

ST PETER'S NURSERY SCHOOL JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2026

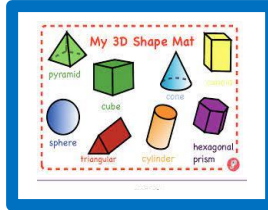
This month we are focusing on:



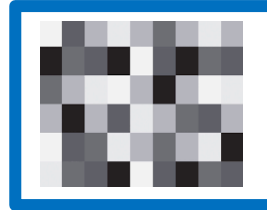
People Who Help Us



Winter



3D Shape



White/Black/Grey



Working with 0-3

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Read** 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' or 'The Three Little Pigs' or 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' - as you read encourage your child to join in with repetitive phrases, count along with you using the pictures in the book, predict what comes next and handle books with confidence and care.
- **Look for numbers 0- 3 indoors and outdoors** - on the computer, on the television and remote control, on the phone, doors, bins and car registrations etc.
- **One to One Correspondence Practice with Dice & Blocks:** roll the dice, count the spots then count out the blocks. Stack the blocks. Count them. Repeat. Extend by showing the numeral corresponding to the amount.
- Talk about People Who Help Us at home, in school and in the community - mum, dad, sister, brother, granny, granddad, teacher, friend, nurse, doctor, dentist, postman, refuse man etc.
- **3D shape song:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guNdJ5MtX1A>
- **App of the month - Bee-Bot.** -In school the children will have the chance to use both Bee-Bot and the Bee-Bot app. The app makes use of keypad functionality and enables children to improve their skills in directional language and programming through sequences of forwards, backwards left and right 90 degree turns.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tues 06.01.26:** Term 2 Begins 😊
Early Drop Off Mon-Fri @ 8.30am. Sessions are limited and can be booked and paid for via the school money app.
- Wed 07.01.26:** PE with coach Paul from Sonal Sportz NI for our nursery aged children. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE gear including trainers for this session.
- Wed 07.01.26:** Music with Joe from 'The Gathering Drums'. The children will be part of a drumming circle and explore rhythm and tempo through musical stories and songs.
- Wed 07.01.26:** Digital Admissions Citizen Portal Opens enabling parents/guardians to apply for Nursery School and Primary School places for September 2026: www.eani.org.uk/admissions . Should you need any help with the application process please ask Mrs Hall.
- Fri 09.01.26:** A fun filled, educational experience with Eureka Seekers encouraging our nursery aged children to explore the wonders of science.
- Mon 12.01.26:** Music with Joe from 'The Gathering Drums'. The children will be part of a drumming circle and explore rhythm and tempo through musical stories and songs.
- Wed 14.01.26:** PE with coach Paul from Sonal Sportz NI for our nursery aged children. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE gear including trainers for this session.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Fri 16.01.26:** Mind & Movement Sessions for our nursery aged children with Casey from Mini & Mind Explorers NI. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE gear including trainers for this session.
- Tues 20.01.26:** Music with Joe from 'The Gathering Drums'. The children will be part of a drumming circle and explore rhythm and tempo through musical stories and songs.
- Wed 21.01.26:** PE with coach Paul from Sonal Sportz NI for our nursery aged children. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE gear including trainers for this session.
- Wed 21.01.26:** As part of Catholic Schools Week 2026 we want to honour our grandparents and the role they play in the lives of our families and children. Grandparents support parents in their role and are important in the lives of each child. Each generation has an important gift to pass onto the next generation, including the gift of faith in God. Following the theme 'Called to Holiness in Family Life', grandparents (or a family representative) should come to the school at 12.45pm for a stay and play session followed by a short prayer service before going home.
- Fri 23.01.26:** Mind & Movement Sessions for our nursery aged children with Casey from Mini & Mind Explorers NI. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE gear including trainers for this session.
- Mon 26.01.26:** Music with Joe from 'The Gathering Drums'. The children will be part of a drumming circle and explore rhythm and tempo through musical stories and songs.
- Wed 28.01.26:** PE with coach Paul from Sonal Sportz NI for our nursery aged children. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE gear including trainers for this session.
- Fri 30.01.26:** Mind & Movement Sessions for our nursery aged children with Casey Explorers NI. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE gear this session.



