NEWSLETTER



It has been another busy week at St Peter's as we continue to embed our SMART Curriculum and make school an enjoyable place for every child. Pupils have loved learning new games at playtimes, helping to build friendships and positive play experiences.

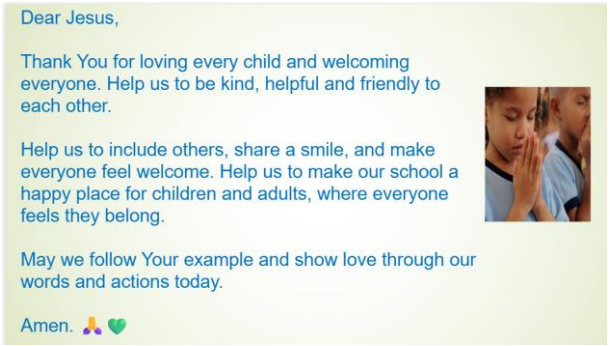
We have also continued to celebrate our SMART values through SMART VIP Lunch on Monday and our SMART Pupil of the Day and Week awards. It has been wonderful to see so many children recognised for their kindness, resilience, positive attitudes and commitment to learning.

Christian Values









SMART focus

This week, our SMART focus has been "Make School Enjoyable." Children have been thinking about how they can make our school a happy place for everyone by being kind, including others, working and playing together, and celebrating each other's successes. Throughout the week, pupils have also enjoyed learning and playing new playground games, helping to build friendships, teamwork and fun during social times. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of children making positive choices that make a big difference to our school community.



Bratton's Bright Stars



Bratton's Bright Star Award

Awarded 20.11.26

Class	Pupil (First Name)	*Reason why a Bratton Bright Star*
Bratton 1 Academic	Tommy	For using his phonics to identify the initial sound for the characters in our story. Well done Tommy.
Bratton 1 Citizenship	Rupert	Rupert has an amazing first three weeks at St Peter's Bratton! He is always being SMART. Super job Rupert!
Bratton 2 Academic	Fredrick	For his fantastic determination to hear and write initial and medial sounds in words from our story Man on the Moon. Keep shining bright Fred!
Bratton 2 Citizenship	Alfie	For always being considerate when caring for the toys and equipment in our classroom.
Bratton 3 Academic	Annabelle	For her brilliant contributions to class discussions in History and listening carefully to other children's ideas.
Bratton 3 Citizenship	Kelisha	For her incredible attitude to learning, improvement in handwriting and focus.
Bratton 4 Academic	Sanvi	For her excellent effort in English this week writing sentences for The Gingerbread Man.
Bratton 4 Citizenship	Ellis	For always showing SMART behaviour in class and around school. Helping his friends and being a role model. Keep it up Ellis!
Bratton 5 Academic	Miran	For a wonderful job of sharing interesting facts about Sikhism with your classmates. It is lovely to see you sharing your knowledge and helping others to learn. Keep up the fantastic work!
Bratton 5 Citizenship	Delphie	For coming to school with a smile on your face. You are so strong and we are so proud of you Delphie.
Bratton 6 Academic	Nicky	For outstanding reading. You blew me away with your fluency and intonation, even reading at a Key Stage 2 level! Keep reading, Nicky!
Bratton 6 Citizenship	Eleanor	For being extra smiley and enthusiastic in school this week. Your positivity lights up the room! Keep smiling, Eleanor!
Bratton 7 Academic	Tobias	For showing excellence in his learning this week, especially in Maths and English. It has been wonderful to see the independent work Toby has produced.
Bratton 7 Citizenship	Olivia T	For working consistently hard on following classroom and school expectations. This is having a positive impact on Olivia's learning and is supporting her further to develop stronger relationships with her peers.

