



# NEWSLETTER



What a busy and exciting final week we've had at St Peter's Bratton as we get ready for a well-deserved Christmas break! Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful visit to RAF Cosford and Year 3 had some strange Stone Age visitors. Wednesday was full of sparkle with our 'Sparkle and Shine' day, a delicious Christmas lunch, and our Christmas Enterprise Fayre after school. A huge thank you to our amazing kitchen team for preparing such a fantastic festive meal. We were also lucky enough to have a special visit from Santa, which brought so much joy to the children!



It's been a challenging week with lots of flu around, which meant we've had to do a few things differently (I've been unwell myself and not in school), but I hope everyone who has been poorly is starting to feel much better. Despite these hurdles, I've been so proud of the resilience shown by our pupils and the incredible teamwork across staff to keep the festive spirit alive. This term has reminded us that when we pull together, adapt, and support one another, we can overcome challenges and still create wonderful experiences for our children. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and positivity—it truly makes a difference.

## Our Christian Values



Click here for this beautiful advent song - [Advent Song for kids - Learn about Advent Candles - Hope, Peace, Joy & Love | Christmas Kids Choir - YouTube](#)

This week we have been reflecting on the theme of *joy* as part of Advent. Joy is more than just happiness—it is a deep sense of hope and gratitude, even in challenging times. We’ve seen that joy in so many ways across our school community: in the smiles during our nativity performances, the laughter at our Christmas lunch, and the excitement of our Enterprise Fayre and Santa’s visit.

*All around, the lights are glowing,  
December days are quickly going,  
Very soon, the bells will ring,  
Everyone will laugh and sing,  
Nativity scene tells the story true,  
Time for Christmas — it’s nearly due!*

Leader:  
Lord Jesus, You ask us to join you in being the light of the world. Help us to bring hope and joy to others during Advent. Help us to shine as Lights for Christ.

When we’re at school,  
All: Help us to shine.

Leader: When we’re at home,  
All: Help us to shine.

Leader: When we’re out and about,  
All: Help us to shine.

Leader: When we’re with our friends,  
All: Help us to shine.

Leader: When we’re with our families,  
All: Help us to shine.

Leader: Help us to shine to the glory of God the Father.  
All: Amen.





## Bratton's Bright Stars



# Bratton's Bright Star Award

**Awarded 19/12/25**

Class	Pupil (First Name)	Reason why a Bratton Bright Star
Bratton 1 Academic	Annabelle	For her amazing phonics this term! Your reading is beautiful!
Bratton 1 Citizenship	Faye	For always being a positive and friendly member of Bratton 1!
Bratton 2 Academic	Emilia	For independently using her phonic sounds to write a Christmas list to Santa.
Bratton 2 Citizenship	Amelia	For coming into school with a smile and positive attitude.
Bratton 3 Academic	<b>Sienna</b>	For being a keen writer in English and writing a super ending to the story Whatever Next. Well done!
Bratton 3 Citizenship	<b>Ahyan</b>	For showing our value of Nurture when helping another child when they were not feeling well. Well done!
Bratton 4 Academic	<b>Ada</b>	For progressing brilliantly in reading and improving by 3 book bands this term.
Bratton 4 Citizenship	<b>William</b>	For fantastic listening and following instructions straight away.
Bratton 5 Academic	Ella	Always trying your best and completing work to a high standard.
Bratton 5 Citizenship	Rian	For always being a kind and caring friend to others. You are a fantastic role model.
Bratton 6 Academic	Poppy	Working hard, especially in science this week. You really enjoyed our investigations. Well done Poppy.
Bratton 6 Citizenship	<b>Grace</b>	Always being kind and friendly, setting a good example for others. You are also helpful and show good listening in class. Well done Grace.
Bratton 7 Academic	<b>Lucy T</b>	For working hard in her English, including amazing descriptive language within her writing and practicing her times tables at home! Fantastic work.
Bratton 7 Citizenship	<b>Jacob</b>	For always being kind and considerate to others in the classroom. Jacob always follows our school rules, amazing work Jacob.



