



## Newsletter

*'I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full' John 10v10*

16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Last Sunday was the fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Luke 10: 25-37

Dear Parents

### Mrs Postlethwaite – thank you

Next week we say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs P who has led music at St Peter's school for an amazing 21 years. She has done far more than teach notes and rhythms - Mrs P has inspired confidence, nurtured talent, and brought joy to countless children through the power of music.

From the Advent service, the spring concert to the awesome end of year productions her legacy is not just in the songs we've sung or the shows we've staged - it's in the confidence she's built, the smiles she's sparked, and the love of music she's passed on to generations of children.

Mrs P has been a highly valued colleague too – with her kindness and calm approach. On a personal note I will miss her greatly.

On behalf of the entire school community - pupils past and present, staff, governors and families - thank you. Thank you for 21 years of dedication, inspiration, and heart.



### A message from the Governors

A big thank you to all the children and staff at St Peter's for the very successful year that is now coming to a close in school. The Governors are delighted to celebrate the many successes of the school especially our recent inspection and the forthcoming production of Oliver!

I would like to extend special thanks to Miss Buxton for her exemplary leadership and to Mrs Blake for her tireless support this year, but also to our outgoing Chair of Governors, Mr Kevin Mahony, for his guidance and leadership of the Board. Kevin has served the school for 8 years and will continue to serve the parish community in other ways, as he leaves this role. I am honoured to have been elected to take his place and look forward to working with the other governors and the leadership team to take the school forward in the year to come.

Have a wonderful summer.

Mary Alveyn  
Chair of Governors

## Class teachers next year

Well, I can't believe how quick this term, and even this year has gone! So here we go into next year as I share with you who is where....

Year Group	Teacher	Teacher
R/1	Mr Matt Read	Mrs Megan Bradbury
R/1	Mrs Naomi Tuft	
2	Mrs Evie Wright (Tuesday-Friday) Mrs Reena Khatun (Monday)	Mrs Esther Keymer
3	Miss Beth Welsby	Miss Grace Dougan
4	Mrs Becky Ruddick-Smith	Mrs Joyce Griffin (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Reena Khatun (Thursday/Fridays)
5	Mr Alan Heys	Mrs Nadine Donnelly (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Pippa Lightfoot (Monday, Tuesday)
6	Mrs Shauna Kelly	Miss Charlotte Jordan

## School Leadership Team

Miss L Buxton	Head Teacher, DSL,
Mrs N Donnelly	Assistant Head Teacher, KS2 Stage Leader
Mrs L Blake	Assistant Head Teacher, DSL
Mrs G Foster	SENDCo, DSL
Mr M Read	Key Stage 1 Leader, Computing Leader
Mrs N Tuft	EYFS Leader, Phonics Leader

## Important Letters

Important letters are coming home this week. Please look for them in your children's bags:

Attendance certificates: All year groups

Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check results

Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check results

Friday: Years R, 2, 6 – Reports

Please note that Year 2 reports will contain results of this year's Phonics Screen Checks. Year 6 reports will contain SATs results.

## Thank you for the fans

What a FANTastic PTA we have! The PTA have provided every class with super-duper fans to keep us cool during this hot weather. This generosity has made a real difference to children and adults alike.

## Transition Day

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July we are having our whole school transition morning. Children who are currently in Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will meet their new teachers for September and will spend the morning in their new classrooms. This will enable children and staff to get to know each other and to familiarise themselves with new spaces.

An advantage of being a 2 form entry school is that we are able to rebalance classes each year thus ensuring consistently good learning opportunities for all pupils. This means that classes do not progress to the next year group as a whole. Teachers spend a lot of time considering the best mix of children for each class. We endeavour to ensure that children are always in a class with identified friends.

On this day, children will start and end the day in their normal classrooms with their current class teacher. Therefore all children will come into school and leave school as usual.

Teachers will give each child a 'welcome card' to bring home. This card will give the name of the class teacher for September and the name of the new class. Please look out for it in school bags on Friday.

## Welcome to St Peter's staff!

We are delighted to share the news that we have appointed a new music teacher, Mrs Maxine Owens, to the staff for next year. She will be working Wednesdays and Thursdays teaching the curriculum for music. We wish Mrs Owens every happiness and fulfilment during her time at St Peter's.

