



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th February 2024

Well I cannot believe that this is the end of my first half term at St. Peter's Bratton. This week we have had Reverend Andy in leading our Collective Worship, we celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and have also been thinking about our value of Respect. I have shared fantastic learning with many pupils and had lovely conversations with lots of parents. Throughout this week, I have been also meeting with various outside agencies to organise exciting events for the pupils. However, I must admit that one of the highlights was meeting with our School Council who completely impressed me with their fantastic ideas and confident delivery and articulation. I look forward to our next meeting when we will be meeting with Telford and Wrekin Meal Services to start planning our new three week menu. Watch this space!

I truly am blessed and have the best job in the world working with the best staff, pupils, parents and wider community. Thank you for making my first half term so amazing. 😊

Principal's Award



The Principal Award letters are going in the post today so keep an eye out to see if you are one of the twenty-eight pupils who have been sent one of these prestigious letters. Those parents whose children are in receipt of these, I warn they are just beautiful and definitely will make you exceptionally proud. I promise that all badges will be awarded on 19th February at my Collective Worship.

Lunchtimes



We know that all children benefit from breaks away from the classroom at playtime and lunchtime, however for some pupils the business of the dinner hall can be quite daunting or distressing. Having collated all the pupil questionnaires two areas were highlighted, playground and the dinner hall. In order to address this after half term we will be starting family service. Instead of queuing for lunch pupils will have a dedicated time slot with a designated seat they will sit in each day. We will be promoting social skills through conversations at the dining table and older children will help to support younger children with their ability to use a knife and fork.

These time slots will also reduce the number of pupils on the playground and help the staff interact with the pupils in games and activities.

I will keep you posted in the next Newsletter or why don't you ask your child/ren for their feedback? Obviously this will be reviewed and any necessary changes put in place.

Paying For Lunches



Thank you to those parents who ensure that your school meal account is always in credit. We appreciate that everyone is exceptionally busy and that paying for school meals can slip your mind, also we would love to provide an easier way to pay for these but this is not, financially, an option currently. It has been brought to my attention that we currently have outstanding debt. As a Christian School we would not ever refuse children food but we would ask that you support us by paying for meals that have been eaten. If you are finding yourself in financial difficulties, please talk to us as we understand the cost of living crisis. Have you considered that you may be eligible for Free School Meals? You will not only be providing your child/ren with food but this will also help the school as we receive extra funding. To enquire further click –

[Introduction - Free School Meals - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)

Free School Meals

Introduction

Eligibility

How do I apply?

Contact

Your child, or children, may be eligible to claim Free School Meals if you are on a low income and receive a **qualifying benefit**.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive universal infant free school meals, and this is not linked to your income.

Year 6 Leaver Hoodies



Year 6 is a momentous time in a child's life and there are certain things that we as a school will do to help make memories and create keepsakes. A Leavers Hoodie has now become the keepsake of choice for many children. You will receive a letter soon outlining how to order these. This will be an independent company that I have worked with at my previous school who you will deal with directly. They will provide samples for pupils to try for size prior to ordering and we can set up a session for you to come in after school. Due to the fact that I am going to permit Year 6 to wear these on PE days, I have selected navy hoodies, further details will come on the letter. Once again, please do not feel that you must buy one of these but they are competitively priced and good quality.

Parent Survey



124 responses

 [Link to Sheets](#)

Accepting responses

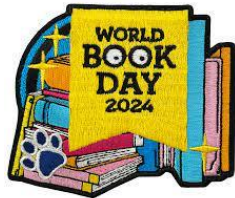
Summary

Question

Individual

Thank you to each and every parent or carer who has taken time to complete our parent survey. As you can see we have 124 responses. Now I have the pleasure of analysing these and putting actions in place. An additional thank you to those who have taken time to write comments raising some very inciteful points.

World Book Day 2024



We all appreciate how important reading is and as a school we celebrate daily books and the love of reading. This year we have planned a variety of events (letter sent today) to mark this famous day. I am aware that this day can have a different impact on pupils (and parents) as some pupils do not feel comfortable dressing up (and parents struggle to purchase costumes) so I am informing you in plenty of time that we have decided our theme this year is 'dress to relax with a good book'.

