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NEWSLETTER – March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am hoping that this cold snap ends ready for the two-week break. It's been a short but very, very full half term so we're all a little fatigued here at St Botolph's – but what an eventful time we've had!

Bikes and scooters

Please can you make sure that bikes and scooters are taken home at the end of today please? Thank you.

Colour Run

Last Saturday saw St Botolph's inaugural Colour Run event organised by the Friends of St Botolph's. You couldn't have told this was the first time it had been run – it was so slick. Miss Noble and I ran in the last of the three sessions and it's safe to say some children took their chance for revenge – and some of the parents enjoyed hurling paint at us rather too much! The day was an enormous success and I'd like to thank all who organised and volunteered their time.



Houses

Blue Woodpeckers won the house point battle this half term and are allowed to wear non-school uniform today as a treat. Their house performance at the Red Nose Day joke showdown, compered by Miss Noble, helped them to their win. We had two individual joke winners, Dara and Henry, we thought we'd share here (**answers to jokes at the end of the letter**). We have raised a fantastic **£283**, an amazing 80% of our £350 target. Thank you to all the families and staff who have donated. It's not too late to donate via our Just Giving page: [DONATE HERE](#)

Dara's joke - Why did the student eat his homework?

Henry's joke - What did the llama say when he got kicked out of the zoo?

Playtime developments

Our plans to invigorate lunchtimes are progressing. We are working with an organisation called OPAL to audit and advise on making children's time outside fun, engaging and educational. Hopefully we will see the first changes in the summer term and the programme will continue to expand into the new academic year.

In the meantime, thank you for the donations of play equipment that we've had so far. We continue to welcome interesting items that the children can use to construct with or play with, including dressing up, small world toys, arts and crafts materials.

Sport

Our netball team had two games locally and looking forward to working towards the Trust wide tournament next term. It will be competitive! Thank you to Mrs Sgroi and Mrs Wootton for coaching and to the parents who have supported with transport.

Ten of our Year 6 pupils attended an American Football Tournament, they had a really fun day. Thank you to Mrs Sgroi and Mr Quinney for supporting with this.

Booking lunches

Remembering to book school lunches is particularly important during school holidays. The deadline for booking meals for the first week back is **Wednesday 8th April**. For some children with intolerances and allergies our caterers are working on menus specifically for children with similar diets or in some cases individual menus. This might mean you see a different set of options on MCAS when booking.

Visitors

It's been another busy term hosting at St B's. The Trustees for the Trust visited and held their meeting at the school. They decided that they'd like to talk to the children and ate lunch with them. It gave the children the perfect opportunity to rehearse their small talk! Our Year 3 and Year 6 ambassadors did a brilliant job chatting to them and asking questions, making them feel very welcome. The chair of the trustees was keen to let me know how impressed she was by the calm and purposeful school and that the children had been a real highlight to their day.

Wellbeing

Parents that are eligible should look at the HAF club information, as you need to get booked on as soon as possible so as not to miss out on club places. <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/money-and-benefits/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

We have just had world sleep day, about sleep hygiene, this link is guidance from NHS

<https://cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk/sleep/>

We are also working hard to build our Young Carers group at St B's. This is criteria to be recognised as a young carer. Our Young Carer group meet regularly and take part in activities together.

<https://www.centre33.org.uk/what-we-do/young-carers>

In May we will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness week, nearer the time we will send some information out but this is for parents to look through now.

<https://www.annafreud.org/resources/family-wellbeing/self-care-for-parents-and-carers/>

Green Blue Peter Badges

I am very jealous of our Eco-councillors who have picked up Green Blue Peter badges for their work keeping Peterborough tidy during the Great Litter Pick. Mrs Dobson and Mr Matthews were so

Dates

27 th March	Last day of Spring Term
13 th April	Children return to school
22 nd April	Eco-councillors visit to The Green Backyard
30 th April	Reception trip to Sacrewell Farm
	Friends Club UKS2
7 th May	Friends Club LKS2
11 th – 14 th May	Y6 SATs days
15 th May	Y5 National Space Centre trip
21 st May	Summer family picnic
22 nd May	Staff Training Day
25 th – 29 th May	May half term
1 st June	Children return to school
10 th June	Class Photos
	Dance performance at the Cresset
20 th June	School Fete
25 th June	Family Café - Transitions
29 th June	Sports' Day
1 st -2 nd July	Move up days and stay and play sessions for Reception '26
3 rd July	Y6 Twin Lakes trip TBC
3 rd July	Trust Netball Tournament
9 th July	Reports to parents
9 th July	Summer Disco
13 th July	Reserve Sports' Day
14 th July	Reports Parent/carer evening
15 th July	Y6 Play to parents
17 th July	Last day of school for children
20 th July	Staff training day
1 st – 2 nd September	Staff training days
3 rd September	Years 1-6 children return to school
8 th September	1 st session for Reception children

impressed with their commitment to the work. A member of the public did praise the children and the school for the efforts as she was passing. We are working towards our eco-award currently too.

Fundraising

Mr Joyce organises the foodbank collections in school and let me know that we collected 22kg of food recently which is brilliant. The children take the packets and tins to the store on the way to collective worship and we then arrange for it to be picked up by the foodbank. If you can stretch to an extra packet of cornflakes, can of beans or box of biscuits it would be gratefully received.

Mrs Wilkinson wants to say a HUGE thank you to those of you that supported our book fair. You bought a whopping **£1059.61** worth of books! Your generosity has earned our school a grand total of **£529.81** worth of brand-new, beautiful books for our school! We are so very grateful for your support. I really hope to make this an annual tradition for St Botolph's.

Finally...

All that remains for me to say is have a super fortnight– hopefully it won't all be rainy, and that there will be the chance for a little family time.

Kind regards,



Headteacher