## Summer Reading Challenge

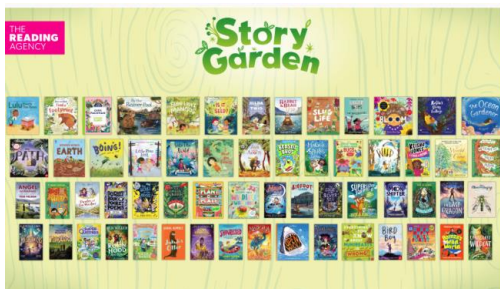
The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme run by the Reading Agency with the aim of keeping children reading over the six-week summer break. This year the challenge started on 6<sup>th</sup> July and continues throughout the school holidays.

Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part. Sign up at your local library or children can take part online.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.

Any questions please feel free to contact Mrs Pestana via the school office.



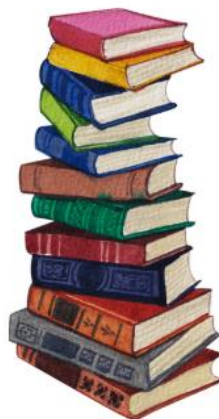
## School Production

Mrs P and the staff have been working hard with the preparation for 'Oliver!'. More photos in next week's newsletter.



## Empty Bookcase

As we approach the end of the year, there are still many books that need to be returned to school. Please can we ask children to return any outstanding library books or Little Wandle books as soon as possible. If your child does not have access to books over summer, our local library has a fantastic selection to tempt them, and we also have a 'book rescue' in school that enables children to take home and keep previously loved library books.



## Our Year at Little Fishes 2024-2025

This year at Little Fishes  
has passed so quickly by.  
Such happy times we've shared each day  
from September to July.  
Throughout the year we make new friends.  
We take turns and learn to share.  
We know each one of us is special  
and we show our friends we care.  
Our daily prayers are special times,  
we praise God in word and song  
'My Lighthouse' became our favourite,  
as we sing our faith grows strong.  
We love to be outside at play.  
We jump, we climb, we run.  
Our woodland walks, our nature hunts,  
adventure playground fun.  
Our imagination makes us Super Heroes  
rescuing the world.  
Hairdressers, vets and puppy dogs.  
Knights so brave and bold.  
Making car tracks, animal homes,  
building towers so tall,  
fairy gardens, planting seeds  
this year we've done it all!  
A year of happy memories,  
so full of joyful things  
Now we're looking forward to September  
and the fun that next year brings.

## Message from Grace Foster, SENDCo

### Mental Health in Schools

In our continual strive to be offering the best support available to all our pupils we have been working closely with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). They are Hampshire CAMHS early help service designed to improve access to psychological therapies for young people, while also assisting schools to develop a whole-school approach to positive mental health and wellbeing.

The team ran a really useful parent workshop around anxiety earlier in the term and we have been accessing their expertise across the school. In particular we are working with them to audit mental health provision currently available in school. In order to know how to support families moving forward it would be very useful to have parent views. This can be given via this survey:



<https://forms.office.com/e/Bv171UHTaw?origin=lprLink>

Thank you very much.

Hampshire CAMHS are running a whole week of workshops from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September at the United Reform Church in Jewry Street. Please see flyers below for further details.

**NHS**  
Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

8 - 12 September 2025

## Mental Health Focus Week

A week of training days for Parent/Carers and Professionals provided by Hampshire CAMHS on a variety of subjects.

- 8th Eating Disorders and Difficulties
- 9th Anxiety - understanding and strategies to support young people
- 10th Trauma - The profound impact on young people
- 11th Understanding ADHD
- 12th Embracing Autism

All sessions 9.30am - 3.30pm

All training days are £20

**Mental Health**  
bite size sessions

We are also running a whole week of bitesized workshops to run alongside these days. The sessions all last one hour and cover topics including: Introduction to mental health, anxiety, low mood, sleep hygiene, trauma and much more.

