



NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st January 2025

The final week in January has been an exciting and busy one at St. Peter's Bratton. On Monday the LAC (Governors) came into school and had the pleasure of talking to lots of our wonderful children about their learning. We are looking forward to them coming back again soon. The highlight of the week (apart from Big Breakfast for lunch) must be our Agents of Change Day on Friday. I will discuss this in more detail later.

Bratton's Bright Stars





Bratton's Bright Star Award

Awarded 31/01/25

Class	Pupil (First Name)	Reason why a Bratton Bright Star
RO1 Academic	Harrison	For showing determination in class and pride in his learning. Well done, keep up the good work Harrison!
RO1 Citizenship	Reuben	For growing in confidence and showing independence at lunch times. Well done, we are proud of you Reuben!
RO2 Academic	Nala	For working hard with sentence writing in literacy. You have been focusing well on your learning, well done!
RO2 Citizenship	Jax	For following our school rules, 'Ready, Respectful and Safe,' in class, in the hall and on the playground. Well done, Jax!
1R1 Academic	Ellie	For working hard this week on describing the structure of a plant in her science lesson. Well done!
1R1 Citizenship	Maia	For showing integrity and a willingness to try new challenges. Well done for spending a whole week in the dinner hall!
1R2 Academic	Arthur	For all your hard work in phonics this week. Well done.
1R2 Citizenship	Lily	For being a kind and caring member of 1R2. You are a role model to others. Well done.
2R1 Academic	Grayson	You have been working hard in English when writing your campaign this week. Well done!
2R1 Citizenship	Harjas	For being a kind, caring member of our class. You are always helping others and looking after friends when they get upset. Well Done!
2R2 Academic	Isabelle	You have worked much more independently in maths this week. It is wonderful to see your confidence growing!
2R2 Citizenship	Archie	You have been extremely helpful this week. You have offered to do jobs in the classroom, and you have been very focused while tracking the person speaking.
361 Academic	Emrys	For reading so much in school and at home. You have been working hard at this and it is helping you lots - well done!
361 Citizenship	Andrea	For being so helpful and kind to all your classmates and everyone in our school. You are an amazing ray of sunshine!
362 Academic	Delilah	For amazing work all the time, especially in Maths! Delilah we are so proud you take your learning so seriously. Well done. Keep it up.
362 Citizenship	Olivia F	For being a sensible, kind member of class who is always ready to help her friends and adults around school. Well <u>done</u> Olivia. Keep it up.



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461 Academic	Rose	For beginning to take extra care with the presentation of her learning.
461 Citizenship	Darcey	For being wonderfully supportive, kind, and caring when her friends are having a difficult day.
462 Academic	Arlo	For working hard during Maths this week, impressing both Mrs Poole and Ms Lewis with his focus and effort.
462 Citizenship	Evie. R	For being a kind and caring friend to everyone and showing others how to be ready and respectful.
501 Academic	Tiara	For showing outstanding dedication and effort in your maths. Your hard work and determination have shone through this week.
501 Citizenship	Mollie	For supporting others in their learning. Your willingness to help others in their learning has shown the real power of teamwork.
502 Academic	Ben	For your knowledge and enthusiasm for science, including an incredibly thorough scientific observation.
502 Citizenship	Lewis	For being respectful and polite to everybody. You are a fantastic role-model.
601 Academic	Mia	For trying to use more powerful vocabulary in her writing to paint an accurate picture in the reader's mind.
601 Citizenship	Louis	For his kindness and caring nature towards all other peers and members of staff in Year 6 and around school.
602 Academic	Jayne	For excellent, focussed oral work in French, with a super accent too.
602 Citizenship	Rose	For beginning to take extra care with the presentation of her learning.

Attendance and Punctuality

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Free Time
3rd Place - 5mins
2nd Place - 10 mins
1st Place - 15 mins

Free Time
Extra 5 mins

ON POINT ATTENDANCE

Attendance- 31.01.25

Third Place- 98.6% 4G1

Second Place- 99.3%
502

First Place- 99.7%
4G2

We have 3 classes with
no lates.

