



Autumn Term Newsletter 4

Thursday 24 October 2024

So we finally come to the end of the first half term of the school year. 8 weeks done already. It has been a good half term and I have really enjoyed getting to know the school community. So much good is already here, there is such potential for us to grow and develop together over the next few years. 8 weeks is a long half term though and I could tell that the children were getting tired this week. Have a good rest over the half term as the Christmas period is always one of the busiest in schools. I'm looking forward to it though, it's probably my favourite time of the year at work.

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

	Week beginning 4 November	Week beginning 11 November
Monday	Bart Gee visiting for Disability workshops for KS2	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Y3/4 Dodgeball (details to follow)	
Thursday		
Friday	Remembrance Day Event in school Y5/6 Football tournament at Vauxhalls	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament (details to follow)

Attendance Update

As you will be aware, there is a big national agenda from the DFE regarding attendance so I am going to be sharing our attendance data with you via the newsletter.

Percentage Attendance in 2024-2025	
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95.8%	96.2%

This is excellent at this stage, as each session missed is a much larger percentage than it will be by the end of the year. I am looking forward to seeing this improve as the year progresses.

St Peter's Bonfire and fireworks night – Saturday 9 November

Loads of work is going into planning this and it promises to be a fabulous night - have you got your tickets yet? If you not you can get them here

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofstpetersheswall/1415093/r/launchemail>

Friends of St Peter's invite you to our annual

Bonfire & Fireworks

Saturday 7th November

4.30pm - 7pm



Tuck Shop
Hot Dogs
Paella by Alan & Maria
Glow Stall
+ Licenced Bar Area

Gates open 4:30pm
Bonfire Lighting 5:30pm
Fireworks 6:15pm

Buy
tickets
here:



Family Ticket:
£27
Adult: £10
Child: £5
Under 3: Free



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With thanks to:



Friends of St Peters Events

More events organised by the Friends of St Peter's. We are so grateful for your support!

**FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S
UPCOMING
EVENTS**

WED 23rd OCT	FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S AGM 1pm at St Peter's CofE Primary School Email school office to register attendance
SAT 9th NOV	ST PETER'S BONFIRE & FIREWORKS 4:30 - 7pm Ticket holders only
TUES 3rd DEC	ELFRIDGES GIFT AFTERNOON Gift shopping afternoon in school hours (pocket money gifts, children can buy up to 2 each)
THURS 5th DEC	WREATH MAKING & POP UP SHOP Wreath Making Workshop with fizz in the School Hall: 7-9pm. Plus - Christmas Wreaths for sale (date TBC)

School Improvement Priorities 2024-2025

I am pleased to share our school development priorities with you for this forthcoming school year. Basically, this is what we are aiming to improve over the course of the year. These have been put together by senior leaders in school based on last year's work and results and have been agreed with the Governing Body.

- To continue to develop a culture of reading for pleasure across the school.
- Build on the curriculum work previously done to identify the key knowledge and subject specific concepts in foundation subjects that should be taught and revisited over time. (follow up to the OFSTED report last year)
- To improve the quality of writing across the school – focus on greater depth writing.
- To maximise the mental health and well-being of all staff and pupils.
- To develop the children's understanding of diversity, including experiences of other faiths and world religions with particular focus on the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010. (SIAMS)

Hopefully as the year progresses you will be able to see how some of the work is going as it should be evident in the children's books and how they are speaking, Particularly the work on diversity which will cover lots of different areas. In fact this has already started with the Year 1/2 classes covering lots of diversity work this week.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents evening meeting this week. I hope you found it useful. I would also like to thank the teachers who stayed late on 2 nights and also spent considerable time preparing notes in advance. Our next parents evening will be in the Spring term but if you have any



concerns in between please do get in contact with school and speak to your child's class teacher.

