



Staffing

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Maryam back from maternity leave. Maryam will now be based within our "Little Learners" room, her working pattern will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (full days). We will soon be interviewing for an Early Learning and Childcare Officer who will work the remainder of the week (Thursday and Friday). Mayam and our successful candidate (from interview) will be keyworker for our "green group".

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who made our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning a success. We raised a magnificent amount during the event with further donations made through our fundraising page (provided by Macmillan Cancer Support). Our personal fundraising page remains open for anyone who wishes to donate. We raised a total of £280.00. A special thank you to our family committee who helped to organise, source donations, set up and serve during the event.



Parents Appointments & Survey Results

All our families should now have been offered and attended a parent/carer appointment where you were able to view your child's personal learning journal, play and learning floor-books, update all relevant information (care plans) and discuss your child's interests, progression and achievements.

Families were encouraged to complete our first survey of the session. We are happy to report 80% of families completed the survey (24 responses).

You can view the results from the survey by following the link below. An attached overview has also been supplied for you information (attached to newsletter).

[Family Survey October 2025 – Results](#)

Halloween Pumpkin Patch

The rain didn't stop us having fun during our pumpkin picking morning! Children helped each other as they searched for their own pumpkin which had their photograph attached. We enjoyed traditional Halloween games including "dooking for apples" and "treacle scones" (switching the scones for doughnuts). Children were invited to play a range of physical games with a Halloween twist! Afterwards we enjoyed party games and party foods.

Again, we would like to extend a thank you to our family committee who help organise, create and decorate the patch and providing "Halloween candy bags" for all our children. Our committee asked for a £2.00 donation towards the cost of pumpkins and resources. If you have still to pay, this can be handed in to any staff member and will be passed to our committee.

Bookbug Sessions

Our monthly Bookbug sessions continue to be successful with great attendance from our families. Our children appear to be enjoying Bookbug, they are recreating "sessions" with peers through their play, children are discussing Bookbug with peers, looking forward to the following one. Families should have received an information leaflet on the benefits on attending sessions as well as inviting you to download the Bookbug App! The App contains many songs and rhymes which you can sing at home with your child. Our next session will be held on Thursday 27th November from 2pm, if you haven't managed to make it along to one yet, please try to come and join in the fun. Extended family members are welcome to accompany your child if parents/carers are unable to.



Family Committee

We currently have an active and dedicated Family Committee who are very involved in all aspects of nursery life. Our committee share ideas, organise and hold events to raise funds which are used to benefit all our children. The committee have created a private Facebook group/page where they share fundraising ideas as well as having many "live games" available for families to participate in! If you have not yet joined the group, please do so and share your ideas. Follow the link below to request to join the group -



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1043227577182601>

If any family members (including grandparents) can spare a few hours each term, you are more than welcome to join the Committee, the more the merrier. Committee members are not committed to attending every meeting, it is about offering help and support where you can. We would be happy to welcome new members.

Family Engagement Groups & Self-Evaluation Processes

Previously, we have encouraged and invited families to become involved in many aspects of nursery, from sharing individual skills and talents (gardening, baking, sewing, musical instruments), reviewing policy and procedures to supporting self-evaluation processes. We would really like for families to become more involved across these areas, we understand families have many personal and professional commitments and time can impact on your availability.

So, if any family members can spare a few hours each month/term and enjoy gardening, baking, sewing, art or music and would be interested in sharing it through play and learning experiences with our children, please complete the tear off slip attached to newsletter.

To involve families in our self-evaluation processes we are developing "challenge questions" which we will share on our Facebook page. Families can either share their response within the comments or provide a written response if they wish their comment to remain confidential. Challenge questions will be related to themes within our self-evaluation and will be provided throughout the year, in line with our self-evaluation calendar.

Stay and Play Sessions



Since returning in August 2025, we haven't had many parents/carers enquire or take part in our "stay and play" sessions. These sessions have previously been successful and beneficial.

Families are welcome to join their child at nursery to "stay and play". These sessions offer an insight into your child's play interests, friendships and their developing social skills. These sessions are also beneficial to support and build relationships between parents/carers and nursery staff as well as making secure connections between home and nursery.

Stay and play session can last for an hour, a morning, an afternoon or even a full day! Family members can choose and decide how long to play for. Please speak to a staff member to arrange.

Adventure Ted

Adventure Ted is on his way to visit you, he has started his adventures! Ted is having lots of fun sleeping over at his friends' homes. He has enjoyed going to the café, dressing up and wearing "boys brigade" uniform, watching the fireworks, going shopping, visiting relatives and playing at home! He has been well cared for, having his teeth brushed, hair brushed and clothing changed. When traveling in the car, he always wears his seatbelt.