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Class	Pupil (First Name)	Reason why a Bratton Bright Star
Bratton 8 Academic	Illia	For showing all his writing skills in his retell of "Escape to Pompeii". Well done Illia keep it up ☺
Bratton 8 Citizenship	Yuven	For being a great member of Bratton 8 who always comes in with a huge smile and the energy to complete all his work and the Bratton mile all before lunch! Yuven, you keep us all smiling and are a great friend to your classmates every day. Well done ☺
Bratton 9 Academic	Maryam	For her great insights into Greek life and philosophies! Well done!
Bratton 9 Citizenship	Olivia	For being a great ambassador and peacemaker in Bratton 9. Well done!
Bratton 10 Academic	Olivia	For her amazing progress and hard work in the learning of her times tables. Well done!
Bratton 10 Citizenship	Everdene	For increasing her level of focus within lessons this week. Mrs Poole has noticed her effort to complete work in good time. Well done, keep up the hard work!
Bratton 11 Academic	William C.	For your use of idioms in English that brought your writing to life.
Bratton 11 Citizenship	Alice	For settling so well into Bratton 11 and already displaying our school rules (ready, respectful and safe).
Bratton 12 Academic	Finley	For showing fantastic confidence by coming to the front of the class to model your maths work.
Bratton 12 Citizenship	Max	For making more positive choices on the playground this term.
Bratton 13 Academic	All in Bratton 13	an absolutely fabulous term filled with great learning, showing compassion towards others, perseverance when things get tricky, hope that they can achieve and of course a few laughs from Miss Russell's ridiculous stories!
Bratton 13 Citizenship		
Bratton 14 Academic	Ruben	Super writing in English. Your report linked to our 'Last Wild' book was well detailed and showed great use of formal vocabulary.
Bratton 14 Citizenship	Emma	For showing a constant awareness of our school rules and always following them no matter what the occasion or location.

### Attendance and Punctuality

<p>19.12.25</p> <p><b>Congratulations to!</b></p> <p>Third place Bratton 2 with 93.75%</p> <p>Second Place Bratton 1 with 94.58%</p> <p>First Place With 95 % Bratton 7!</p>	<p><b>Congratulations to..</b></p> <p><b>3 classes with 0 LATES</b></p> <p>Bratton 1      Bratton 9</p> <p>Bratton 8</p>
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### House Points

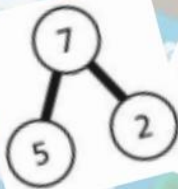
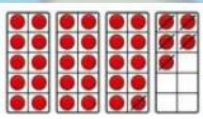
<p>4th place</p> <p><b>Stiperstones</b></p> <p>4459 house points!</p>	<p>3rd place</p> <p><b>Caer Caradoc</b></p> <p>5288 house points!</p>
<p><b>Wrekin</b></p> <p>5419 house points!</p> <p>2nd place</p>	<p><b>1st place</b></p> <p><b>Haughmond</b></p> <p>5489 house points!</p> <p>Congratulations Team Haughmond, you are the house points winners for Autumn1 2025!</p>



## Parents Math Sessions

Come and join us for a fun evening of Maths learning.  
You will get to understand our calculation policy, learn how we teach the children Maths and have a go at the Maths yourself using practical resources.

Year 5 and 6 Parent Maths Session  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 4:30pm



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This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about Maths life at school and how best to support your child at home.

Please sign up using the following link or the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5ZgI4pggj4>



We have an exciting opportunity where you are able to come into school and learn more about Maths life within our school. This is your opportunity to explore the calculation policy and have a go at the Maths yourselves. We believe these parent maths sessions will both be beneficial for yourselves as parents and the children as you will understand how to support your child better at home. The Year 5/6 parent Maths session will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 4:30pm.

Please follow the link/scan the QR code in the attached flyer to sign up now.

## Sustainability Day



### **St Peter's Bratton grant proposal**

With the support of Let's Go Zero, the UK's free service supporting all schools on their journey to zero carbon, we have calculated our baseline carbon footprint.