Roofing Works

Starting on Friday 25 October we will have some work starting to reroof part of the school, namely the Y1/2CW and Y1/2F classrooms (these are the ones that face out onto the playground). The most intrusive work will take place over the half term break but there will be areas of the playground fenced off for the contractors to use when we return to school after half term. The entire job is expected to take 3 weeks in total so there shouldn't be too much disruption. It was important that we got this work done sooner rather than later and definitely before the winter weather moves in.

Collective Worship

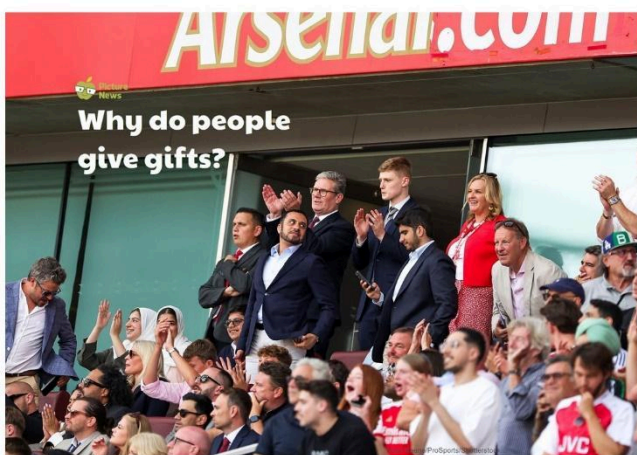
Our worship rota is usually as follows:

Monday – St Peter's church leading

Tuesday – Mr Wallace leading

Wednesday – Come and Praise with Miss Collins

Thursday – Picture News. This looks at topical issues that are in the news. These have been the pictures for the past 2 weeks. Why not ask your child what they have been learning about?



Friday – Celebration.

Sporting Events

We have had a number of sporting events over the past few weeks. First of all three football tournaments at the Liverpool FC academy in which we did very well at all three. Secondly a Year 4/5 football team beat Birkenhead Prep School 6-0 in the cup.



In addition the Y5/6 football team returned to the next round of the Tranmere Rover Wirral cup and played brilliantly, narrowly losing the final. This means we came second out of all the Wirral schools – an amazing achievement.

We also had good success at the Cross country with medals being awarded to a number of different children in year 4, 5 and 6. Finally this Wednesday we hosted an inter-schools Boccia tournament which was great fun.

Invite to a Rainbow Party

This is being organised by Mrs McAlister who has been doing some teaching assistant work in school this half term.

A vibrant poster for a Rainbow Party at Holy Trinity Church. The background is a colorful rainbow with a starry night sky pattern. The text is in bold, white, sans-serif font. At the top, it says 'HOLY TRINITY CHURCH INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO OUR RAINBOW PARTY'. Below that, it lists activities: 'CAMPFIRE AND SMORES', 'HOT DOGS', 'PRIZES', 'TREATS AND SWEETS', 'GAMES', 'ARTS & CRAFTS', and 'MUSIC & DANCING'. It also mentions 'FANCY DRESS (NO HORROR THEME PLEASE)'. For registration, it provides the URL 'HTTPS://WWW.HOLYTRINITYSPITAL.ORG/RAINBOW-PARTY' and a QR code. The date and time are '31ST OCTOBER 5.00PM TO 7PM'. The address 'CHORLEY WAY SPITAL CH63 9LS' and the 'htc' logo are at the bottom.

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Final Prayer

As a church school I always think it is good to end the newsletter with a prayer for the weekend. This week's was written by Year 1/2CW.

Dear God,

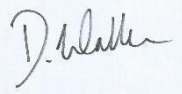
*Thank you for our half-term break.
Thank you for the time to rest and play,
For fun with our friends and family,
And all the lovely things we can do.*

*Thank you for the time we've had in school this autumn,
For all the things we have learned,
For our teachers who help us every day,
And for our friends who make us smile.*

*Please keep us safe and happy,
Help us to be kind and share with others.
Thank you for all the people who care for us,
And for all the good things we have.*

Amen.

Have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the rest of the Autumn term and the build up to Christmas.



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