8 - 12 September 2025  
United Reform Church Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ

For more information scan the QR codes or visit:  
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

**Mental Health**  
bite size sessions

8-12 September 2025  
United Reform Church Hall  
Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ

Time	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
9.30am - 10.30am	Introduction to mental health	Supporting your child to transition to a new school	Introduction to mental health	tbc	Supporting parents to manage children's anxieties
11am - 12 midday	Introduction to anxiety	Sleep hygiene	Trauma	tbc	Exam stress
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Introduction to low mood	Understanding suicidal language in children and young people and how to support them	Sleep hygiene	tbc	Understanding suicidal language in children and young people and how to support them
2pm - 3pm	Tics & Tourettes	Teenage turmoil	Supporting parents to manage children's anxieties	Emotionally based school avoidance	Introduction to low mood

All bite size sessions are £5  
Part of Hampshire CAMHS Mental Health Focus Week

## Future School Dates

Event	Date
KS2 Production	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm and 6pm
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July, 5-7pm
Goodbye Assembly for Mrs Postlethwaite – all invited	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 9.15am
Last day of term - children in school all day	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
<b>Summer Holiday Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (inclusive)</b>	
First day back – children will be in Home visits for new Reception children begin	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Show Around 1	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am
All Reception children in full time	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Mass for the start of the new school year	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2pm
Show Around 2	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 1.30pm
Show Around 3	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am
Show Around 4	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm
Show Around 5	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am

## Holiday Dates

School term dates are available on:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/term-dates/>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

## Inset Days 2025-26

Here are next year's school closures for staff training.

Monday 6th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 20th March 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

## Attendance

In 2018/19 just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.

Year R	93.31%
Year 1	94.32%
Year 2	94.34%
Year 3	95.51%
Year 4	95.81%
Year 5	95.98%
Year 6	93.92%
Overall school Attendance	94.70%



Well done Year 5 for having the highest attendance. An extra 5 minutes' break for you!

See the NHS website for advice on when not to send your child to school when unwell:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Show Around dates

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, we have the following dates available for you to come and look around the school:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am

Please contact the school office if you would like to book onto any of these tours.

## Social Networking Sites

During this season of sports days, school production and school leavers' events, can I remind everyone that while the school allows you to photograph your own children, permission must be obtained from the parents of anyone else who happens to be in the photo before they are placed on any social networking sites.

## Moving Schools - Childline

The close of the school year will see the usual relocation of primary pupils into the secondary system. However, educational establishments will also experience an influx of new pupils across their year groups. Perhaps a parent has moved to a new location, or it's simply a matter of transferring a child from a school where they had issues to greener pastures. Whatever the cause, it's undeniable that this occurrence can be a source of significant anxiety. This is perfectly natural as a response to a new environment, and a new society into which to fit. With this in mind, Childline has published a page dedicated to helping children deal with their feelings before their formal transition. To find out more, please click the link below:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/moving-schools/>

## 100 Club - the PTA school lottery - July Winners

We are delighted to congratulate our July 100 Club winners:

	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Prize</b>
1st Prize:	Georgina Omand	£ 35.00
2nd Prize:	Jo Reynolds	£ 25.00
3rd Prize:	Catriona Felstead	£ 15.00
4th Prize:	Ania Slinn	£ 10.00

Our school lottery is a great way for you to support the children at St Peter's with regular monthly funds whilst also having the chance to win yourself. In the last school year, we raised over £1000 for the PTA and also paid out over £1000 in cash prizes. The more people who join the 100 Club, the higher the value of the cash prizes and the greater the value of the funds we generate for the school. It's £5 per number entered into each monthly draw, with the total ticket sales split evenly between the PTA and the prize fund.

The 100 Club team has been Cat and Evy - but we are delighted now to welcome Ania to replace Cat as she moves on from St Peter's. Evy and Ania would love to hear from you! If you'd like to join, or have any questions, please email us at [stpeterspta100club@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterspta100club@gmail.com)

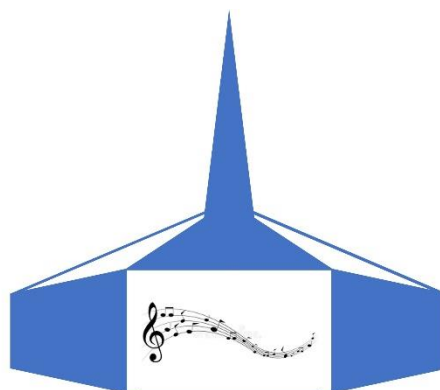
Cat (wishing you all the best of luck for future draws!), Evy & Ania - 100 Club Team

## An invitation to young musicians

The St Stephen's Players are a group of young musicians who play for the 9.15am mass at St Stephen's church on the second Sunday of each month. Players are contacted in advance of the Sunday monthly mass to determine availability. Music is then sent through and a brief rehearsal takes place at 8.40am before the mass. The music is written to suit the ability of the player. This is a great opportunity to enjoy contributing to the music in our parish.