Well done to...

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Some pupils were asking about their class attendance, so I shared this with the staff and children today. Let's see if we can get those percentages up next week and add more classes to our Punctuality Award.

All pupils between dates	Attendance	Late
Overall	96.4%	0.8%
Reception	96.4%	0.7%
RO1	97.5%	0.0%
RO2	95.3%	1.3%
Year 1	91.1%	0.7%
1R1	93.3%	1.0%
1R2	88.6%	0.3%
Year 2	96.9%	0.9%
2R1	97.9%	1.4%
2R2	96.0%	0.3%
Year 3	97.5%	0.8%
3G1	97.0%	1.0%
3G2	97.9%	0.7%
Year 4	99.2%	0.5%
4G1	98.6%	0.7%
4G2	99.7%	0.3%
Year 5	96.9%	1.9%
5O1	97.4%	2.2%
5O2	96.3%	1.5%
Year 6	97.1%	0.0%
6O1	95.0%	0.0%
6O2	99.3%	0.0%

House Points





Happy Chinese New Year!



We want to wish all our families and members of our community who celebrated Chinese New Year on Wednesday 29th January - Gong hei fat choy" (恭喜发财) or Xīnnián hǎo" (新年好).

2025 marks the beginning of the Year of the Wood Snake. The Snake is the sixth animal in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac and is associated with wisdom, intuition, and strategic growth.

If your child is in Reception, they will be able to tell you all about this as they have been learning all about Chinese New Year and tasting some Chinese celebration food.

Agents of Change



<https://beesabroad.org.uk/>

Today our school turned into an agency, full of Agents of Change and of course I had to wear a bee costume! Each class thought about how they wanted to make a difference. Next week we will be sharing an epic edition of our Agents of Change. Thank you for all the extremely generous donations, we already have raised £276 and also for the exceptionally the very kind messages.



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£276
raised of £500 target
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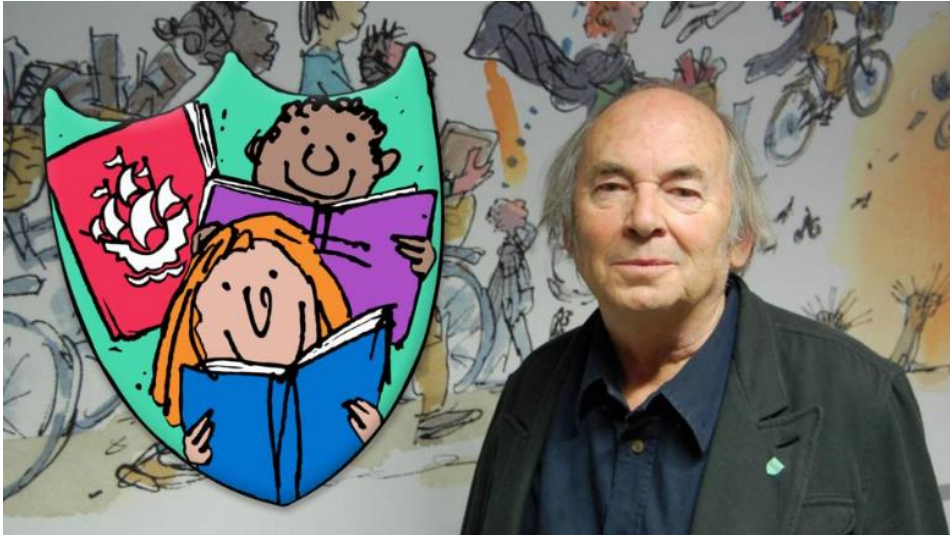
We train communities in beekeeping to enable them to empower themselves

Emma Crossland
St Peter's Bratton fundraiser for Bees Abroad
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If you would like to add to our total and support the Bees Abroad, you can do so by clicking on this link.

