

# St Peter's Culture and Heritage Evening

**Thursday, 6th November 2025 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm**

Our school is a diverse and welcoming community, and we are delighted to celebrate the many languages, cultures, and traditions of our families through an evening of food, music, dance, poetry, and song. Building on the success of our previous Culture and Heritage celebrations, we invite families to share their culinary specialities and artistic talents at our upcoming cultural showcase. We would love you to contribute by bringing national dishes and by sharing artistic expressions that reflect your language, history, and heritage.

This special evening will be held at the school and will feature a range of performances. These could include Welsh singing, Indian dancing, African drumming. We also welcome displays of quieter artistic skills, including crafts such as origami, quilt making, and embroidery.

We hope you will consider taking part in this special celebration at the school. Would you please complete this form to let us know whether you will be attending, performing, or bringing food to share. <https://bit.ly/cultureandheritage25>



# NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025



# ATTENDANCE

At St Peter's, we strive for the highest possible standard of education for all pupils and recognise that this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent attendance and punctuality. Pupils attending school regularly and punctually will be able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

|           |                                     |                                                                                             |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 100%-97%  | Best chance of success              | Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity                           |
| 96%-92%   | At least 2 weeks of learning missed | Your child will have missed learning that they will need to catch up on                     |
| 91%-85%   | At least 4 weeks of learning missed | Your child may be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support                      |
| Below 80% | At least 6 weeks of learning missed | Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution |

At St Peter's, each pupil's attendance and punctuality is tracked. Where low attendance becomes a concern, the school will make contact with parents via telephone, email or letter. The school's allocated Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will meet with school staff to discuss patterns of attendance and punctuality that are causing concern. Parents may be invited to meet with the Deputy Headteacher or EWO or, sometimes, they will conduct a home visit to discuss your child's attendance. The EWO also assists the school when there is a need to refer parents to the courts regarding their child's poor attendance.

# LATE FOR SCHOOL?

Parents and carers play a key role in ensuring pupils attend school regularly and arrive on time. Being late for school has many negative consequences, some being:

- Increases stress and upset for the child
- Can lead to the child feeling embarrassed and singled out
- Affects the child's overall confidence
- Disrupts the learning of other class members
- Creates bad habits which could lead to poor attendance
- Confusion for your child as work or activities might have started
- Gets the day off to a bad start



**DONT BE LATE THROUGH THE GATE!**

Our school gates open at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am. We expect pupils to be in their classrooms ready for the register to be taken at 8.55am.

If you arrive at Elm St or Newport Rd gates after 8.55am they will be locked for the day and you will need to bring your child to the school office via Southey St to sign them in on our digital system. We will not tolerate any verbal abuse aimed at school staff who are locking the gates or in the school office.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOCUS



**Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half term is Care of Creation.**

God has given us the wonderful gift of the world, and it is our responsibility to look after it. Caring for creation means noticing the beauty around us, protecting animals and plants, avoiding waste, and treating the earth with respect so that everyone – now and in the future – can enjoy it.

Going forth:

This week, let's all choose one small way to care for God's creation. You could:

- Pick up litter and put it in the correct bin
- Switch off lights when you leave a room
- Reuse and recycle wherever you can
- Spend a moment thanking God for the beauty of nature

Let's remember: every little action makes a big difference in showing love for God's creation.

## HARVEST COLLECTION

Our Chaplaincy Senedd group warmly invites families to contribute to our Harvest Collection. We are collecting non-perishable food items such as tinned vegetables, pasta, rice, cereals, and long-life milk. Please make sure all items have a 'best before' date that is after January 2026.

This is a wonderful way to follow Jesus' teaching to care for others and share what we have. The harvest gifts will be distributed between our school and parish community, helping those in need.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

## PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Jesus,

**We come to you in prayer, for a joyful half term filled with care. Guide our hearts to share and play, and show love in every way. Help us to find peace in all we do, with family and friends, old and new. May we reflect your light so bright, Bringing joy and love, day and night.**

**Amen.**

## CULTURE AND HERITAGE EVENING



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Following the success of our previous celebrations, we anticipate this year's event to be fantastic. To help us plan, please complete the following form to let us know if you will be attending and bringing food or performing.

<https://bit.ly/cultureandheritage25>

Thank you.

## FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will take place in St Peter's Church on Sunday 23rd November at 9.30 am. We ask our families to join together in worship for this special occasion.

Pupils are invited to wear their school uniforms at sit together at the front of the church.

## HALF TERM BREAK

School will be closed from Monday, 27th October to Friday, 31st October. We will return refreshed on Monday, 3rd November.

