



9TH JANUARY 2026

PEEL BROW'S WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



Mrs Mort's Update

Despite the very cold weather this week, it has been a pleasure to welcome the children back after the Christmas break. They have settled quickly into school routines, shown a positive attitude to learning and are already working hard in their classrooms. We have been impressed by their focus, resilience and enthusiasm, especially given the wintry conditions, and it has been lovely to see the school so calm, purposeful and full of learning once again. With a busy half term ahead, please do take time to check the diary dates carefully. A link to this term's What We Are Learning overview can be found below.

www.peelbrowschool.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overviews

Remember that you can stay up-to-date with important messages by checking your emails and via our website. Find out what your child has been learning about this week on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/peelbrowprimaryschool/>

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the school office on 01706 823204 or drop in.

Spotlight On: Working with Parents

Parental Engagement

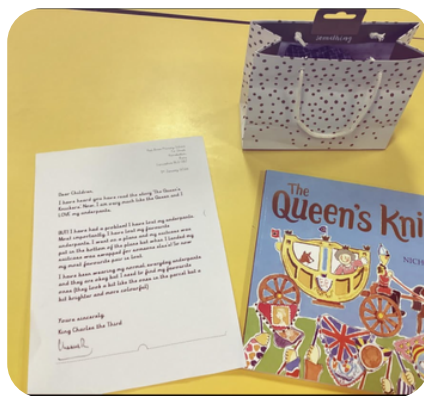
We are always delighted to see parents and carers actively involved in school life, supporting their children's learning and celebrating achievements. Whether attending workshops, school events, or parent-teacher meetings, your engagement helps strengthen the partnership between home and school, which is so important for the success and well-being of our pupils. Thank you for taking the time to be involved – your support makes a real difference.

Parental Feedback

We were thrilled to receive such positive feedback from parents this term. Many of you highlighted how welcomed you feel in school, the clear communication from staff, and the opportunities for your children to learn, grow, and participate in exciting activities. Your kind comments and encouragement are greatly appreciated and help us continue to provide the best possible experience for our pupils. The main headlines are attached to the email.

What's been going on in school this week?

This week we have welcomed our children back to school. It has been a busy week! Our Hive children have been exploring their sensory skills thorough fairy tales. The Duckilings have been focussing on their new book 'Poles Apart' and creating some icy landscape pictures. The Robin's got a very special delivery on the King's Underpants this week along with a very special book. Our Kingfishers class have enjoyed exploring the glockenspiels in their music lessons and were reading the notes to play perfectly. Our Falcons have returned with a clear focus. They have begun their new text Pig Heart Boy and have enjoyed predicting what it could be about.



Attendance

As part of our attendance monitoring to ensure all children are in school on time, the school gates will open from 8.30am. Please note if your children are arriving through the office, they are missing learning. If they arrive after 9.00am they have an Unauthorised Absence mark.

Supporting Attendance at Peel Brow with the RISE Team

At Peel Brow, we are committed to ensuring that every child can attend school regularly and make the most of their learning. To help families and pupils who may face challenges with attendance, we are working closely with the RISE team. The RISE team is a dedicated service that supports schools and families to improve attendance and remove barriers that may prevent children from coming to school. They work in partnership with parents, pupils, and school staff to:

- Identify reasons why children may be missing school
- Provide practical support and guidance to improve attendance
- Offer strategies to help children feel confident, safe, and motivated to attend school
- Monitor progress and celebrate improvements

Our goal is to ensure that every pupil is supported to attend school regularly, feel included, and achieve their potential. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or would like guidance, the school and the RISE team are here to help.



Robinwood



The Falcons' class residential trip to Robinwood was a fantastic success! The children's behaviour throughout the trip was exemplary, and we are all incredibly proud of how they supported one another and embraced every challenge. They pushed themselves outside their comfort zones, took part in exciting activities, and made wonderful memories that will stay with them for years to come. It was a truly rewarding experience for everyone, and a real celebration of teamwork, resilience, and courage.



Safeguarding Update

Supporting Children with Mobile Phones

While mobile phones can be useful tools, they can also bring risks for children. At Peel Brow, we encourage parents to help their children use phones safely and responsibly. Please talk to your child about online safety, managing screen time, and being kind and respectful online. Remind them to keep personal information private and to speak up if anything worries them. Setting clear boundaries and maintaining open communication at home helps children enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe, confident, and balanced.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

For young people

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NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE
Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS
If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT
Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings. Instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT
Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS
Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS
There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS
Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION
A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS
Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION
In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutcliffe is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various award-winning papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and wellbeing between young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Music genre of the half term:
Disco



Group of the week... The Bee Gees



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25-26 Calendar Spring Term



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th January - School opens

Wednesday 7th - 9th January - Robinwood Trip

Tuesday 20th January - Carbon Monoxide Workshop Falcons & Robins

Wednesday 4th February - SEND Coffee & Catch Up

Thursday 12th February - School Disco 4pm-5.15pm £2 entry

Friday 13th February - Last day before school closes for half term

Monday 23rd February - School Re-Opens

Monday 2nd March - Falcons Bikeability

Wednesday 4th March - Class Photographs

Monday 9th March - Science Week

Wednesday 18th March - Falcons Crucial Crew Visit

Wednesday 18th March KS2 Parent and Carer's Evening - a letter will be sent out to book a slot to meet with your child's teacher

Friday 20th March Non-uniform day - bring in an Easter Egg or chocolate treat in exchange for wearing your own clothes

Wednesday 1st April - Easter Bingo. Keep your eyes peeled for ticket sales.

Thursday 2nd April - Living Our Values Above and Beyond assembly - parents of this term's value winners to be invited.

Thursday April 2nd - Last day - School Closes for Easter Holidays

We are recruiting - Casual Cover Cleaners to join our team in 2026

Vision Multi Academy Trust Estates Team are looking to recruit conscientious and reliable staff to join our friendly team of casual cover cleaners to working in our schools across Bury, Whitefield, Ramsbottom and Prestwich. Working hours are dependent on the cover placement with varying shifts between 06.00 to 09.00 & 15.30 to 18.00 Monday to Friday.

We are looking for casual cover that can be called upon to provide short term cover for cleaning shifts throughout the year at **Vision Multi Academy Trust** schools. This may be for one shift or up to 2 weeks of casual holiday cover the shifts are between 06.00 to 09.00 or 15.30 to 18.30 Monday to Friday, could this be you?

Vision estate locations:

1. **Vision Multi Academy Trust** Vision House, Higher Lane, Whitefield M45 7FX.
2. **Higher Lane** Primary School Egerton Road, Whitefield M45 7EX.
3. **Sunny Bank** Primary School Hathaway Road, Bury BL9 8EQ.
4. **Peel Brow** Primary School Fir Street, Ramsbottom, Bury BL0 0BJ.
5. **East Ward** Community Primary School – Willow Street, Bury BL9 7QZ.
6. **Parrenthorn High School** Heywood Road, Prestwich, Greater Manchester M25 2BW

The general cleaning duties include vacuuming, mopping, wiping, recycling to exterior bins, toilet cleaning, sanitising areas and undertaking cleaning tasks as required and directed by the line manager if you are interested please contact **Dawn Wallace** at dwallace@visionmat.com 0161 711 1540 for more information.

- ✚ The successful post of **Vision Multi Academy Trust** casual cover cleaner is subject to suitable references, enhanced DBS and background checks that will be undertaken by **Vision Multi Academy Trust**.