For more information please contact Emma Sharrock through:

[Ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)



**St. Stephen's Players**

# Applications are now open for the 2026 First Holy Communion Program!

Children who will be in Year 4 (or above) next academic year may apply, however if your child is presently in Year 2 and you are a regular parishioner and feel they may be ready next year, please do get in touch.

If you have any queries before completing the form, please email me at: [rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Please find the link (or QR code) to register:

<https://stpeterswinchester.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ikdin17d>



**Does your child love to Dance, Act and Perform? THEATRE KIDZ ARE IN YOUR SCHOOL!**

Our TPA Academy classes provide the most magical and exciting environment for children to develop their stage skills. From building confidence, to using their big loud voices and expressing themselves through our fun games, exercises and performance pieces. We encourage every student to blossom in their own unique way and achieve things they never thought possible.

**TPA Academy**  
 TELEPHONE: 07930 980 038  
 EMAIL: [info@tpaacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@tpaacademy.co.uk)  
 WEBSITE: [www.tpaacademy.co.uk](http://www.tpaacademy.co.uk)

**INTEGR8 DANCE** FREE TRIAL

**STREET DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
 St Peter's Primary School  
 Mondays 3.30-4.30pm  
 Years 2 - 6

No dance experience necessary!  
 Learn new skills, increase confidence and HAVE FUN!

BOOKING DETAILS  
 EMAIL: [info@integrdance.com](mailto:info@integrdance.com)  
 CALL: 01922 80899  
 WEBSITE: [www.integrdance.com](http://www.integrdance.com)

**Relax Kids**

ACTIVITY & RELAXATION CLASSES FOR KIDS

Relax Kids classes improve:

- improved sleep
- concentration
- self-esteem
- confidence
- focus, creativity
- listening skills

Your child will enjoy:

- Games and songs
- Storytelling
- Movement
- Stretching
- Breakfast exercises
- Peppermint massage
- Distractions
- Relaxations

**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
**Sport SKOOL**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
 7:30am - 8:40am  
 Year R - Year 6

**PRICES**  
 7:30am - 8:40am - £6.70  
 7:45am - 8:40am - £6.40

**INFORMATION**  
 Join us before the start of school for a nutritious breakfast to start the day right!  
 With child lead games and activities from the get go!  
 To book visit our website.

**MORE INFO: SPORTSKOOL.CO.UK**

**Sport SKOOL**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**

**July August 28th - 29th**

**Westgate Lower School**  
 Charlton Road, Westchester, SO24 8AA

**John Kable Primary School**  
 Hareley Park Road, Hareley, SO24 2LA

**AGES 5 (YEAR 1) - 12**

**FROM £21.15** (including)

**BOOK NOW** 0792844919 [www.sportskool.co.uk](http://www.sportskool.co.uk)

**Story Garden** Hampshire County Council Library Service

**Join the Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and free way to keep children (aged 4 - 11) reading during the Summer holidays. To take part, just follow these steps!

- Join Hampshire Libraries for free - you can borrow books, audiobooks, eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines!
- Use your membership to sign up in a library or online through our Kids' Zone, where you can also log your reads
- Get a collector card and stickers from your local library
- You get a sticker every time you read a book - there are 6 to collect
- When you've read 6 books, pop into the library to receive your certificate and medal!

**ACCESS ALL AREAS**  
 Free Family Event  
 AT SOMERS CLOSE RECREATION GROUND

**FREE!** Activities

Dive into this free family-friendly event during the summer holidays. Enjoy free activities, a large picnic area, and a chance to meet other families, you are encouraged to bring your own picnic and take part in exciting activities for all ages.

**2025 29 AUGUST 11:00 - 15:00**  
 Somers Close Recreation Ground - Somers Close, Winchester (SO2 2AL) (on-site parking)

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...**

- The Human Football Table
- Art & Craft
- Music
- Storytelling
- Interactive games
- And much more!

Supported by **CARDO** and **Winchester**

**Hampshire County Council Library Service**

**First Words Together**

First Words Together is a free programme of fun activities, to help parents develop their toddler's speaking and communication skills.

Sessions are delivered in library

This 8 week course is designed to help parents develop skills, to support their baby or toddler's early communication.

Is First Words Together something you should refer the families you work with to?

First Words Together is a pilot project developed by the National Literacy Trust.