[Emma Crossland is fundraising for Bees Abroad](https://beesabroad.org.uk/)

Blue Peter Reading Badge



Have you ever received a Blue Peter Badge? All our children have the opportunity to earn one and all they have to do is read. These have been specially designed by Quentin Blake. This will be easy for our pupils who have a love of reading. I have to say that I enjoy the reading challenges KS2 pupils do and listening to the during Book Talk.

Blue Peter Book badge application

[click here How to get a Blue Peter Book badge - CBBC](#)

To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Apply for your Book badge online using My Blue Peter or click the Book badge postal application form' button above, to apply by post.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the Privacy Notice.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.

Unfortunately, we are unable to apply as a school for these, however we can accept postal applications that we will send off. Entries by 14th February if you want us to post.

Mr Wilkes Returns



I am pleased to let you know that Mr Wilkes has started his phased return to school this week. We must make sure we are looking after him and are keeping him safe, as he is still using crutches and wearing a support boot. I have already spoken to the children about this, and they may already have told you. Mr Wilkes will be available for a few hours a day and is very happy to be back working with our wonderful children. We also wish Mrs O'Mahony a swift recovery as she has also broken her ankle.

Hall Available



Do you need a space to run a club or organisation? We have our school hall available from 4:30pm every weekday and we would like to open this up to the local community for a competitive rate. If you are interested or know someone you could benefit from our facility, please contact the school office on 01952 387980 and leave details.

Well, we have all survived January (despite the horrendous weather and other challenges that people may have had to face!) and we all look forward to a fantastic February. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy whatever you are planning to do. I will see you all on Monday morning.

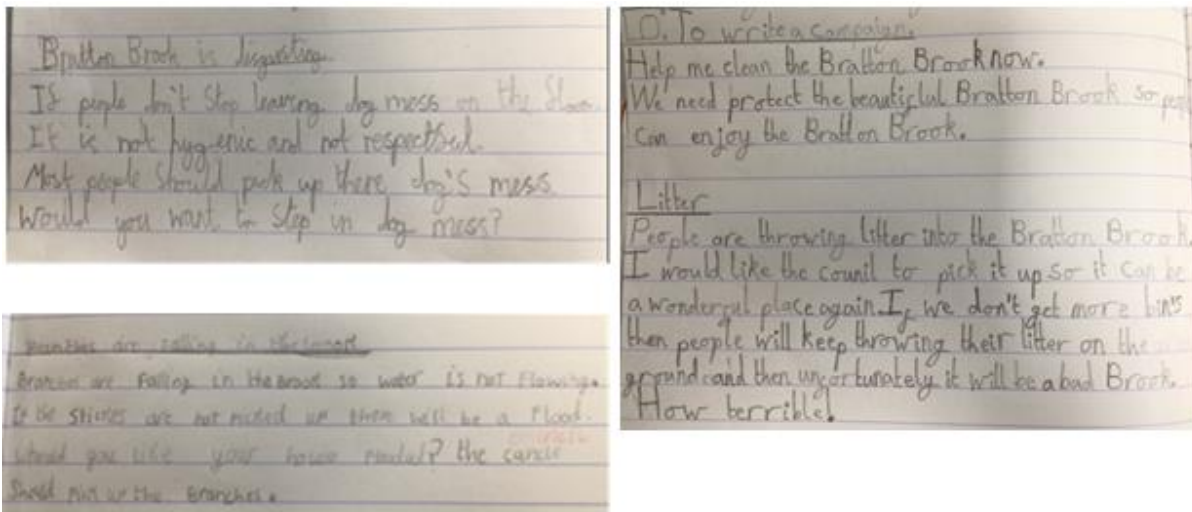


Mrs Welsh 😊

YEAR 2

It's been a busy time at school, and I'm excited to share all the fun, creative and inspiring things we've been up to in year 2!

In our English lessons, we've been reading a captivating book, *The Water Protectors*. It has taken us on an enlightening journey with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, learning about their efforts to protect the Missouri River. Inspired by their dedication, our class came together to take a pledge to become water protectors ourselves! We've channelled this inspiration to focus on making a difference closer to home by writing our own campaigns to save Bratton Brook.



