

NEWSLETTER

Christmas is in the Air at St Peter's Bratton!

The festive season has truly begun! Our Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 pupils are busy rehearsing for their magical nativity performances, while KS2 have been filling the school with the most beautiful Christmas singing—what a joy to hear!

This week also marks the start of Advent, a time of reflection and celebration, and we have so much to be thankful for. A special mention goes to our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team, who played their very first match against Randley—what an exciting milestone!

Our Christian Values

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Our Advent journey

*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!*

This week marks the first week of Advent, and many children have shared their excitement about opening their advent calendars each morning. In school, we've been learning about the Advent candles and reflecting on the meaning of the first candle—Hope. It's a wonderful reminder that even in the busiest seasons, hope lights the way forward.

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.

Today, our Advent prayer was beautifully led by two of our Year 6 Worship Council representatives, Max and Emily. They guided the worship with confidence and reverence, creating a meaningful start to the season of Advent for our school community.

Bratton's Bright Stars



Bratton's Bright Star Award

Awarded 05/12/25

Class	Pupil (First Name)	Reason why a Bratton Bright Star
Bratton 1 Academic	Dexter	For his super reading this week! He knows all the sounds we have been learning and blends them together beautifully.
Bratton 1 Citizenship	Isabelle	For being a fantastic role model. She is a super nurturing friend and always offers a helping hand!
Bratton 2 Academic	Oscar	For being a fantastic reader, well done!
Bratton 2 Citizenship	Devyan	For being a trustworthy friend.
Bratton 3 Academic	Sofia	For being a budding speaker using oracy skills when saying her part in the Nativity. Well done!
Bratton 3 Citizenship	Raven	For showing our Christian value of Nurture by helping a friend in class when they were upset. Well done!
Bratton 4 Academic	Lucas	For his amazing acting in our Nativity and learning his lines.
Bratton 4 Citizenship	Hudson	For his growth in confidence in the dinner hall and showing more independence.
Bratton 5 Academic	Jeremy	For excellent presentation in your work across all subjects. Well done.
Bratton 5 Citizenship	Grace	For being a superstar in the classroom. You are always willing to help others. Well done.
Bratton 6 Academic	Daisy	For your fantastic participation during our history lesson. Well done.
Bratton 6 Citizenship	Mace	Being a fantastic role model to others. You are such a lovely friend for helping others in the classroom.
Bratton 7 Academic	Thomas	For working incredibly hard in his maths this week. Thomas' work is always beautifully presented and this week he has confidently showcased his amazing times table knowledge.
Bratton 7 Citizenship	Grace	For always following our school rules around school. Grace is always an amazing and reliable friend to others. Well <u>done</u> Grace!



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Bratton 8 Academic	Ava W	For producing some great writing this week in our retell of "Escape to Pompeii". Well done Ava you should be proud.
Bratton 8 Citizenship	Ellie	For demonstrating our school rules and values. Ellie you are always ready, respectful and safe. You are a great friend to your classmates, helpful and polite to all in school. It is a pleasure to have you in the class!
Bratton 9 Academic	Luca	Luca has worked incredibly hard in his English and has really engaged with his Ancient Greek history work. Well done!
Bratton 9 Citizenship	Millie	Millie has really worked hard to turn her attitude around and now sees challenges and solutions instead of seeing problems. Well done.
Bratton 10 Academic	Inaya	For her brilliant retell of The Great Kapok Tree.
Bratton 10 Citizenship	Arlo	For improving his attitude to learning. He has impressed Mrs Poole this week with his focus and effort.
Bratton 11 Academic	Jackson	For your excellent description and use of prepositional phrases.
Bratton 11 Citizenship	Jessica	For demonstrating excellent perseverance in your maths.
Bratton 12 Academic	Jeevan	For a fantastic effort in including the features in your English this week, leading to a very enjoyable piece of writing.
Bratton 12 Citizenship	Sophie C	For brilliant teamwork skills during our collaborative learning this week.
Bratton 13 Academic	Max	For his continuous positive attitude to learning that allows him to excel in all he does and produce outstanding outcomes consistently.
Bratton 13 Citizenship	Evie	For a great first couple of weeks at St Peter's showing our three rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' and always portraying our ENRICH values. You are going to be an asset to our school community.
Bratton 14 Academic	Jacob	Showing such enthusiasm for your learning. You carried out your own super History research at home and presented to the class beautifully.
Bratton 14 Citizenship	Hattie	Demonstrating such genuine care and kindness to others in several ways during this week.

