for Him
Service **T**olerance **P**eace **E**ndurance **T**ruth **E**njoyment **R**espect

If you have any concerns about a child our
safeguarding team are always here to help. You can
contact them during school hours on
0121 464 6921 or enquiry@stpeterc.bham.sch.uk.

Alternatively, you can find them in the playground areas during the
morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

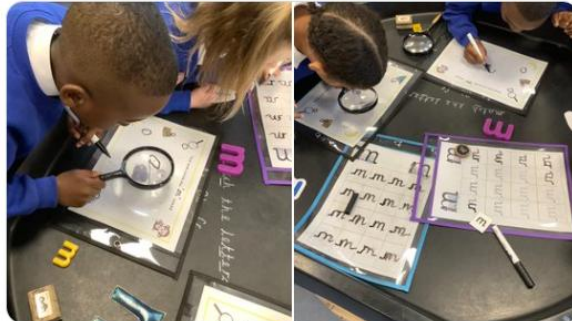
Outside of school hours, if you are concerned about
a child, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust
on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, always dial 999.

The Week in Pictures



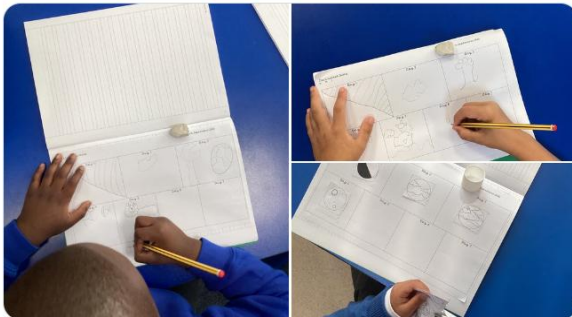
St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · 7h

Reception have enjoyed finding the 'm' sound and practising writing it! #StPetersEYFS 🔍



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 15

The children in Year 1 are learning about the Story of Creation! 🌞🌳🍎👤 #StPetersRE



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · 8h

Year 2 were prayerful this week during Prayer and Liturgy as they reflected on Our Lady of Sorrows and how they can notice when others are hurting and show care with their words and actions #StPetersPrayerandLiturgy 💙



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 15

Year 3 voted democratically for their class MP after listening to their wonderful speeches in class #StPetersBritishValues 🗳️



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 15

Excited faces in Year 4 today, as the children began their music lessons on the fife! #stpetersmusic #stpetersflute



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · 2h

Year 5 worked on running with the ball in football ⚽ - finding space, travelling at speed and making decisions on when to pass, dribble or shoot. Lots of teamwork, movement and control on show! 🏆 #StPetersPE



St. Peter's School ❤️ @SaintPetersSch · Sep 15

Year 6 have been drawing learning about anatomical drawings inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci. #StPetersArt 🎨👤



Have a lovely weekend