We propose to spend the Phoenix Contact grant on an Eco Hub which will focus our efforts to reduce our emissions in all areas, improve our climate resilience, increase our biodiversity and enhance our green skills education.

[www.letsgozero.org](http://www.letsgozero.org)  
charity no: 1104153



On our first day back after the Christmas holidays, we will be launching an exciting whole-school project focused on sustainability, in line with the *Let's Go Zero 2030* campaign. This marks the start of implementing our action plan to create a more sustainable school—and inspire changes at home too!

We are thrilled to share that these projects will be funded by a generous grant from Phoenix Contact, who have kindly gifted this support to our school. Each year group will take responsibility for a different area of the action plan, working together to make a real difference for our planet.

To celebrate the start of this journey, pupils are invited to wear something that supports sustainability—perhaps a favourite pre-loved outfit or even a creative costume made from old clothes. Let's make this a fun and meaningful day as we take our first steps toward a greener future!

## Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Irvin

Today is a sad day at St Peter's Bratton as we say goodbye to Mrs Irvin. For the past nine years, she has been an integral part of our school family—a true model of Christian values who has fulfilled and enriched the lives of so many children and staff. We captured just a few of the words pupils used to describe her: passionate, compassionate, enthusiastic, thoughtful, and kind, to name a few.

We understand that Mrs Irvin has been called to serve the community in a different way and will begin her apprenticeship as a curate after Christmas. While we will miss her greatly, we know she will continue to make a positive impact in her new role. Thankfully, she will be back in January to visit, and we look forward to welcoming her then.

We wish her God's richest blessing as she embarks on this exciting new adventure.



*Time to say goodbye...to Mrs Irvin*

Miss Crossland



Dependable

Christian values

Kind



Harvest

Passionate

Dog mummy

Compassionate

Enthusiastic


Church

Thoughtful





### Career Day in Reception

Reception Careers Day		Wednesday 11th February 2026	All Day Time slots TBC.	Reception	EYFS
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Reception Parents you will have received a letter about our Career Day on 11<sup>th</sup> February. As part of their community topic in Spring Term we will be learning about different job roles within our community.

If you would like to come into school and talk to our children about your job, that would be amazing! Please complete the slip or email the school.

We want to expose the children to as many occupations as possible - teaching the children that all jobs work towards supporting our community in some capacity 😊

For some people Christmas is the best time of year and for others it can be the toughest. Whatever you and your family are doing enjoy making the memories and be kind to each other.

I want to thank each member of staff who play an integral part in making St. Peter's Bratton the wonderful place that it is.

**Christmas Wishes  
from the Principal**

At St Peter's Bratton, what a wonderful place,  
Where joy and laughter fill every space.  
With marvellous staff who give their all,  
Excellence and nurture stand proud and tall.



Respect and integrity light our way,  
Hope shines bright every single day,  
Through events and visits, through learning and fun,  
We've shared so much as the year's nearly done.

Our Friends PTA, so loyal and true,  
Making memories for me and for you.  
At Christmas we pause, with hearts full of  
cheer, Yet remember those sad  
or unwell this year.

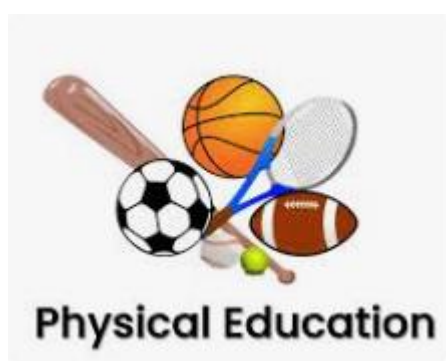
Blessed are we with  
children so bright  
Who fill our school  
with love and light.

So here's my wish as the season  
draws near—  
Peace and joy for all, and a Happy  
New Year!