Bratton's Bright Star Award

Class	Pupil (First Name)	Reason why a Bratton Bright Star
Bratton 8 Academic	Nirvair	For producing some great writing that included descriptions, conjunctions and apostrophes. Nirvair we are very proud that you have followed the instructions well and produced your best work. Well done Nirvair.
Bratton 8 Citizenship	Mace	For great resilience. Every day, Mace works independently, determined to focus as best he can and produce his best work. He is always keen to show his work and wants to make sure he is doing the right thing. Well done Mace, keep it up 😊
Bratton 9 Academic	Myles	For a great attitude to his learning this week. He has been ready to learn and has shown enthusiasm for our Maths on area and our English work about The Great Kapok Tree.
Bratton 9 Citizenship	Una	For always demonstrating our school values. Una is always ready to learn and is enthusiastic about our Christmas show.
Bratton 10 Academic	Nimrth	For her focus and hard work this week especially during English, maths and science.
Bratton 10 Citizenship	Tommy	For his improved attitude to learning and making SMART choices in the classroom. Mrs Poole is very proud of him!
Bratton 11 Academic	Ischia	For your incredibly creative Viking motifs.
Bratton 11 Citizenship	Daisy	For showing great enthusiasm for learning and demonstrating perseverance when faced with challenges.
Bratton 12 Academic	Molly B	For being kind and helpful with supporting classmates in math's with learning. Thank you, Molly!
Bratton 12 Citizenship	Millie B	For offering help and showing kindness in class when others needed support. Thank you, Millie!
Bratton 13 Academic	Farah	For showing a great improvement in her attitude towards her learning which is showing in her outcomes.
Bratton 13 Citizenship	Sophie R	For trying her very best with her SMART behaviours – especially in listening well to others.
Bratton 14 Academic	Zara	Approaching challenging Maths this week with impressive determination, resilience and a real desire to succeed.
Bratton 14 Citizenship	Evie	Taking such delight and pride in applying for and getting a job as a Playground Pal. You will make a super job of this.

Attendance and Punctuality

Third Place 	98.32% B10	5 Minutes Free Time
Second Place 	98.71% B14	10 Minutes Free Time
First Place 	99.48% B12	15 Minutes Free Time



5 Minutes Free Time

Classes with 0 Lates

B3 B8

B14 B2

Safeguarding

With the recent release of Grand Theft Auto VI (GTA VI) and the significant attention it has received across the media, many children may be talking about the game or expressing an interest in playing it. Parents should be aware that GTA VI is rated PEGI 18 and contains content including strong violence, criminal activity, drug references, strong language, and other adult themes that are not suitable for primary-aged children. We encourage parents and carers to monitor the games, apps, and online content their children access and to have regular conversations about staying safe online and making age-appropriate choices.

For more information click on the link - What You Need to Know: GTA VI | Free E-Safety Guide

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GRAND THEFT AUTO VI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Grand Theft Auto 6 (also stylised as GTA VI) has been one of the most highly anticipated games of this generation, following GTA V, one of the best-selling video games of all time. Set in the fictional state of Leonida, including Vice City, it follows criminal partners Jason and Lucia as they become embroiled in a wider conspiracy. Although GTA VI is intended for adult audiences, its enormous popularity means that younger people may still encounter gameplay footage online or express an interest in playing it.

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 18

EXTREMELY VIOLENT CONTENT

GTA VI is rated PEGI 18 for a reason. Players may encounter weapons like guns, knives and explosives, with violence portrayed in highly realistic ways. As in previous GTA games, players may also encounter violence involving vehicles and other characters. The game is categorically not for younger audiences, with blood, gore, and intense violence clearly identified in its official content

SENSITIVE SOCIETAL TOPICS

Like other games in the Grand Theft Auto franchise, GTA VI uses satire to explore aspects of society and contemporary culture. Its exaggerated characters and situations are fictional and may be intended to challenge or mock particular attitudes rather than endorse them. Younger viewers, however, may struggle to recognise this context and could misunderstand jokes, stereotypes, or social commentary without guidance from a trusted adult.

TALKING TO STRANGERS ONLINE

GTA Online, the multiplayer experience associated with GTA V, allows players to communicate with others online. GTA VI has been announced as a single-player experience at launch, so the same in-game chat risks should not yet be assumed. Children may still discuss the game through other online platforms potentially encountering strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Throughout GTA VI's storyline, drugs and alcohol form part of the game's criminal world. The official content rating identifies the use of both, while Rockstar's character descriptions reference drug runners and dealers. Earlier titles also showed substance use affecting how characters see and move around the world. Younger viewers may struggle to understand these portrayals in the context of a fictional crime story, particularly without guidance from a trusted adult.