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Congratulations to!

Third place Bratton 5 97.92%
Second Place Bratton 8-98.39%
First Place With 98.56%
 Bratton 13

Congratulations to..

6 classes with 0 LATES

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Bratton 8 Bratton 5
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4165 house points!

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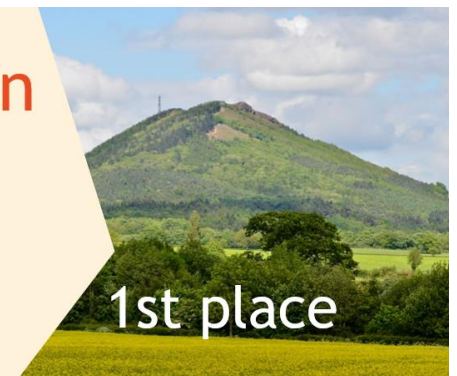
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4865 house
points!

Wrekin

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house
points!



1st place

Friends PTA deliver our Laptops



Last week, we were absolutely delighted to receive 15 brand-new laptops from our amazing Friends PTA. This was a major surprise, as we were originally expecting just seven!

The laptops have already been set up and are being used daily by our children, making a huge difference to their learning experience. Words cannot express how much we appreciate this incredible act of kindness and generosity. Thank you to everyone involved—you've truly made an impact!



Nativity and Carol Service Next Week



You're all in for a real treat! Our Reception and KS1 Nativities and the KS2 Carol Service will take place next week, and we can't wait to share these special moments with you. If you need any support with tickets, please contact the school office. Lunch will be served in the classrooms for these two days – you will have received a letter regarding the changes and choices.

The Friends PTA will be providing refreshments, adding to the festive atmosphere. And don't forget—KS2 pupils can wear something festive (Christmas jumpers, hats, etc.) on both days! It's going to be a joyful and memorable two days for everyone.



We are delighted to share that we have received our certificate for supporting the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised an amazing £262.85! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make a difference.

Pupils We Are Proud Of



This morning in Collective Worship, we celebrated the incredible achievement of five of our Year 1 pupils with their Talk Boost progress. We are so proud of how confidently they can now storytell and talk about their learning—absolute superstars!

A huge thank you to Mrs Harris for all her dedication and support in helping them reach this milestone.

Year 5 and 6 Football Team



This afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 boys made history as my very first football team at St Peter's! Every player demonstrated our Christian values of excellence, respect, and integrity, even though the final score was 2–0 to Randlay. Despite extremely wet conditions, the boys showed great determination and spirit. A huge thank you to our wonderful (and very drenched!) supporters and to Mr Collins for his dedication in training the team. We also commend Randlay School pupils, who were exceptionally respectful and polite throughout the match. I am already looking forward to our next matches after the holidays for this and our other teams.



Henry has been awarded this past week with all of these badges through his hard work at Beavers. Well Done Henry 😊



Harry was selected to go to Manchester United training ground to play football against their academy team. This was a fantastic experience for Harry. Well Done 😊



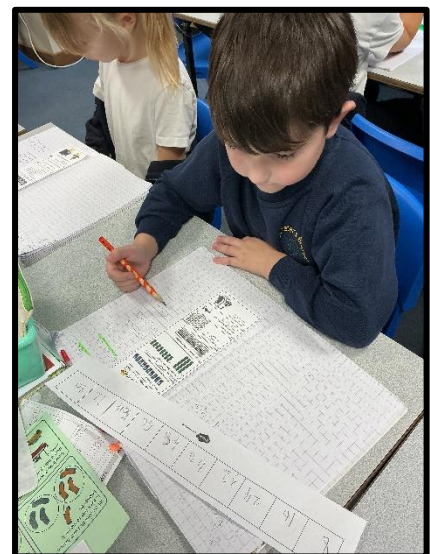
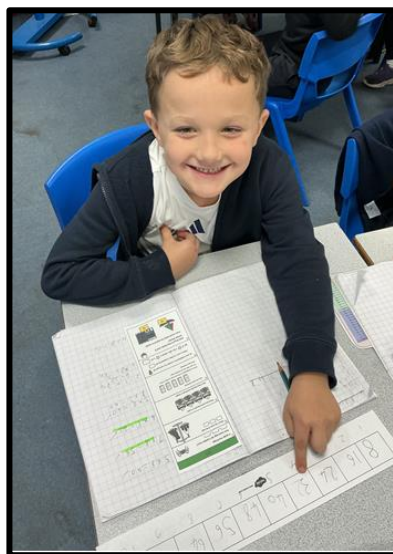
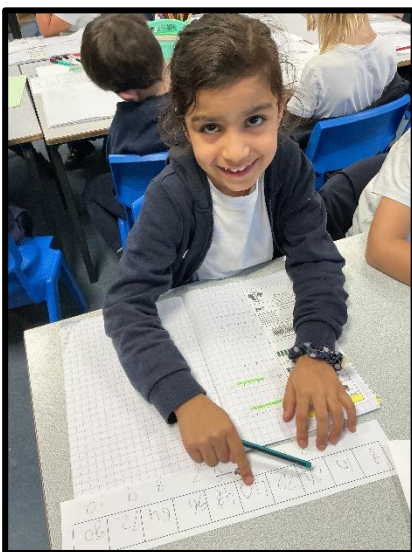
We have an exciting week ahead with lots happening across the school, and we're really looking forward to welcoming you all into St Peter's next week. I'll also see some of you at Breakfast with Santa tomorrow—we're very lucky he's squeezing us in!