This programme is designed to help parents support their baby or toddler's early communication. Parents/caregivers must be able to attend all 8 sessions. We welcome referrals for children aged between 9-24 months that are at risk of not reaching milestones for speech and communication.

The course cannot make any diagnosis or replace a medical pathway.

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register an interest.

**National Literacy Trust**

**EASTLEIGH ACTIVE**

**TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS SUMMER**  
 Monday 28 July - Friday 22 August

Eastleigh Active is open for bookings!

Eastleigh Borough Council's Sportscentre have been excited to announce that the summer holiday busy programme across the borough is open for bookings!

A programme for 4-11 year olds runs 28 July to 22 August and includes fitness and dance to sessions across the borough in various locations. Sessions include: Circuit, Fitness, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi and more. Free bookings are also available at Phoenix Leisure, Eastleigh.

A programme for 12-17 year olds with the premier facilities at Eastleigh Leisure Park, including: aerobics and 800hrs of activities!

Local Area Committees and Town and Parish Councils have provided additional funding so all participants can be kept for £5.00 per session, or £1 for those in receipt of Pension Credit or Council Tax Support.

We hope to see you there!

For parents of children aged between 2-12 years not out more or to book a place, please email [participatingprogramme@winch.ac.uk](mailto:participatingprogramme@winch.ac.uk) or phone 07942 28433.

**Wanting to do the best for your child?**

we and join us in the 10 week Nurturing Programme and find out how to be the best of our family life

**St Stephen Church** Church Belfry Rd North  
 24th Sept - 3rd Dec (Wednesdays) 9.25 AM - 11.25 AM excluding half term

**For parents of children aged between 2-12 years**  
 not out more or to book a place, please email [nurturingprogramme@winch.ac.uk](mailto:nurturingprogramme@winch.ac.uk) or phone 07942 28433.

We hope to see you there!

**WE NEED YOU!**

pre loved uniform

If your child has grown out of their uniforms sizes 9-10 11-12 13  
 Donate them to the PTA and we will give them new life.

[ptauniform@gmail.com](mailto:ptauniform@gmail.com) ST PETER'S PTA

Best wishes

Louise Buxton



## Newsletter - past bits that may be useful

### Safeguarding Quote of the Week

'If I could give my child three things, it would be the confidence to always know their self-worth, the strength to follow their dreams, and the ability to know how truly, deeply loved they are,' Anon

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. **Anyone can make a referral.**

At St Peter's Miss Buxton is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Blake, Mrs Pestana and Mrs Foster are the Deputy DSLs. Mrs Ricketts is DSL for Little Fishes Pre-School, with Mrs Church and Mrs Hudson being her safeguarding deputies. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern!

### Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Does your child qualify for free school meals? If you are in receipt of: Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, State pension credit, Child tax credit (as long as you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, working tax credit run on or universal credit) you may be eligible for a free school meal.

Even if your child has the universal free school meal (Year R, 1 and 2) please apply for this benefit. The school receives money from central Government to support a variety of school initiatives that would be of benefit to your child. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Lane in the school office and you can apply through <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

### Facebook

Facebook:<https://facebook.com/St-Peters-Catholic-PrimarySchool107010431022990>

### School Milk Arrangements

If you would like your child to have milk (a 189ml bottle of semi-skimmed milk) during the school day, please register online with Cool Milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Children under 5 years old are entitled to free school milk, fully funded by the Department of Health, but their parents must register with Cool Milk for them to receive it. For over 5s, school milk is available at a rate subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme. Children eligible for statutory free school meals can receive school milk free of charge – the school office will contact you.

Cool Milk have asked us to inform parents that the price of milk for over 5s will soon be increasing. If you register your child now, you can lock in at the current price. Contact Cool Milk with any queries: 0800 321 3248 or [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

## Extra-curricular clubs

Please see below details of clubs being offered this summer.

Year group	Club	Day of the week	Year group	Club	Day of the week
YR	Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Wednesday Friday	Y4	Comic Club Intergr8 Clay Club Gardening Relax Kids Phoenix Club Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday
Y1	Sportskool Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Wednesday Wednesday Friday	Y5	Football Intergr8 Clay Club Netball Gardening Comic Club Relax Kids Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Friday Friday
Y2	Integr8 Sportskool Relax Kids Phoenix Club Theatre Kids	Monday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Y6	Intergr8 Football Netball Gardening Comic Club Relax Kids Yr 6 production practice Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday  Friday Friday
Y3	Comic Club Intergr8 Gardening Relax Kids Phoenix Club Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday			

## Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we remain a nut-free school due to serious allergies.