NUDITY AND SEX

Relationships and sexual themes feature in GTA VI, while previous GTA titles have allowed players to visit strip clubs and solicit sex workers. It should also be recognised that GTA VI's graphics aim to be realistic, meaning depictions of nudity and sexual content may be explicit. Official ratings confirm nudity and strong sexual content, although details of specific scenes should not be assumed from earlier games.

OPTIONAL IN-GAME PURCHASES

As with its predecessor, GTA VI includes optional in-game purchases that use real-world money. While these purchases are not necessary to play the game, the appeal of additional content may encourage some players to spend more. Younger players may not fully appreciate the cost or how quickly small payments add up.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls can block age-restricted games, but they won't remove GTA VI's adult themes from elsewhere online. On PS5, go to Settings > Family and Parental Controls > Family Management, select the child and choose your restrictions. On Xbox Series X|S, use Settings > Account > Family settings, or the Xbox Family Settings app, to manage age restrictions and screen time.

LIMIT ACCESS TO BANK DETAILS

Limiting access to banking details helps prevent accidental or unauthorised purchases. Avoid storing payment details on a child's account and require approval before spending. On PS5, parents and carers can set a monthly spending limit through Family Management. On Xbox Series X|S, the Ask to Buy feature can request adult approval for purchases, helping children and young people understand their real-world cost.

COMMUNICATION RESTRICTIONS

On PS5 and Xbox Series X|S, parental controls can restrict voice chat, messages, friend requests, and communication with other players. Parents and carers can limit interactions to approved friends or prevent communication altogether, depending on the available settings. These restrictions are especially helpful for reducing children's exposure to strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes through console chats or other multiplayer games.

MAKE THIS A CONVERSATION

Even if a child is not playing GTA VI, they may still watch gameplay clips, livestreams or trailers shared by friends and content creators. It's important to talk openly with children about why GTA VI has an adult age rating and discuss its violence, crime, strong language, sexual themes, satirical lens, and other mature content. Ask what interests them about the game and what they already know. Talk about the difference between fictional behaviour and real-world consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 12+ years as a journalist, editor and social media expert. He's travelled the world playing video games and working with publishers and developers to fine tune their audience messaging. When he's not gaming, he can be found watching horror and sci-fi movies, TV series, listening to music or deciding which world marathon to plod around.



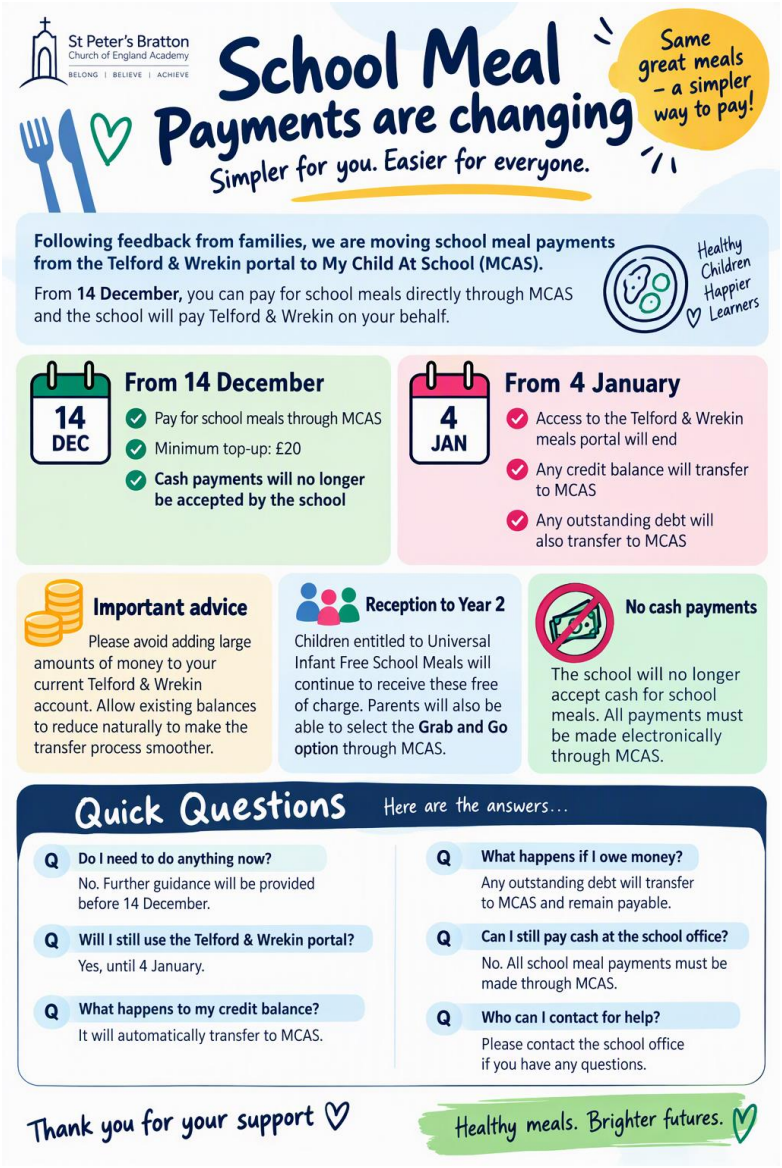
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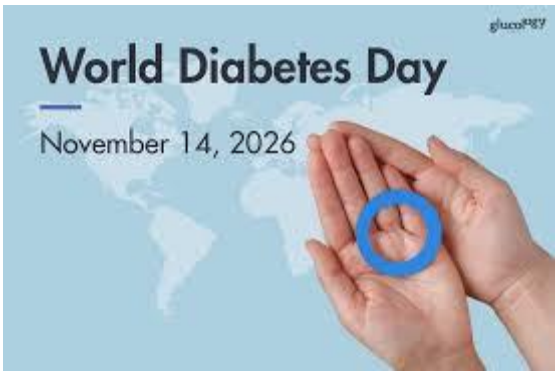