With love,  
Mrs Welsh







PE days -Spring term

	<u>Outside</u>	<u>Inside</u>
Monday	Bratton 5 Bratton 6	Bratton 11 Bratton 12
Tuesday	Swimming for Bratton 7,8,9,10 Letter in the new term Bratton 14 Bratton 13	Bratton 1 Bratton 4 Bratton 3
Wednesday	Bratton 3 Bratton 4	Bratton 6 Bratton 2
Thursday	Bratton 12 Bratton 11 Bratton 1 Bratton 2	Bratton 8 Bratton 7
Friday	Bratton 9 Bratton 10	Bratton 5 Bratton 13 Bratton 14

# Reception

This week we have had a very busy week in Reception. We have been prepping for our Christmas Enterprise, making Christmas cards, and enjoying lots of different Christmas activities to get us all in the festive spirit.

We also had a Space morning on Thursday, to consolidate our topic this term!

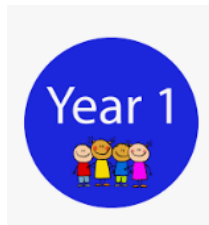


We would like to congratulate all the children on a wonderful nativity last week 😊 Thank you for your hard work and brilliant performances!

We hope you all have a wonderful break with you families and friends, and we look forward to 2026 with you all.

Reception Team 😊



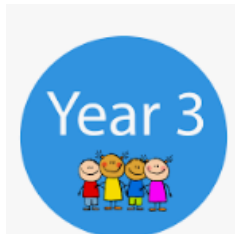


## **Year 1 Week beginning: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Year 1 had an exciting visit to RAF Cosford to support their learning about the history of transport. During the trip, the children explored real aircrafts to learn how transport has changed over time. A highlight of the day was getting to sit inside a real aircraft cockpit, which helped pupils imagine what it was like to be a pilot. They also enjoyed trying on pieces of pilot uniform, giving them a hands-on understanding of the equipment used in the past. The visit brought their history topic to life and encouraged curiosity through observation, questioning and practical exploration.







Monday 15th December

Stone Age Experience

On Monday, the Year 3 children took a trip back to experience life in the Stone Age. During the day, the children got to dress up as Stone Age people, make clay pots and handle artefacts from the Stone Age. During the day, the children did a fantastic job of showcasing the knowledge they have learnt this half term.





# Year 5

## Design and Technology



**This term, the children have been busy turning their brilliant ideas into reality! Using their Design and Technology skills, they worked in teams and combined their creativity with their science knowledge to make sure their models were not only eye-catching but also educational and worked as intended. The classrooms were buzzing with teamwork, problem-solving, and excitement. What an amazing way to bring learning to life!**

## **Maths**



In maths, we have been applying our knowledge of equivalent fractions by working in pairs and playing a fraction game. Using games like this helps us to secure our knowledge in a fun and engaging way!

What we are looking forward to in 2026.

We asked Year 5 what they are looking forward to next year.

*"I'm looking forward to doing more maths."*

*"I'm looking forward to doing more DT."*

*"I'm really excited for DT and history."*

*"Doing the learning and seeing all my teachers and friends."*

*"I'm looking forward to English and maths."*

It is so lovely to hear that the children are enjoying their learning. We can't wait to welcome them back in January!





**FREE  
COURSE**

## **St Peter's (Bratton) CofE Academy**

### **LEVEL 1 AWARD IN SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S LEARNING**

This Free course is designed for anyone who is considering working with children in a school or nursery setting as a teaching assistant, seeking work as a lunch-time supervisor or who plan to volunteer in a school. It is also valuable in helping parents support their own child's learning.

**Wednesday 14th January -  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
2026**

**12:45 - 3:15 pm**

**10 Week Course**



*Scan Me!*

To register for this course please scan QR code.  
Call 01952 382888 for support in registering.



FREE  
COURSE

St Peters (Bratton) CofE Academy

# Bringing Stories to Life! Puppets and Props

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January -  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Come in to school and work with your child on this fun, creative course packed with ideas that can be used to support your child's joy of reading and creativity at home. The sessions are very informal, with many activities to do together to inspire both parent and child to get the most out of storytelling.

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## Diary Dates

Diary Dates for 2025 2026

[2025-2026-important-diary-dates-for-the-year-updated.pdf](#)

Click here - [Diary Dates | St Peter's Bratton, Church of England Academy](#)