When Adventure Ted comes to visit you, please take good care of him. We would love to hear all about his adventures with your family, so remember to complete his diary before returning him to nursery. We also ask for you to share a photograph (or two) on Facebook, which we can print out and add into his diary.

Clothing & Footwear

Can we remind families to label (name) children's clothing items (specifically St Peters ELC jumpers), this will ensure children receive the correct jumper home. Each child should leave a spare set of clothing on their pegs (including underwear & socks). Many children wear "crocs" (for indoor shoes), we have noticed during play (within specific zones) they are not ideal and we would advise lycra plimsoles or trainers - however we do not expect families to purchase these straight away, but rather when these are needing replaced to purchase plimsoles/trainers instead. Each child should be provided with a pair of wellie boots which stay at nursery, rather than going between home and nursery, this ensures children will each have a pair if they chose to go outdoors.

Changes to routine & environment (Little Learners Room - 3-5s)

We are currently making important changes within our environment and play spaces to support children's engagement and involvement within their play and learning. Over the next few weeks, you will notice play spaces being adapted as we observe and notice what is working.

Due to environment changes we have discussed the possibility of making changes to our "arrival" routine. Children will now be welcomed together within the main playroom ready for our "morning welcome time", "fun ways to listen" group and "attention bucket" group.

Up and Coming Events

Sleep Awareness Seminar - Thursday 20th November

Families are invited to attend a "sleep awareness" seminar, which will be held within St Peters Primary School on Thursday 20th November from 9.45am. The seminar will be hosted and delivered by Karen Fraser, Family Wellbeing Worker. For further information please contact school office.

Brake Road Safety Week - 16th November - 21st November



We are taking part in "Brakes" Road Safety Week. We have many play and learning experiences planned and prepared, for children to explore, investigate and engage in. Our school crossing officer, Tom, has very kindly agreed to lead a "road safety walk" within our local community. Tom has taken part in our Road Safety Week for a number of years now, which children have very much enjoyed! This will take place on **Thursday 20th November from 1pm**. We will require additional adults (7) to accompany nursery staff to allow for all children to participate in the walk. Please confirm to your child's keyworker if you are available to accompany your child.

St Andrews Day Celebration - Friday 28th November

We will focus on "Scottish" songs, stories and dance to celebrate St Andrews Day. Children are invited to wear something tartan on Friday 28th November.

Christmas Fayre - Family Committee Event Friday 12th December

Our Family Committee are arranging our annual Christmas Fayre, which will be held on Friday 12th December from 3pm. In order for our Fayre to be successful we rely on our families, friends and support from our local community.

To prepare for the fayre our committee are asking for donations for the following -

Week Beginning 10/11/25 - chocolate (bars, tubs or selection boxes or multipacks)

Week Beginning 17/11/25 - bottles & jars (alcohol, juice, water, sauce, condiments, shampoo)

Week Beginning 24/11/25 - sweetie jars (fill a jar (coffee) of any size) with loose sweets

Week Beginning 01/12/25 - raffle prizes (or anything from above weeks)

Week Beginning 08/12/25 - home baking or shop bought cakes / biscuits / tablet

Nursery Christmas Performance & Party

Our nursery Christmas performance/concert will be held on Tuesday 16th December from 2pm. This is also the day of our Christmas party! So, we are hoping to have a special guest at our performance. Families are invited to our performance/concert.

Save the date!

Snack Donations - ParentPay

All families should have received their log in, activation codes and passwords for their ParentPay account. If for any reason you are having difficulty setting up your ParentPay account please contact our school office, the clerical team will be more than happy to offer help and support.

Our snack donations for term 2 (October - December) amounts to £35.00 which can be paid in full or if you prefer families can pay £3.50 per week. When paying donations please ensure you do NOT pay into lunch option! It should be paid into nursery fund/snack fund. Donations received from families are put towards daily snacks (other than fruit). The remainder of these donations go towards supplying resources for termly and annual events including Christmas parties and gifts, Graduation events and of course our annual end of term FUN DAY!

P1 Registration

Families should have completed their online school registration (if your child is attending P1 in August 2026). If you experienced any difficulties, please speak to a member of staff.

If your child is still aged 4 on the first day of school starting in August 2026, you can apply for an additional year of nursery. If this is something you would like to discuss please do so, however, you must still register your child for your catchment school.

St Peters ELC Team

Remember to return the below slip -

Parent/Carer Name _____

Child's Name _____

I have an interest in _____

(gardening, music, sewing, baking, languages, eco, art & crafts, movement, yoga etc)

I would be interested in attending nursery to share my talents and skills with children and staff. I would be available –

Once Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Termly