



Loving and learning together, with Jesus

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The Junior Disciples would like to thank everyone for joining them in Prayer.



We were pleased with how the music and lighting set the mood and encouraged everyone to pray

We felt the petals worked well to help everyone take time to reflect

We were pleased that the children responded to the prayers

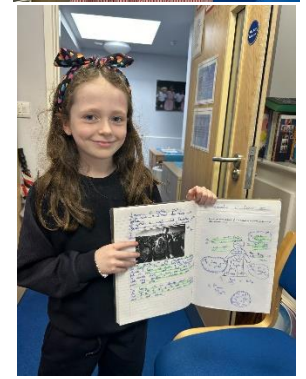
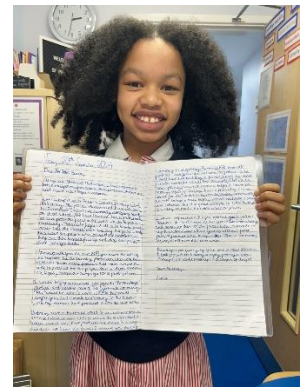
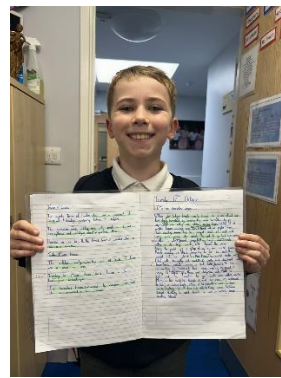
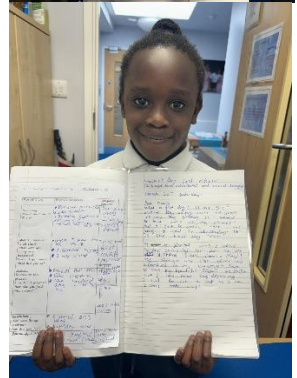
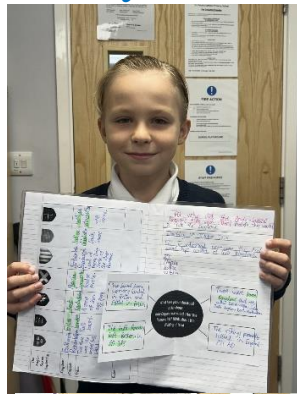
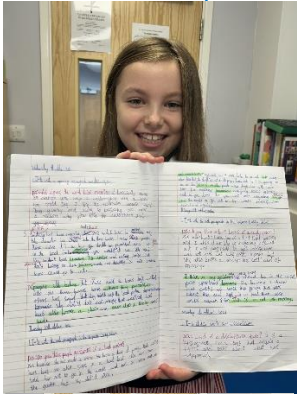


Next time we would really like it if **everyone** joined in with the responses and singing

Celebration of Learning Autumn 1



Take a look at what some of our pupils are most proud of this half term..



Subject Lead – Science Miss Evans



At St Peter's we are committed to ensuring that every child develops the knowledge and disciplinary skills needed to successfully grasp the key concepts across the Science National Curriculum. We aim to inspire our children to ask thought – provoking questions and more importantly find ways to answer these.

At St Peter's we provide opportunities for children to engage in scientific enquiry, to plan investigations and observe scientific phenomena to inform their own viewpoints of the world around them. During Science lessons children learn to plan investigations through different types of scientific enquiry, perform simple tests using a range of scientific equipment as well as make detailed observations. Children begin to become increasingly confident using a wide range of equipment and begin to draw conclusions, develop their own evaluations and make comparisons between their own investigations and the theories behind the learning.

At St Peters we recognise the importance of diversity in Science, we aim to celebrate Scientists from all walks of life as well as those who have broken down barriers in order to make successful contributions to findings and discoveries in STEM related subjects.

"I find Science interactive compared to other subjects because we carry out experiments and investigations.

In Year 6 we have been learning about how light travels. We planned and led an investigation to find out whether light travels in a straight line. What I enjoy most about science is that it makes me wonder about the world, it encourages me to ask questions to find out about the world around me"

Isobel Year 6



"I really enjoyed this week's science lesson because we learnt about refraction and did experiments on it with different liquids like oil and water. We looked at images reflecting, words getting bigger and refraction." Sophie B



Curriculum In Action

Year 4

"We made a model digestion system to show how food travels throughout the body. I liked mashing up the biscuits to show the food in the stomach. The tights were to show the large intestine."

Brooke



"I really enjoyed doing the experiments and having fun when we made the model of a digestive system." Madison



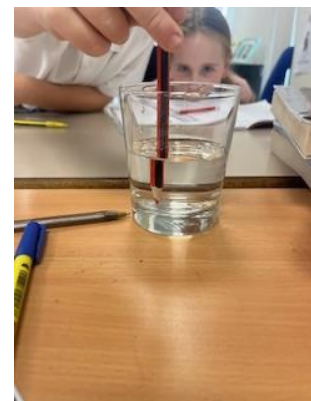
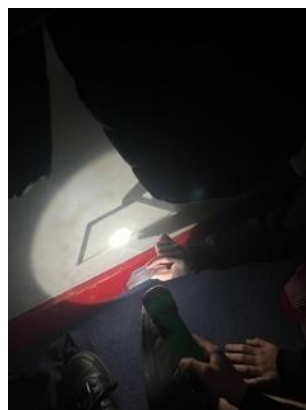
Year 6

"I found this lesson very interesting because I had never known how a pencil can bend in water before." Finnbar

We have been looking at how white light changes into a ray of spectrum colours when passed through a prism. We also looked at how refraction changes the direction of light waves when passed through a different medium - this is why it looks like the pencil is disjointed.

