

15TH JANUARY 2026



PEEL BROW'S WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



Mrs Mort's Update

As we move into the second week of the spring term, it has been wonderful to see children across the school showing such curiosity about the world around them.

Classrooms are alive with questions, discussions and new learning, and pupils are already making strong progress as they settle back into their routines. Their eagerness to explore new ideas—whether in books, practical activities or outdoor learning—has created a vibrant and purposeful atmosphere throughout school. Staff have been particularly impressed by the children's growing independence and confidence as they challenge themselves in their work. With plenty of exciting learning ahead this term, please continue to check diary dates and updates carefully so you don't miss anything.

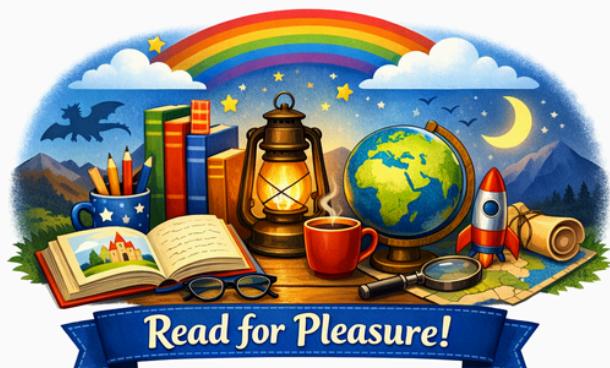
Remember that you can stay up-to-date with important messages by checking your emails and via our website. Find out what your child has been learning about this week on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/peelbrowprimaryschool/>

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

Spotlight On: Reading for Pleasure

At Peel Brow, we believe that fostering a love of reading is one of the most powerful ways to support children's learning and imagination. This week, let's celebrate the joy of books—whether pupils are exploring stories in class, sharing books with friends, enjoying our 30 reads before you leave books or visiting our school library.

Encouraging reading at home, even for just a few minutes each day, helps build confidence, vocabulary, and a lifelong curiosity for the world around them. Thank you for supporting your children to develop positive reading habits that will benefit them throughout their education.

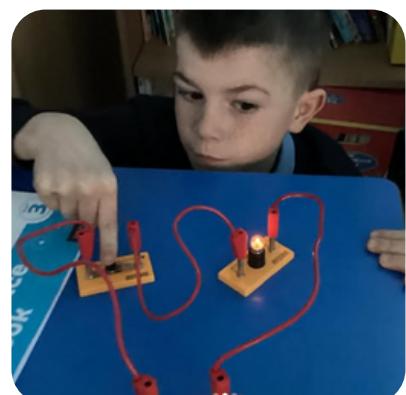


Read for Pleasure!

What's been going on in school this week?

In The Hive, our learners have been busy comparing sizes through the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The Ducklings have also been exploring length in a very hands-on way, building colourful cube towers as tall as they could reach!

In Geography, the Robins confidently identified England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland on the map, developing their understanding of the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, our Kingfishers turned into budding scientists this week as they experimented with electrical circuits. They worked brilliantly as teams and were delighted to see their bulbs light. Our Falcons have continued to embrace the outdoors, inspired by their recent trip to Robinwood. This week marked the start of their Forest School sessions, where our Year 5 pupils began developing new outdoor skills.



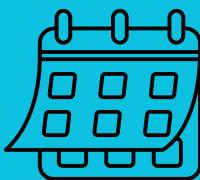
Attendance

Thank you to all our families who are supporting good attendance and punctuality. Arriving on time each morning ensures children can settle quickly and make the most of their learning from the very start of the day.

A reminder that school gates open at 8:30am, and pupils arriving after 9:00am will receive an Unauthorised Absence mark. If your child is finding mornings difficult or you need any support, please get in touch so we can work together to address this.



New Diary Dates! Upcoming Maths Parent Workshops



In EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, alongside our daily maths lessons, we also deliver the Mastering Number programme. The NCETM Mastering Number programme is designed to help children develop strong, confident early number skills. Through short, focused daily sessions, pupils build a deep understanding of number relationships, patterns, and mental strategies that support all later maths learning. The programme uses practical resources, visuals, and fun activities to help children secure key knowledge such as number bonds, counting fluency, and comparing quantities. Its aim is to ensure every child develops firm mathematical foundations so they can approach new concepts with confidence and enjoyment.



Join us for a fun and informative session with your child!

Year 2: Tues 10th Feb - 8.30am

Year 1: Wed 11th Feb - 8.30am

Reception: Thurs 12th Feb - 8.30am

— Learn Early Maths Skills Together! —



Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding Focus: Supporting Children with Friendships

Friendships are an important part of school life, but they can sometimes be tricky for children to navigate. This week, we encourage parents to talk to their child about positive friendships—being kind, listening to others, and solving disagreements calmly. Remind your child that it's okay to seek help from an adult if they feel upset, left out, or unsure how to manage a situation. Keeping communication open at home helps children build healthy, supportive relationships and feel confident in knowing who they can trust and turn to when needed.



**Music genre of the half term:
Disco**



Musician of the week -
Barry Manilow



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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 8.30am

Tuesday 10th February - Year 2 Maths parent workshop 8.30am

Wednesday 11th February - Year 1 Maths parent workshop 8.30am

Thursday 12th February - Reception Maths parent workshop 8.30am

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