



9th July 2025

Last Sunday was the fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Dear Parents

Staff Leaving – thank you

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Postlethwaite, our wonderful music teacher – of whom I will be writing more about in our final newsletter.

We are also losing Mr Wakefield as he finishes the maternity cover he joined us for. During the year he has very much become part of our school family and I know he will be missed by children and staff alike. He is a true 'St Peteronian' and we have valued his efforts for all his children and the warmth he has shown them. He has been snapped up by another local school.

Meanwhile Mrs Kukada, who has been a TA here for a few years, leaves us to begin her teacher training. During her time with us she has shown a real skill in supporting many of our children with kindness and understanding. We wish her every happiness and fulfilment as a teacher.

We also say goodbye to Miss Johnson, a TA and past pupil, who has been with us for a year gaining experience during her university degree with her special interest of speech and language. Again she has worked closely with children who needed extra support and we have seen them flourish. We wish her every success with her study.

Finally, we thank Alison McQuillan who has been with us over the past three years. Alison is a PE teacher from Kings' and has supported our teachers with their delivery of the PE curriculum, along with adapting our PE curriculum. We have also benefitted from her skill in dance for our liturgies and productions. We will Miss Alison each Friday.

New Parent Governor

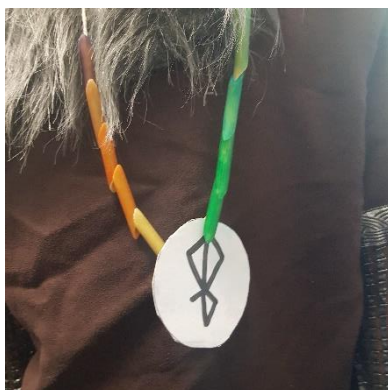
St Peter's School Governors are pleased to announce that Mrs Emily Prince has been appointed as Parent Governor, joining the Board alongside Mrs Harriet Hunt. The Governors welcome her to the Board and look forward to her contributions to the future success of the school.

E-scooters

Please can we remind parents that riding electric scooters with a child as a passenger and without a helmet is extremely dangerous. E-scooters can be unstable and fast, increasing the risk of serious injury. Please ride responsibly.

Viking Day – Year 4

Year 4 had a great time on our Viking Day! We completed a range of activities, such as creating our own necklaces and name labels, and taking part in a Viking quiz. We also wrote and acted out our very own Viking myths and legends, which was great fun! It was brilliant to see the range and creativity of the costumes that the children wore. Thank you to everyone for taking part and supporting with the day.

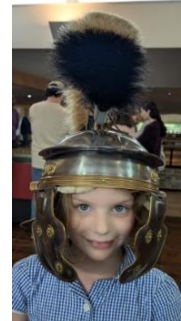


Costume donations for Year 1 Castle Day

Year 1 are holding a Castle day on Thursday 17th July. The children are invited to come to school on that day in castle costumes (king, queen, knight, castle building etc). If you have any costumes at home that you are getting rid of and would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace

Last week, our Year 3 pupils stepped back in time during their exciting trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace. The children explored the stunning mosaic floors, learned about Roman life, and even tried their hand at Roman-style writing and artefact handling. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought their history topic to life. A big thank you to all staff and volunteers who helped make the day such a memorable one!



School Production

We are currently working hard towards our end of year production of 'Oliver'. A reminder that **ALL KS2 children are required to be at ALL performances:**

- **Wednesday 16th July, 2pm**
- **Wednesday 16th July, 6pm**
- **Thursday 17th July, 2pm**
- **Thursday 17th July, 6pm**

For the evening performances, children will need to **arrive at their classroom door at 5.45pm** (Year 6 main cast please arrive at 5.30pm). Children will then be dismissed from their classroom door after the performance at approximately 7pm.

Please also remember to send your child's costume in. We ask that all individual items are named, and brought to school in a named carrier bag. These can be brought into school at any point, but the final deadline for costumes to be in school is **MONDAY 7th JULY**.



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.



Kit Messenger - Empowerment Approach

'Curious not Furious'

We continue to share with you what we are teaching the children (and ourselves) about the empowerment approach.

