

# St. Peter's Academy – Newsletter

## Sycamore Class



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Date: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts – I was overwhelmed and so happy to receive such thoughtful things.

I am sending this newsletter slightly early this week, due to a strong chance of school closure on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Children have an additional day to complete their homework because of this.

What we've been up to since returning on Monday:

Maths	Converting units – Introducing morning arithmetic and metric measures.
Writing	Short Burst Writing – Inventor's House.
Reading	<i>What's so special about Shakespeare? Comprehension.</i> Class read – <i>Wonder</i> by R.J. Palacio.
Spelling	Year 5/6 spelling list revision (Traitors edition!)
Humanities	Discovery of the South Pole.
Art/DT	Inuit carvings planning.
Music	Fireworks.
Spanish	Clothes.
PE	Gymnastics and designing an Olympic sport.
Computing	Spreadsheets.
RE	Words of wisdom (Religious and secular views).

### Homework

- Spellings – Revise spellings from the half-termly grid (see overleaf). Please start learning WEEK 2 spellings.
- Times Tables – Revise times tables using Times Tables Rockstars.
- Maths – Revision of converting units knowledge on maths.co.uk.
- Geography – Research task.
  - Find out about the polar regions (The Arctic and The Antarctic).
  - Create a poster presenting your findings.
  - Think about: climate, where they are located in the world, the animals that live there and any other facts that you find interesting.
  - A4 only please! Take a sheet from school if you need it.

*Please continue to write in your reads in your reading diary for the bookmarks! These will be checked and signed every Friday.*

SPIW1	SPIW2	SPIW3	SPIW4	SPIW5	SPIW6	HALF TERM
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tough	develop	official	Use this time to revise your own personal spellings. Any that you have highlighted which you got incorrect might be worth revisiting!	frequently	necessary	Use this time to revise your own personal spellings. Any that you have highlighted which you got incorrect might be worth revisiting!
although	dictionary	special		government	neighbour	
plough	disastrous	commercial		guarantee	nuisance	
cough	embarrass	artificial		harass	occupy	
thought	environment	financial		hinderance	occur	
rough	equipped	social		identity	opportunity	
though	equipment	racial		immediately	parliament	
thorough	especially	partial		interfere	persuade	
enough	exaggerate	confidential		interrupt	physical	
ought	excellent	influential		language	pre justice	
	existence	substantial		leisure	privilege	
	explanation	essential		lightning	profession	
	familiar	torrential		marvellous	programme	
	foreign			mischievous	pronunciation	
	forty		muscle	queue		

