



St Mary and St Peter's Church School News



Friday 9th January 2026

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Head of School Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! It has been wonderful seeing all children back to school and hearing about their Christmas holidays.

I would like to celebrate attendance this week with all Hogwarts children attending school every day since coming back to school! Fantastic start to the term!

We have another busy half term ahead with exciting learning, our Breakfast and Art family session, Christingle, and Safer internet day.

Please can I ask all parents to be aware of where they are parking when dropping off and collecting pupils. As a school, the main gate is in frequent use especially in the morning. Please can we ask that you do not park in front of the gate as this can stop access to staff/people on site getting in and out.

Next week, we will be sending out this term's Knowledge organisers and Curriculum newsletter.

Best wishes,

Kirsey Luffman
Head of School



Forest School Sessions

We are very excited to be running 3 forest school sessions at St Mary and St Peter's this term. We will be working with Pachamama's Forest School who will be leading our morning Forest school sessions in our outdoor environment.

These will be a Friday morning
30th January,
13th February
6th March.

We will then continue to develop our forest school provision through the rest of the Spring and Summer term. Children can come into school wearing their outdoor learning clothes (Wellies/sensible outdoor shoes/coats) and also need to bring their school uniform to change into (especially if we are muddy and wet!)

A big ask....

To update our forest school area, if you have any of the following that can be donated, it would be greatly appreciated:

log stumps (we really can't have too many of these!)

planks (scaffolding, decking etc but not rotten or split. These do not have to be full length, we would use them to set up mud kitchen areas)

tyres, guttering/pipes (any length/size)
bamboo canes, any old tarps/plastic sheets,
pots, pans, kitchen utensils,
any donations of firewood.

A huge thank you to our PFA who have fully funded this amazing experience!

**Our School
attendance
target is
95%**

**We are at
92.17%**

**Hogwarts
Class current
attendance**

**92.88%
+0.22%**

**Gruffalo
Class current
attendance**

**90.87%
+0.16%**

Congratulations
to this week's
winners!

Headteacher's Award
Noah Dakota Bella
Penny Kyle Scarlett
Friday's Child
Andre Kimmy

Attendance Superstars!

George	Bella	Isla
Dakota	Charlotte	Noah
Tommy	Logan A	Deacon
Andre	Logan L	Kimmy
Kyle	Esme	Zara
Lucas	Scarlett	Kayne
Jared	Joseph	Jack
Archie	Yennifer	Nadine
Emilia	Hettie	Willow

Head of school drop-in sessions

As I work between both schools, I am mindful that I am not always around for drop-in sessions.

Please do contact the office if you would like to meet with me if I am not on site and I will get a meeting booked in as soon as possible.

Friday Family Assemblies
Come and join us every Friday
at 2.45pm.

Parent and Family Support Advisor Team.

We are excited to be working with the PFSA team this term.

Jemma, Susie and Rebecca work closely in the local community to support families for either a short period of time or longer-term focus with anything that they may need a bit of help with at home – an extension of school! This could include sleep and eating-habits, home routines, support with online safety/setting up healthy online routines, concerns regarding behaviours. They will be joining us on the gate once month for informal drop-in sessions, catch up and to help with any questions or advice needed.

Jemma will be joining us on **Tuesday 27th January** from 8:30am. If you are interested in catching up with Jemma, please let me know or just catch her on the gate.

Jemma Henwood



PFSA since: 2020

People say: I'm Empathetic, energetic and untamed

I enjoy: Golden sunsets, naps, walking my dog and being with family

Top 3 work related reads:
The Body Keeps the Score by Bessel Van Der Kolk

Atlas of the Heart by Brene Brown
The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

Suzanne Morris



PFSA since: June 2024

People say: I'm friendly and approachable

I enjoy: Empowering families, reading and drinking coffee!

Top 3 work related reads:
Your child is not broken by Heidi Mavir
The Koala who Could! by Rachel Bright
The Playdate pals series by Rosie Greening and Dawn Machel

Rebecca Larcombe



PFSA since: April 2021

People say: I'm a good listener, empathetic, practical, positive and look for the best in people

I enjoy: Time with family and friends, dog walks and ice-cream at the beach.

Top 3 work related reads:
My Monster and Me by Nadiya Hussain
The Chimp Paradox by Prof Seve Peters
The Invention of Childhood by Hugh Cunningham

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 6th January - Back to school
Tuesday 20th January - Christingle 2.30pm
Friday 23rd January - Breakfast and Art 8.30 - 9.15am
Collective Worship at 9.15am
PINS Coffee Session 10am
Tuesday 27th January - PFSA in school from 8.30am
Friday 30th January - Forest School morning
Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February - Forest School morning / Last day of term
Monday 23rd February - First day of term
Friday 6th March - Forest School morning
Parents Evening TBC

The school calendar for 2025 / 2026 can be found under the Parents Tab,
listed as Term Dates.

Go to: www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk



Friday 23rd January
PINS Coffee Session 10am



**PARTNERSHIPS FOR
INCLUSION OF
NEURODIVERSITY
IN SCHOOLS**

We are delighted to share our parent group which is part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend).

We will be joined by reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

**Parent
Coffee
Session**