PLANNING AHEAD:

- Mon 09.02.26-Fri 13.02.26:** SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MID TERM BREAK.
- Wed 25.02.26:** Fundraiser with Joe from The Gathering Drum in aid of school funds & Autism NI. All children should have 1 parent/guardian/family member in at
- Fri 27.02.26:** Superhero Dress Up Day as part of Autism NI's Superhero We awareness of autism in school and at home.



CONTACT DETAILS

Please can you ensure that the school has up to date contact information for all parents / guardians including mobile numbers and email addresses. It is vitally important that we can contact you should we need to.

Any changes should be emailed to stpetersnursery@hotmail.com or sent privately on the Seesaw App.



SEESAW

Please ensure that you have downloaded the Seesaw Family App and are connected to your child's journal. Seesaw is our main means of communication and how we share your child's progress with you throughout the year. **Teachers will respond to messages between the hours of 8.30am and 4.00pm except during school holidays.**



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the FOODSTOCK TOY APPEAL. The kindness and generosity of our school community is humbling and enabled us to donate £300 plus lots of vouchers, toys and other gifts to be distributed to those in need at Christmas. 😊



JEWELLERY

We would like to remind parents / guardians that children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school in the interest of health and safety except for a pair of stud earrings if necessary. This is to protect the children from any unnecessary harm and prevent loss or damage. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.



APPLYING FOR A NURSERY OR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The Citizen Portal (portal) will open at **12.00 noon on Wednesday 7th January 2026** for online applications for admission to Nursery or Primary 1 in September 2026. The Portal closes at 12.00 noon on **Wednesday 21st January 2026**. The portal can be accessed via: www.eani.org.uk/admissions.

Available 24/7 on your smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer.

Should you need any help with the application process please see Mrs Hall who is only too happy to assist. Please help us promote our school by encouraging family and friends with children of nursery age to visit the school website or Facebook Page and consider making an application, **leaving us a positive Facebook review** or highlighting for others all the positive things about our school including all the fabulous enriching and enhancing educational experiences that your children currently engage in. **#ourweeschoolisthebestweeschool**
#workingtogethertoachievesuccess



ADVICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SEN ON APPLYING FOR A NURSERY OR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child is currently undergoing statutory assessment and **does not have** a formal Statement of Special Educational Needs, **you will still need to apply** for a pre-school / primary school funded place.

If your child **has** a formal Statement of Special Educational Needs, there is a separate placements process where the pre-school or primary school placement is discussed with you as part of the review of your child's statement, therefore an application should not be made via Admissions on EA Connect.

For information on the progress of SEN assessments or school placements please contact the EA's SEN Service directly on 028 9598 5960.



SUCCESSFUL FUNDING BID

Mrs Hall was successful in securing an Edina Grant which will cover the cost of a series of science workshops throughout term 2 with the Eureka Seekers who aim to deliver a fun filled, educational experience, encouraging children to explore the wonders of science.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January birthday wished to:

Grace



MAKATON- Signs of the Month

Click on the link to explore: [Singing Hands People Who Help Us Topic](#)

<p>Dentist</p> <p>Index taps teeth twice</p> <p>Hand moves down slightly</p> <p>dentist</p>	<p>Firefighter</p> <p>Cupped hand moves over head from back to front</p> <p>firefighter</p>	<p>Nurse</p> <p>Thumb traces cross on outside of arm</p> <p>nurse</p>
<p>Police Officer</p> <p>police officer</p>	<p>School Crossing Patrol/ Lollipop Person</p> <p>Small circular movement in front of mouth</p> <p>Hand moves down slightly</p>	<p>Teacher</p> <p>With palms facing, bring hands away from mouth in two movements</p> <p>teacher</p>