## DIARY DATES

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fri 24 Oct              | INSET Day                      |
| Mon 27 Oct - Fri 31 Oct | Half term break                |
| Thurs 06 Nov            | Mr Pattison's Class Assembly   |
| Thurs 06 Nov            | Culture and Heritage Evening   |
| Tues 11 Nov             | Parental Consultations         |
| Wed 12 Nov              | Parental Consultations         |
| Thurs 13 Nov            | Mrs Coombs' Class Assembly     |
| Sun 23 Nov              | Family Mass                    |
| Thurs 27 Nov            | Mr Wild's Class Assembly       |
| Mon 16 Mar - Wed 18 Mar | Y6 Llangrannog Residential     |
| Mon 13 Apr - Wed 15 Apr | Y5 Manor Adventure Residential |
| Fri 01 May              | INSET Day                      |
| Mon 13 Apr - Wed 15 Apr | Y5 Manor Adventure Residential |
| Mon 04 May              | Bank Holiday                   |
| Mon 20 July             | INSET Day                      |

## 6a CLASS ASSEMBLY

Mr Pattison's Year 6 class will be leading the school in Worship on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 10.20 am.

Parents and carers are welcome to join us. Please use the Elm Street gate ONLY for entry, from 10.15 am. The gate will be closed when assembly begins.

## PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

*Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November.*

We are inviting parents/carers to meet with their child's class teacher at the school to discuss pupil's progress on the above dates.

Emails have been sent containing individual booking codes, please email [attendance@stpeters.wales](mailto:attendance@stpeters.wales) if you have not received your email.



# CARDIFF COUNCIL'S WEAPONS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS GUIDANCE

Cardiff Council has published new guidance to help keep children and young people safe in schools. The Weapons in Schools and Educational Settings Guidance below explains how incidents are managed and how schools, families, and agencies work together to prevent violence.

## SEARCHING

If staff have a reasonable suspicion that a young person is in possession of a weapon on the grounds of the school or educational setting, it may be necessary to complete a search. This is important to keep everyone safe. In 2013, Welsh Government introduced a power, set out in Section 45 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006, which allows schools in Wales to be able to screen any pupil for a knife or other weapon, and to search pupils suspected of carrying a weapon.

### A SUSPICION MAY INCLUDE:

- ▶ Intelligence from staff, a parent or pupil e.g. suspected sighting, overheard conversation etc. Intelligence from the community
- ▶ Behaviour of the young person e.g. language and/or actions
- ▶ CCTV footage
- ▶ Information from a professional (case worker/social worker)
- ▶ Police Public Protection Notice (PPN)
- ▶ Information via social media

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING A SEARCH?

- ▶ Two members of staff will be present.
- ▶ It will take place in a secure, discreet place.
- ▶ The purpose of the search will be fully explained to the young person.
- ▶ Parents/carers will be informed following a search and the reasons for the search will be explained.
- ▶ Staff will use a search wand to remove any physical contact with the young person.



## INCIDENT REVIEW MEETINGS

When a weapon has been found, an Incident Review Meeting should be arranged. It is a multi-agency response to understand the reasons behind the incident taking place and discuss an appropriate package of support for the young person and the educational setting. The meeting aims to create a plan to understand how the young person can remain in education.

## OUR GOALS

GOAL  
01

Keeping all children safe.

GOAL  
02

Keeping all staff members safe.

GOAL  
03

Supporting all children to remain in education.

GOAL  
04

Supporting schools and educational settings to help prevent children possessing weapons.

### KEY INFORMATION

Every education setting will follow the same consistent approach:

- ▶ The young person should not return to the school and education setting until the Incident Review Meeting has taken place.
- ▶ It should **take place within 5 school days of the incident**.
- ▶ There should be at least **one daily** welfare check via a phone call.
- ▶ A trauma-informed investigation should take place to understand why the young person brought the weapon into school.
- ▶ Parents and/or carers should be invited.

| TERM                                                                       | TERM BEGINS           | HALF TERM BEGINS     | HALF TERM ENDS       | TERM ENDS            | NO. OF SCHOOL DAYS |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>AUTUMN 2025</b>                                                         | Monday 1st September* | Monday 27th October  | Friday 31st October  | Friday 19th December | <b>75</b>          |
| <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026</b> |                       |                      |                      |                      |                    |
| <b>SPRING 2026</b>                                                         | Monday 5th January    | Monday 16th February | Friday 20th February | Friday 27th March    | <b>55</b>          |
| <b>EASTER BREAK Monday 30th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026</b>        |                       |                      |                      |                      |                    |
| <b>SUMMER 2025</b>                                                         | Monday 13th April     | Monday 25th May      | Friday 29th May      | Monday 20th July     | <b>65</b>          |
| <b>CLOSURE DAYS</b>                                                        |                       |                      |                      |                      |                    |
| Monday 1st September 2025                                                  |                       |                      | INSET day            |                      |                    |
| Tuesday 2nd September 2025                                                 |                       |                      | INSET day            |                      |                    |
| Friday 24th October 2025                                                   |                       |                      | INSET day            |                      |                    |
| Friday 1st May 2026                                                        |                       |                      | INSET Day            |                      |                    |
| Monday 4th May 2026                                                        |                       |                      | Bank Holiday         |                      |                    |
| Monday 20th July 2026                                                      |                       |                      | INSET day            |                      |                    |