Thank you for your continued support—it makes such a difference. Enjoy your weekend, whatever you are doing, and take time to rest and recharge.

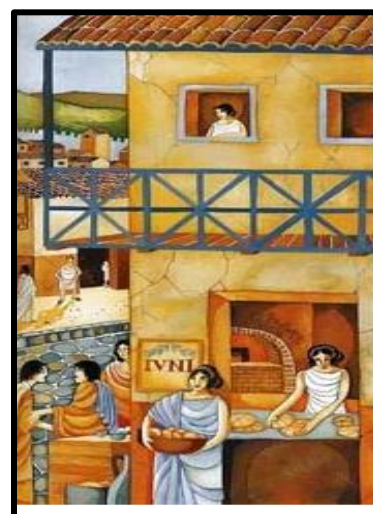
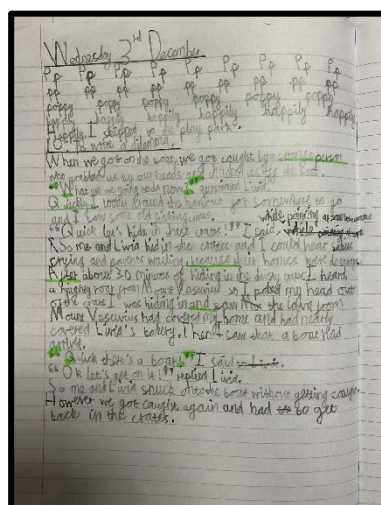
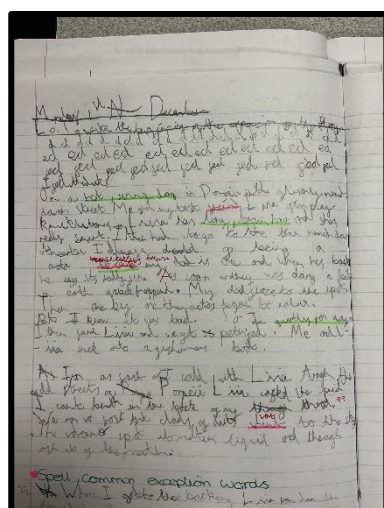
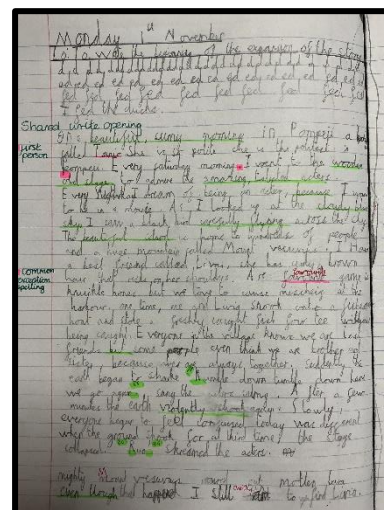
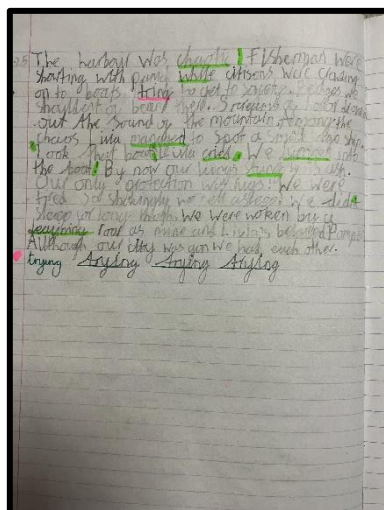
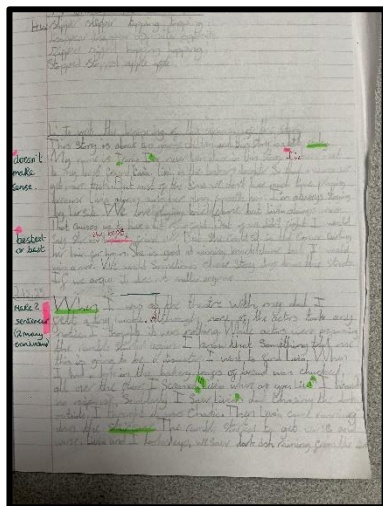
Mrs Welsh 😊