Also we encourage breaktime snacks to be healthier choices – fresh fruit and vegetables, bread sticks, raisins.... no crisps or chocolate please.

## Homework, Spelling and Reading

In recent weeks we have noticed a slight decline in the number of children who are submitting homework across all year groups. Each week, teachers from Year 2 set maths, English and spellings for children and many children in EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 will also come home with a reading book linked to their phonics or book band. Our expectation is that children spend 10 minutes on English and 10 minutes on maths as well as practising spelling and reading daily with someone at home. Children are given a week to complete this as suggested by parents in a past parent survey. We understand that sometimes homework can be a tedious task and recognise that by dedicating only a short amount of time to it, we can recognise and appreciate this effort.

We are currently reviewing how we teach spelling as a whole school strategy. This is something which is taking on a more explorative approach and has become part of a whole school focus for school improvement. Spelling from Year 2 to Year 6 takes place weekly in classrooms and focuses on the spelling patterns from the National Curriculum. Many children will be ready to practise and use these patterns regularly however, some children may have more individualised spellings to support them in their learning. This can ensure that children become more confident with regularly used high frequency words as opposed to some less used common exception words.

Reading journals at school have become a way for many children to share with us the books that they love to read at home. This is also an additional way for us to monitor and encourage reading at home. Again, we understand that this can seem like an onerous task however these diaries can be presented to us in a variety of ways by children and families. This could look like a logged book title and parent signature, it could be signed and dated or it may involve commentary, illustrations and explorations of vocabulary. They also have a variety in approach in terms of children recording themselves or parents recording for them. Often this is a way for children to share that they are being read to, they are reading alongside a parent or they are listening to an audiobook. We do not expect a blanket approach to these logs however we would really appreciate that they are filled in to encourage reading and conversation about books.

## Educational Visits

Trips, visits and enrichment days comprise an essential part of our school curriculum at St Peter's Catholic Primary School. Successful trips and themed days provide memorable learning experiences and enhance the children's education in ways that are not possible in the normal classroom. We provide off-site visits and enrichment days as a positive tool to develop pupils' independent, investigative learning, and to build their experience of the local and wider world. We are very aware of rising costs and constraints on family budgets and are doing what we can to keep costs as low as possible. This term we have planned the following activities to support the curriculum:

Year 6 – One World Day, Day of Reflection

Year 5 - Bikeability; Greek Day

Year 4 - Viking Day

Year 3 - Visit to Fishbourne Palace

Year 1 - Visit to Portchester Castle, Kings and Queens day

Year R - Visit to Manor Farm

## Reporting to Parents 2024-25

Parent and school partnership is vitally important in ensuring the best for each child. We want to share the dates for reporting attainment and progress with parents so you can place them in your diary. Our aim is to ensure that you are kept informed and able to discuss progress at key points in the year as relevant to your child's year group.

As in the past, there is a formal reporting point in each term either via a parents' evening or via a written report. Over the course of the year, there will be two parents' evenings and one written report for each pupil. Following feedback from parents, this year we will be offering the option of face-to-face meetings or an on-line meeting. This means that for each set of parents' evenings one of the dates will be for face-to-face meetings in school and the other date will be for meetings via 'Teams'. The aim of the initial meeting for all year groups is to ensure the children have settled into their new year groups and their routines.

The timings of parents' evenings and reports for each year group are as follows:

### Parents' evenings:

Autumn Term All Year groups – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (in person)  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (in person)

Year R, Year 2 and Year 6 – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (in person)  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (in person)

Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (in person)  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (in person)

As in the past, parents' evenings will be held between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. Details of how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher will be shared via the newsletter.

### Written reports:

Spring Term Year 1, 3, 4, 5 – These will be sent out on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Summer Term Year R, 2 and 6 – These will be sent out on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Reminders of the timings of written reports will be shared in the newsletter nearer the time.

Please remember that if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any point in the year you can make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

## Hants LA signposting websites

These websites may be a helpful resource should you need a bit of help or advice as a parent.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/family.page?familychannel=2>

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/sfyc/ProviderBulletin-March2025-ParentCarerUpdate.pdf>