This open theme will support all children, even those who want to wear PJs/onesies (fresh that morning), sportswear or school uniform if that is what they feel comfortable in. Of course, costumes are welcome but not necessary.

Christian Easter Celebrations



Finally, during half term we start our Christian celebration leading up to Easter – Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) followed by Lent. What are you going to give up? Or reverse Lent, what additional things are you going to do? Whatever you are doing enjoy your pancakes.

Enjoy your half term holiday and I will see you all on Monday 19th February bright and early 😊



Stay safe, love

Mrs Welsh xx George and Teddy

First Aid

Head bumps- currently

- If your child has a head bump they are assessed by a member of staff who is first aid trained.
- A first aid slip is completed which is sent home.
- A text message is sent to parents.
- If the incident happens at lunchtime, the lunchtime supervisors let the class teacher know.

After half term- in addition

- Your child will have a black wrist band following a head bump. This advises everyone that has contact with your child to be observant.
- Please make sure you remove the wristband before they come to school the next day.

First Aid White Slips

In school, most of our support staff are trained in paediatric first aid. This is updated regularly. You will only receive a white slip if your child has needed first aid treatment in school. Children often fall over and need no treatment.

Parking

Please be courteous to our neighbours when parking outside school. The car park off Squirrel Meadow is private parking for residents only, please **do not** use this car park when dropping and collecting your child from school.

On **Thursday 7th March** we will be celebrating World Book day at St. Peter's Bratton.



Dear parents and caregivers,

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7 March** and we hope you'll join us to celebrate. We are celebrating World Book Day this year in St Peter's because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Dressing up or bringing books into the setting is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy.

We are inviting children to relax to read on World Book Day—which means that children can come to school in pyjamas, onesies or what makes them comfortable for reading. We are mindful of the cost of living crisis and how it may affect parents and carers so please do not buy anything new.

We would also like them to bring along a book which they really enjoy reading. This is an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other.

The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue, make sure your child is recommending something to read.

We'd love to include you in our celebrations on World Book Day by:

1. **Coming into your child's class to read to them**—please let your child's class teacher know if you are willing to read one of your favourite children's books aloud to your child's class.
2. Come along to share a story with your child at **2.45pm on Thursday 7th March**.
3. **Sending your child's chosen book in with them on the day** so they can share it with their teachers and their friends.

Access to books

- 1 Getting a free £1.00 book for your child is easy – simply take your £1.00 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1.00 book OR use it to get £1.00 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.

Your child's digital book token will be attached with this letter.

You can find your nearest bookseller at: worldbookday.com/participating-retailers.
Check out the World Book Day Family Hub for more things to do at home.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.



Miss McCunnin (English subject leader)





In Geography we have been learning about water, weather and climate. We can explain why the UK has different types of weather and why the Northern hemisphere has different seasons.



In 3G1 we also talked about the groundhog called Punxsutawney Phil who can predict the weather! Find out more about him here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkyGEIpgZgc>

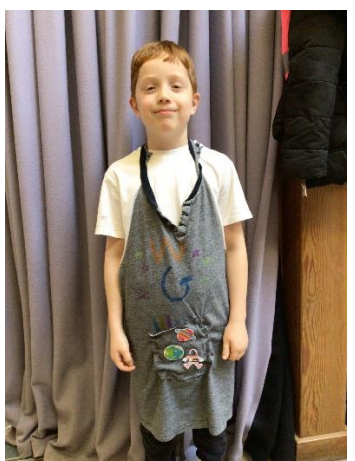


WELCOME
to year 4!

We've had a busy half-term and have achieved so much in such a short time!

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The children have worked incredibly hard on their aprons and on their sewing skills and staff in year 4 have been very impressed with their perseverance and determination – sewing hasn't been an easy skill to master! This week, children have begun decorating their aprons and we would like to share some finished pieces with you.