Bethany - I have learned that refraction changes the angle that the light travels in looked like the had moved over in the water.

Matias - When we shone the torch through the prism we saw a rainbow of colours out the other side.



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

Good Beginnings

A face to face course for parents and carers of children aged 5 or under, who have autism or social communication needs. A diagnosis is not essential.

This course covers:

understanding autism

communication

play

sensory processing

behaviour is communication

eating, sleeping and toileting

managing anxiety

You can express an interest via the link below.

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/search-support-groups-and-activities/good-beginnings-course>

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 boys and girls football teams who recently competed in separate tournaments at The Mayflower school. Overall, the boys came 4th and girls came 3rd. Both teams only lost 1 game during their respective tournaments and really improved as the teams progressed



School Events Anti-Bullying Week 11 – 15th November

Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 12th November

This year Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November. We invite all staff and pupils to wear odd socks to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. We are not collecting money. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks.

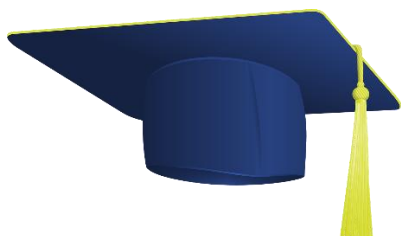


PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS



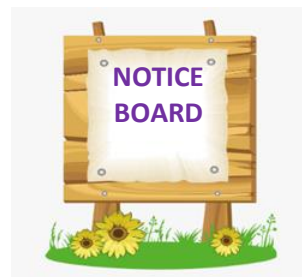
Well done to Amelia (Year 6) who recently represented St. Peter's at the English Schools East Region diving competition. Considering it was her first major competition, she achieved scores over and above where her coach had expected.

Many congratulations to Soshana and Finnbar (Year 6) who both scored highly in their recent 11+/ school entrance exams



THANK YOU

A special thank you to The Friends of St. Peter's who work tirelessly to raise money for the school to fund events and activities for your children throughout the school year. They kindly funded the God's Planet Event this week which was a huge success. Thank you also to all the parent volunteers who give up their time to help out around the school.



Open Mornings

We warmly invite parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2025 intake, to our Open Morning on the following dates:
Wednesday 6th November, Wednesday 27th November and Thursday 9th January at 9.30am.
Please contact the school office to book your place
01277 653770.

If you have a child due to start school in September 2025, applications open on Monday 4th November and close on 15th January. Please apply for a place via [Essex Admissions](#) from 4th November and also complete a Supplementary Information form and hand into the school office along with copies of your child's baptism certificate and Certificate of Catholic practice, where applicable. These forms can be found on our school website [SIF 2025-26 Reception Intake](#)

Secondary School Applications

Applications for Secondary school places September 2025 – Applications for a secondary school place starting September 2025 are now open and can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for applications is **31 October 2024**.

Poppies

We have been given a lovely variety of poppies, keyrings and wristbands to help raise money for The Royal British Legion. These will be on sale after half-term, during break and lunchtimes.

If you would like your child to purchase one, please send them into school with some small change 50p - £2. Please do not send notes into school. These will be on sale from Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th November.

Winter uniform

The children will return to school after half term in winter uniform. Please check the separate email sent to parents regarding our expectations for winter uniform.

Healthy Snacks

Please be reminded that snacks brought into school to be eaten during the morning break must be healthy. A healthy snack may consist of a piece/combination of fruit/vegetables, plain popcorn or plain breadsticks and rice cakes. High sugar items such as cereal bars are not to be brought into school to be eaten at break times.

Save the dates:
Parish Gift Day:- 23rd November
Gingerbread Bethlehem:- 14th December

Donations for The Most Holy Redeemer Parish Gift Day on Saturday 23rd of November

We would be extremely grateful for the offer of any raffle prizes for our Grand Draw. Donations of bottles, chocolates, luxury foods (suitable for Christmas hampers) and new toiletries will be gratefully received. A clearly labelled box will be placed under the green canopy on the 22nd November for any donations.

Sweet Treats in aid of Mary's Meals:

Faith in Action is inviting you to a Sweet Treat From Around The World Event, in the Pastoral Centre on Sunday 17th November, after 11am Mass. We are celebrating our diversity!

We have parishioners from more than 25 different nationalities and cultures and the hall will be filled with stalls with various Sweet Treats on offer from around the world. All are welcome.

Children will also be given passports to be stamped as they travel through the countries.

The event doesn't cost any money but a voluntary contribution of £5 per family would be greatly appreciated as all the proceeds will go to Mary's Meals. If you feel able to contribute by baking a cake or any other sweet treat that celebrates your heritage than please let us know, we'll be very grateful.

Please contact kristindefreitas@brcdt.org



Attendance

Missed lessons result in missed learning.

What could that mean?

- Missing an aspect of Phonics
- Missing an introduction to a new class book
- Missing a piece of music that is needed for the next lesson

Whilst illness cannot be avoided, we ask for your continued support in avoiding time off from school.



Visit the online safety section on the

Internet Matters website:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

which gives advice for parents on talking to their children about online safety and what children are to do if they come across inappropriate content.