



KS1

newsletter

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

DISCOVERY

English: We start the year by taking a look at the adventures of *Naughty Bus* by Jan & Jerry Oke.

We will use this book as inspiration for writing:

Narrative: *Story writing*.

Non-fiction: *All about buses*.

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.

Design & Technology: Wheels & Axles - We'll be designing our own transport models as we explore how wheels and axles help vehicles move!

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

In the next few weeks your child will be given a **Poetry Journal**. They may cover/decorate as they wish. We will provide your child with a new poem on a regular basis, and recite the poem daily. Please share & read the poems with your child. We'd love to see some recitals on SeeSaw!



Will your child bring home a Surprise Visitor?



Your child may bring home a copy of the class text to share with you and a **surprise visitor**.

There will also be a **visitor's diary** in which your child can record their adventures. We look forward to sharing them in class.



Weekly overview

What happens when?

- PE *Mon & Tue*
Children arrive in kit, and wear ALL day
- Change reading books.....*Fri*
(see next page)
- Home learning *Mon*
(more details to follow separately)

Dates for your diary

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- 8th Sept *Year Ahead meeting*
- 16th Sept (6:15pm).....
Phonics Parent workshop
- 29th Sept.....*Parent Forum*
- 20 & 21 Oct*Parents Eves*
- 22nd Oct.....*Non-Uniform*
- 23 Oct.....*Non-Pupil Day*
- 24 Oct-1 Nov*Half Term*
- 19th Nov.....*Flu Vaccs(1)*
- 19th Nov.....*School Disco*
- 2nd Dec*Christmas Fayre*
- 4th Dec.....*Non-Uniform*
- 4th Dec.....*Flu Vaccs(2)*
- 9-11th Dec.....*Nativity Play*
- 15th Dec...*KS1 Xmas Lunch*
- 15th Dec *iRock concert*
- 16th Dec.....*Parent Share*
- 16th Dec.*Xmas Jumper Day*
- 19th Dec.... *Christmas break*

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Autumn 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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