Our budding artists have been diving into the world of creativity, exploring different techniques to create stunning effects in their artwork. Recently, we've been focusing on making beautiful gradient pictures that showcase sea life silhouettes. The children have really enjoyed experimenting with techniques to bring these ocean scenes to life.





Geography has become a favourite subject as we explore the wonders of the ocean. We've delved into its structure and the different layers, discovering the fascinating creatures that dwell within each one. We were amazed to learn about how crucial the ocean is, especially since over 50% of the world's oxygen comes from it! This week, we've had great fun creating detailed fact files on the Coral Reef, Kelp Forest, and the open ocean.

Coral Reef.

Facts:
Coral reefs live in the sea and are made of coral. There is a huge loss of fish. 25% of coral reefs are damaged.

Marine life in this habitat.

Sea urchin Manula fish turtle






Open Ocean.

Facts: Less than five percent of plants oceans have been explored. We still only know a fraction of the marine species in our oceans with new marine life being discovered everyday. The Pacific ocean is the worlds largest ocean.

Marine life in this habitat.

Orca Jellyfish Dolphin






Kelp Forest.

Facts: Kelp are huge but plants extremely large brown algae and many different species of kelp make up kelp forests. Sea urchins can destroy entire kelp forests at a rate of 30 feet a day per month by moving in herds.

Marine life in this habitat.

Sea otter

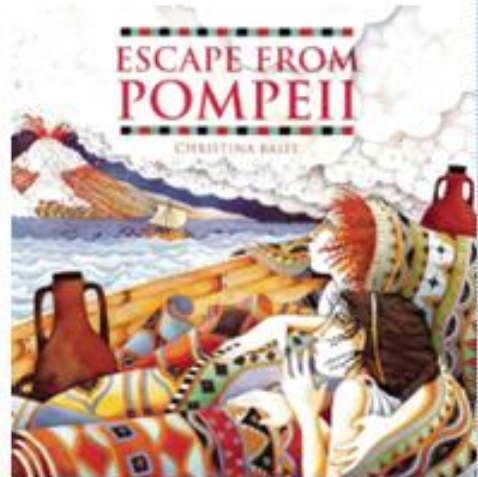
Year 3

Swimming

This was our third week of swimming and we've all been enjoying it so much! We've been learning lots of new skills and building our stamina as well as being more and more comfortable in the water. We're already seeing lots of progress and can't wait to get see all the progress made over our ten weeks swimming.

English

We've started a new book this week all about Pompeii which is linked to our Geography topic of Mountains, Earthquakes & Volcanoes. We've been doing some drama activities to help us get to know the characters better including freeze frames. The children have really enjoyed these new ways of getting to know the characters.



Science

We have been learning about forces so far this term and we are doing an experiment about friction. We tested a car on a variety of different surfaces to see how much force was required to move the car by measuring with a newtonmeter.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 20 th December	Bookings open at 6pm for February half term holiday club and PD Day
Monday 6 th January	Spring Term Starts
Monday 10 th February	Year 2 visit – Sea Life Centre
Friday 14 th February	Discos – Friends event – non-uniform Wear What You Love
Monday 17 th February	Half term
Monday 24 th February	PD Day
w/c Monday 3 rd March	Learning conferences – details to follow
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 4 visit – Wroxeter
Friday 28 th March	Someone Special Day – Friends event
Wednesday 9 th April	Easter Service – All Saints Church – details to follow
Friday 11 th April	Decorate Egg competition & Easter raffle draw – Friends event
Monday 14 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 28 th April	Summer Term Starts
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th May	Colour Run – Friends event
Monday 12 th – 15 th May	SATs weeks
Monday 26 th May	Half Term
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day & Family picnic – details to follow
Monday 7 th July	Transition Days – Meet New Teacher
Tuesday 8 th July	Transition Days – Meet New Teacher
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Church Leavers Service – details to follow
Wednesday 9 th July	Meet the new teachers (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
Friday 11 th July	Summer Festival – Friends event
Thursday 17 th July	School Leavers Celebration – in school – details to follow
Friday 18 th July	End of term