



KS1

newsletter

ST PETER'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Spring Term 2026 - Our theme is...



English: We started the year by joining the whole school to 'Take One Book'. Bee & Me—a picture book exploring the consequences of kindness.

Then we join Phileas Fogg and friends as they go

Around the World in 80 Days, in a retelling of Jules Verne's classic adventure story.

To launch the text the children will discover an old suitcase belonging to the character Phileas Fogg. Inside they will find a variety of props linked to the text we are using in English (and our teaching and learning in Geography).

In the suitcase they will find a children's version of the classic text, 'Around the World in 80 Days' by Jules Verne and they will use story maps to sequence the events in the story. Using photographs, role-play and their imaginations they will assume the character of Phileas Fogg, describe the different countries visited and add description to their diaries.

Maths: We will be using White Rose resources for maths. Follow the links to find out more about the [year 1](#) & [year 2](#) curricula, including how you can [support your child](#) with their maths at home.

Science: Living things - this term we will become familiar with a wider range of living things, including insects and understanding life processes.

More details available [on the school website](#).

Weekly overview

What happens when?

- PE*Mon & Tue.*
please arrive in PE kit
- Change reading books.....*Fri*
(see next page)
- Home learning ...*Seesaw*
(login details supplied separately)

Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2026

- 5th – 9th Jan 'Take One Book'
- 15th Jan Parent Forum
- 30th Jan Olive assembly
- 6th Feb Pine assembly
- 10th Feb Safer Internet Day
- 10th & 12th Feb ... Parents Evenings
- 13th Feb *INSET Day*
- 14th – 22nd Feb Half Term
- 26th Feb School Trip (info soon!)
- 5th Mar *World Book Day*
- 6th Mar *Cherry assembly*
- 17th Mar iRock Concerts
- 26th Mar World Maths Day (TBC)
- 27th Mar Easter Service (TBC)
- 28th Mar - 12th Apr Easter Holiday



Your child may bring home a book to read and a *surprise visitor*.

There will also be a **visitor's diary** in which your child can record their adventures. Where will your little one's imagination lead them to?



Reading Records

Please remind your child to bring their **reading record** & reading book into school every day!



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Spring Term 2026 - How your child is...

READING!

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



We use the **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds** (a systematic synthetic phonics programme—SSP) to teach your child to read.

There are two types of reading books that your child will bring home:

- A **'Learning to Read' book** (*Big Cat Little Wandle*). This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- A **'Sharing' book**. Your child may not be able to read this book on their own yet, as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

In KS1 we will change the sharing books every Friday so please ensure your child brings the book on the change over day.

Learning to Read Book: (*Big Cat Little Wandle*)

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

The Sharing Book:

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you both have ...

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