In maths this week we have been focusing on learning how to multiply and divide by 3 and 4. All the children have used a variety of tools to help them. Ask your children to draw you an array or a number track to showcase their learning! Some children have accepted the challenge of 2 step word problems and explaining their answers.



Throughout Autumn 2 we have used the text "Escape from Pompeii" to inform our writing. The children are showcasing writing skills they have learnt throughout the term to retell the story from the perspective of the character Tranio. They have all worked very hard to include great character and setting descriptions. Here are some examples!



Reminder - Thanks to all those who have already completed the paperwork for our Stone Age Workshop. We are really excited to welcome Outback 2 Basics in who are extremely enthusiastic when sharing their knowledge of the Stone Age and hands on experience of living like a hunter gatherer.





Christmas celebrations have begun at school with the arrival of 2 naughty elves into Bratton 7 and 8. The children have named the elves Buddy and Snowflake. Ask your child what mischief these extra pupils have been up to in the day and whether they are keeping to our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe.



English

This week we have been completing our re-tell of The Great Kapok Tree. Here are some fantastic examples of the children's work.

On a warm day, in the Amazon rainforest, as magnificent birds tweeted their tunes and snakes slithered around. Suddenly, a small, strong man entered the deep, mossy rainforest. In his arms he held a sharp, red axe. This was because he was sent to chop down the great kapok tree!

The short man gazed at the beautiful, tall tree that stood before him. Without a word, he swung back his pointy axe then he began to chop the hard tree. Thwack! chop! It was hot weather the air was heavy but the tree was strong.

Soon the man grew tired. Sleepily, he dropped to the floor. His arms were aching and the heat made him exhausted. Later on, the man lay on the wet moss his eyes drooped the calm, colourful birds chirped lullabies. Then at that moment he closed his eyes and fell asleep.

A spotty jaguar strolled over to the man. "Don't chop the tree it's my home," explained the jaguar. "If you do we will find my dinner. It's home to loads of different animals."

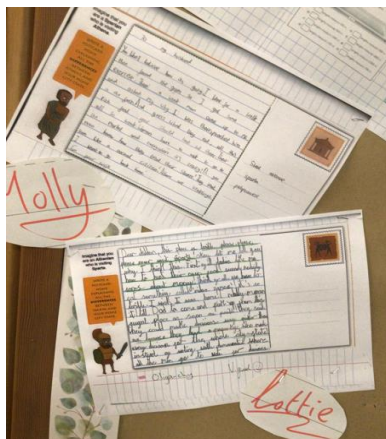
Then a sloth slowly climbed down to him. "It's my home. If the tree is chopped and took away it's going to leave many of us homeless. He was explaining. I need the tree to sleep in at night."

A bright, colourful toucan flew over to the sleeping man. I need the tree for my food. He was explaining. "It is where my nest is. I need it to sleep."

Then a scaly, green snake slid over to him. "SSSSSSSS" he hissed. "This is my home. I need it to live in." He was explaining. "SSSSSSSS" where I find food."

History

Continuing our learning about Ancient Greece we have written postcards explaining how different life is in Sparta and Athens.



Science

This week we have loved learning more about electricity! We have used our knowledge of conductors and insulators to build our own switches.



Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning.

Mr Spittle and Mrs Poole 😊



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St Peters (Bratton) CofE Academy

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