Christmas Productions



It's always exciting to see the hard work and dedication that goes into our Christmas productions, and our children have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals. This year, Years 3-6 will be performing *Lights, Camel, Action!*, and we can't wait to share it with you. Tickets will be available to book on Friday. Families in Years 1-6 can book up to two tickets per pupil, while Reception families can book tickets for both performances due to being a single year group. If you have children performing on different days, please contact the school office and we will do our best to accommodate your family so you can attend on the same day. We are incredibly excited and look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a fantastic celebration of Christmas!

World Diabetes Day



On Monday, we proudly marked World Diabetes Day, raising awareness and celebrating the courage and resilience of those living with diabetes. It was a wonderful opportunity to support our pupil, Toby, and to recognise the members of staff within our school community who also live with diabetes. Their experiences helped promote understanding, empathy and awareness across the academy. Together, we continue to build a caring and inclusive community where everyone is understood, supported and valued.

Pupils We Are Proud Of



Morgan has recently completed his 10th Junior Parkrun, and managed to achieve a fantastic personal best time of 12 minutes and 30 seconds. Well Done 😊

Jackson and Jasmine competed in Wellington Swim Club Club Championships. They both competed in multiple races.
Jackson got 10 medals, two golds, five silver and three bronze.
Jasmine got 11 golds, and received a trophy for being the top girl in the under eights. Well Done 😊

Isla, Jessica & Emily raised £252.20 at the weekend for a local lady trying to raise £25,000 for private cancer treatment. They gave up their time to pack bags and sell cakes in Tesco, Wellington to help with the fundraising efforts. Well Done 😊

At Cubs this week, Emrys received his Remembrance Day badge, fire safety, personal safety, home safety, road safety and emergency safety level 2 badges. Well done 😊

Eleanor won an award at her cycling club for her determination in her Cyclo-cross races. Eleanor has only been cycling with the club for a few months and we're so pleased she has been recognised for her determination and never-give-up spirit. Well Done 😊



I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. As the colder weather starts to set in, please remember to wrap up warm. Although I haven't had my Christmas tree up yet, I've heard that many families are already putting up their Christmas trees and decorations! There is certainly a festive buzz beginning to build, and with our Christmas productions, celebrations, and events just around the corner, there is plenty for us all to look forward to.

Mrs Welsh 😊



History

We enjoyed our Ancient Greece workshop last week. Here are some photos.





Science

We have started our new unit - Electricity. We have been learning about circuits, conductors and insulators.

Christmas show

Children have now been given their parts and lines. We will be rehearsing at school, but children have also been given the script to learn their lines at home.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Poole and Mrs Biggs

Year 5

Science

As we continue our new unit about Space in year 5, we were fortunate enough to take part in a webinar this week with a real-life astronaut! On Monday, along with 4000 other schools, we listened in as Dr Mike Barratt, a NASA astronaut and Prof Mark Hannaford (an explorer) talked about their adventures on and off of earth! We found out some fascinating facts....