English

This half-term, our writing has been based on the book *The Baker by the Sea* by Paula White. We have enjoyed producing a variety of writing linked to this story including job adverts (which we then interviewed each other for!), letters written in role as town councillors and village council leaders, and some fantastic descriptive writing to describe the beach village by the sea. We are now putting our skills to use by producing a tourism brochure for Paula White's hometown of Lowestoft!

Maths

This week, we will have completed our first unit of fractions. The children have worked hard to understand mixed numbers, improper fractions, and equivalent fractions. After half-term, we will be moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. Some children have found this fractions unit tricky, so here are some links if they would like to practise a little more over half term.

[Fractions and Decimals Maths Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Fractions-and-Decimals-Maths-Games)

[Fraction Games](#) | [Decimal Games](#) | [Math Playground](#)

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After half term, children will be completing a mock times table check in preparation for the government times table check at the end of year 4. If children would like to prepare for this and practise the check multiple times, they can do so on their Purple Mash account. Times Table Rock Stars is also still available for children who are struggling to learn their times tables. Any support at home will be greatly appreciated!

Have a fantastic half term break!

Year One Reading Area



Year one would like to say a great big thank you to the Friends of St Peter's for all the wonderful resources that they have purchased for our reading area.

We now have an amazing, jungle themed, reading area that will be enjoyed by the children all through the day.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends events to help towards these fantastic resources for the children.



Easter Holiday Wrap Around Club

Easter holiday wrap around club will be available to book from Friday 9th February 4:30pm and will close on Wednesday 13th March at 6:00pm.

Dates available are Monday 25th – Thursday 28th March and Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th April 2024, 8:30 – 4:30 at £25 per day.

Wraparound reminders

- Breakfast and afterschool club dates will be put on the system and made available to book a half term at a time, the remaining dates up until Easter holidays will be made available to book from Friday 9th Feb.
- Wraparound is now at a capacity of 45, this should avoid any disappointment when trying to book a space.
- Please when you do book and you pay by voucher, ensure you send the exact amount and that all balances are cleared before booking for the next half term.
- When entering wraparound please ensure your mobile phone is put away.
- We are a NO NUTS setting so please don't send your child in with products containing nuts.

Easter Half Term.	AM Craft	AM SNACK	AM Baking	AM Outside	AM Inside	LUNCH	PM Game	PM Craft	PM SNACK	PM Outside	PM Inside
Monday 25 th March	Tissue paper Easter eggs		Puff pastry pizzas	Bikes and scooters	Free play		Easter bingo	Bunny toilet roll tube		Free play	Easter colour by numbers
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter cards		Lemon shortbread	Act like a...	Free play		Pictionary game	Easter bonnet crowns		Free play	Spring word-search
Wednesday 27 th March	Bunny ears		Bunny bread rolls	Tag	Free play		Sleeping bunnies	Cotton wool sheep picture		Free play	Spring maze
Thursday 28 th March	Flower paintings		Rice crispy cakes	Bunny hop races	Free play		Animal quiz	Design your own Easter egg		Free play	Easter colouring sheets
Tuesday 2 nd April	Easter basket craft		Hot cross buns	Easter scavenger hunt	Free play		Musical chairs	Hatching chick paper craft		Free play	I spy spring sheet
Wednesday 3 rd April	Chick paper plate craft		Easter biscuits	Running races	Free play		Bunny bunny rabbit!	Paper flower bouquets		Free play	Spring crossword
Thursday 4 th April	Spring pictures		Cheese muffins	Ball games	Free play		Stick the tail on the bunny	Bunny rabbit paper plate		Free play	Spring animals colouring sheets
Friday 5 th April	Bumble bee toilet roll tube		Jam tarts	Hoops and skipping ropes	Free play		Animal charades	Ladybird toilet roll tube		Free play	Copypcat butterfly pictures

House points

This week	Caer Caradoc 549	Haughmond 622	Stiperstones 590	Wrekin 545
So far this term...	3091	3097	2930	3203

Weekly winners!

Well done, Haughmond!

