

St. Peter's Academy - Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher
Additional support – Mrs Smith

Date: Friday 26th September 2025



General news

It was lovely to meet many of you on Wednesday at the 'Meet and Greet' session – all children have been given a copy of the information – this can also be found on my class page. The children enjoyed their orienteering afternoon – we were very lucky that the weather was kind and there were some excellent examples of teamwork, resilience and most importantly enjoyment! Thank you for returning parents' evening letters so promptly – if you are unable to make either date, I am happy to meet with you after school at a mutually agreed time – please let me know if you would prefer this.

This week's learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, Year 5 children have developed their understanding of the power of 10 by using a Cattegno chart to move counters up and down as well as partitioning numbers up to 10 million. This week, Year 6 children have completed a selection of SATs papers to familiarise themselves with the layout.
- English – As part of our focus text 'The Canal', we have looked at sentence structure and personification as well as daily reading, grammar and handwriting.
- Geography – We have continued to explore OS maps with a particular focus on the job of contour lines.
- R.E. – The children have created images of St Peter on stained glass backgrounds for our classroom reflection area.
- P.E. – Orienteering, multi sports and agility.
- Science – As part of our air resistance investigation, the children enjoyed working together in groups to create a parachute using tissue paper, string and a toy soldier! Photos are on my class page.

Beech Class homework:

- Reading – children should aim to read at least 3 times a week, and this can be recorded in the reading section of their new school diary.
- Spellings – Your child will have a list of spellings in their diary to learn ready for either a test or dictation sentences next Friday. As an extension, encourage your child to write their own definition for each word and/or write sentences to include each word.
- In addition to working on Times Table Rockstars, please complete the activity sheet for your child (Year 5 or Year 6) I will shortly be setting maths homework via maths.co.uk for your child to access online once it is up and running for Beech class.
- English – please learn the prayer in preparation for our forthcoming Harvest service.
- Optional additional English homework – We have been invited to enter a poetry competition – 'I have a dream' I have sent a copy of the details with your child if they would like to take part. Please return entries to school by Friday 24th October.
- Capital cities to find out for this week: Portugal, Turkey and Greece.
Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!
- How does air resistance affect the movement of a parachute?
- What is the job of contour lines on an OS map?

Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the weekly at a glance and fortnightly headteacher newsletters for these, as linked below.

[Headteacher Newsletter](#)

[Weekly at a glance](#)

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Gilbey 😊