NASA are planning two more missions to Venus!

Mila

They filter their own urine to make drinking water.

Edie



Even though they're on a mission, they still have lots of fun!

Martha

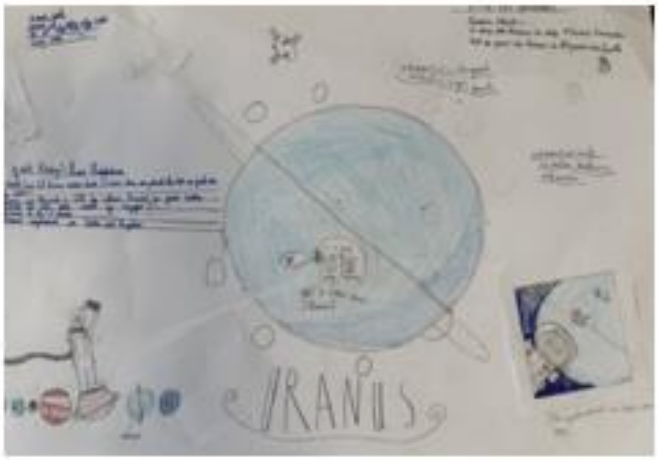
They once found a massive hairy, black spider on a spaceship and kept it as a pet.

Millie B

It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about life in space from someone who has actually been there! Including the most popular question- how do you go to the toilet in space! Their advice to us all was to explore and go on as many adventures as possible.

In our lessons, we have been learning about the planets in our solar system and the children worked collaboratively to create superb encyclopaedia pages to help share some key information about them. They presented their findings to the class, and they will be displayed in class so that we can all read more about each of the amazing planets.

The children then worked collaboratively and created space posters...









Wraparound Care CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

DATES OPEN

Monday 21st December – Thursday 24th December and Monday 4th January (PD day).

Bookings close on Monday 14th December at 6pm.

Please book within the time frame, but if parents require an emergency booking then to email club or speak to a member of staff, also if we don't gain enough demand for certain dates we may unable to open, which has happened in previous years for the Christmas Eve date.

Price per session per child is **£25**

Opening times 8:30am – 4:30pm

Children to bring in a packed lunch and something for morning and afternoon snacks.

Festive T-shirts, outfits or pyjamas are encouraged!

Holiday club plans include...

Baking
Gingerbread biscuits, bread, other festive goodies.

Park and outside play
(weather permitting).

Christmas crafts & games

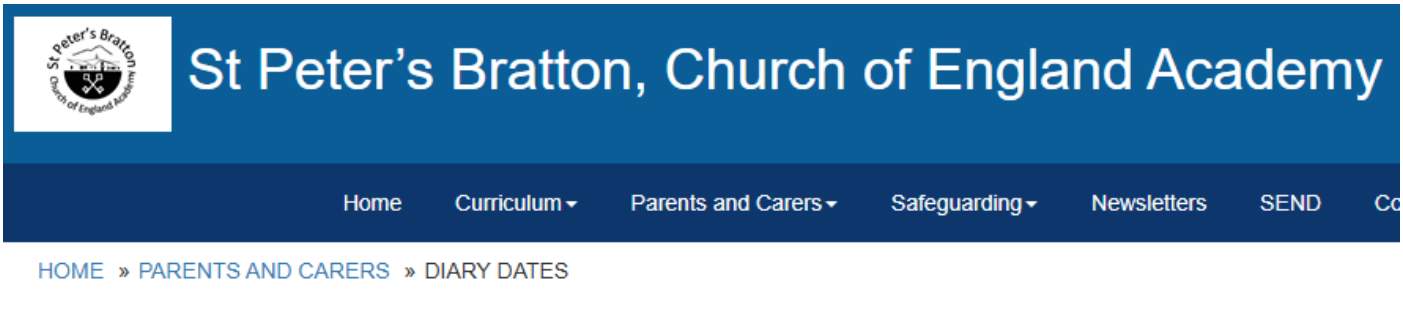
Movies & colouring.

Make magical memories this Christmas!

Friends of St Peters

Follow the link to see all the events planned by our Friends

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