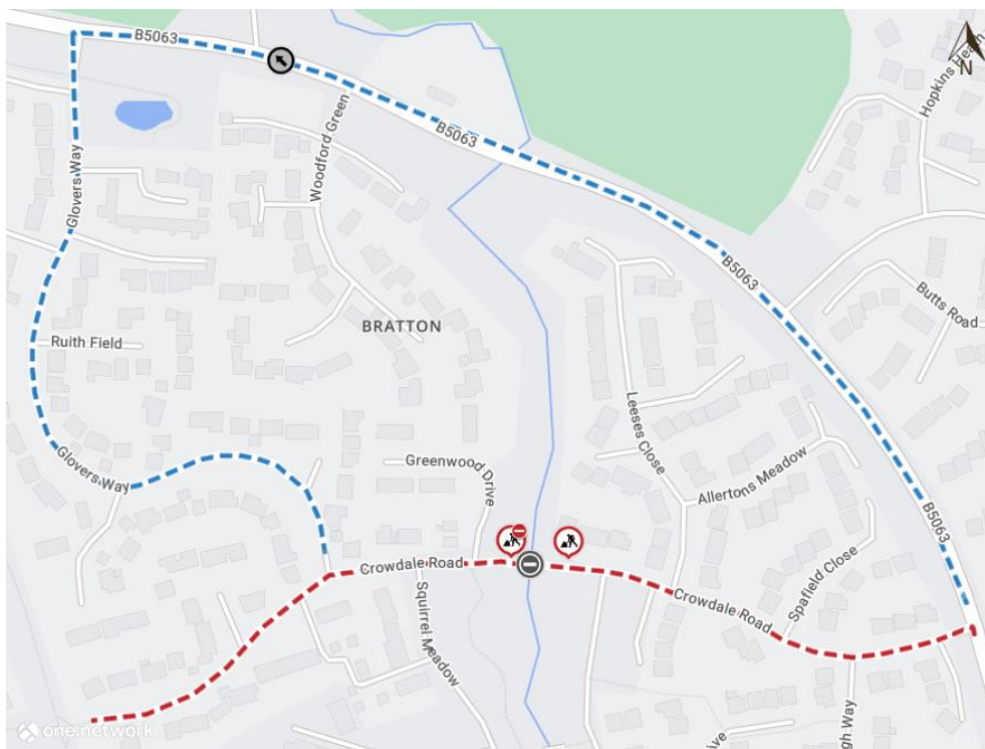
Termy winners so far!

Well done, Wrekin!

Telford and Wrekin Road Closure Notice

Balfour Beatty on behalf of Telford & Wrekin Council are planning to undertake carriageway improvement works. The work is set to commence on **Monday 26th February 2024** and will last for a **duration of 5 days between the hours of 09:15am & 14:20pm and 16:00pm & 20:00pm** with an end date of **Friday 1st March 2024**.

The diversion route for vehicular traffic travelling eastbound will be via Glovers Way, Rushmoor Lane Junction To Shawbirch Roundabout. For vehicular traffic travelling westbound vice versa.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 19 th January	Dental Nurses visiting Reception – postponed to February – date to be confirmed
Friday 9 th February	Bookings Open for Easter Wrap Around Holiday Club
Friday 9 th February	PD Day – Open for Wrap Around Holiday Club
Monday 12 th February	Half Term – Open for Wrap Around Holiday Club
Thursday 29 th February	Leap Day Family Quiz – Friends Event
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Year 1 visit to Exotic Zoo – details to follow
Monday 11 th March – Friday 22 nd March	Learning Conference Fortnight – details to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Bookings Close for Easter Wrap Around Club
Friday 15 th March	Year 5 workshop – Forces of Science
Saturday 16 th March	Outdoor Spring Clean – Friends Event
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 4 visit to Wroxeter
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Fun Day – Friends Event
Monday 25 th March	Easter Holidays – Open for Wrap Around Holiday Club 25/03 – 28/03 & 02/04 – 05/04
Monday 8 th April	Summer term begins
Saturday 13 th April	Car Boot Sale – Friends Event
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday
Wednesday 22 nd May	Colour Run – Friends Event
Friday 24 th May	PD Day
Monday 27 th May	Half Term

Friday 12 th July	Summer Fayre – Friends Event
Monday 22 nd July	PD Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Summer holidays