Kit Messenger uses the '5 Cs' to illustrate the elements that children require to perform to the best of their ability. These are:







- Comfortable
- Connected
- Count
- Capable
- Control

One of the tag lines that we are constantly using is:



When we have conversations with the children about whether choices that are made match these statements above, they are a helpful tool in identifying that what they might feel is good for them may not be for everyone else. It is then a way in to have the coaching conversations that help the child to make changes to the choices they may have made. These coaching conversations follow this sequence:

Follow-up needs the patience and care of a surgeon!

Skill	What this looks like	Skill	What this looks like
 <p>1</p> 	<p>I introduce issues in a way that helps the person to stay calm and feel supported:</p> <p>When I raise issues, I use phrases such as:</p> <p>'Don't worry, you're not in trouble'</p> <p>'Don't worry, I want you to feel good too.'</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>I share my concerns in a way that helps them to feel supported:</p> <p>I say what I have noticed – starting with the evidence of what I see and hear.</p> <p>I use 'I' not 'you' to stay as Positive Challenger, not blamer.</p> <p>I use connection phrases regularly to help.</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p>I listen to understand, not to respond:</p> <p>I listen in a way which aims to really find out what life is like for the young person.</p> <p>I stay curious, asking questions to find out more.</p> <p>I don't lecture, criticise or persuade the person to think differently.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><i>Good for me, good for you, good for everyone!</i></p> 	<p>I invite them to problem-solve in a way they feel capable:</p> <p>I use phrases such as "I wonder if you can work out a way in which you feel good, and I/others do too?"</p> <p>When they respond with "Don't know", I have other phrases which are calm and positive yet also keep pursuing in a way that is kind yet definite.</p>

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 8th – 12th 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

All bite size sessions are £5

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
May Half term Monday 26th – Friday 30th May	
Year 5 to Year 6 Transition Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 9 th July, 2.50pm
Parents Evening Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 in person	Thursday 10 th July, 4pm-7pm
Last day for Carroll Centre Food bank – Year 4	Monday 14 th July
KS2 Production	Wednesday 16 th July, 2pm and 6pm
KS2 Production	Thursday 17 th July, 2pm and 6pm
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	Monday 21 st July, 5-7pm
Goodbye Assembly for Mrs Postlethwaite – all invited	Tuesday 22 nd July, 9.15am
Last day of term - children in school all day	Tuesday 22 nd July
Summer Holiday Wednesday 23rd July – Tuesday 2nd September (inclusive)	
First day back – children will be in Home visits for new Reception children begin	Wednesday 3 rd September
Show Around 1	Tuesday 16 th September, 9.30am
All Reception children in full time	Monday 8 th September
Mass for the start of the new school year	Tuesday 16 th September, 2pm
Show Around 2	Friday 3 rd October, 1.30pm
Show Around 3	Thursday 16 th October, 9.30am
Show Around 4	Wednesday 5 th November, 1.30pm
Show Around 5	Thursday 13 th 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	93.24%
Year 1	94.26%
Year 2	94.37%
Year 3	95.54%
Year 4	95.94%
Year 5	96.01%
Year 6	94.01%
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 16th September 9.30am

Friday 3rd October 1.30pm

Thursday 16th October 9.30am

Wednesday 5th November 1.30pm

Thursday 13th November 9.30am

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

Job vacancy at St Peter's Catholic Primary School

After School Club Assistant (Little Fishes)

Hours of work/type of contract: 3.45-5.30pm, term time only. Casual work arrangement, paid on a sessional basis. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, one or two afternoons a week considered.

Pay: £28.28 per session

Start date: September onwards

For more details and how to apply, please visit the school website:

<http://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies>

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

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

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



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TPA Academy
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 WEBSITE: www.tpaacademy.co.uk

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 St Peter's Primary School
 Mondays 3.30-4.30pm
 Years 2 - 6

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BOOKING DETAILS
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 CALL: 01922 808099
 WEBSITE: www.integrdance.com

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- confidence
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- listening skills

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- Group juggling
- Movement
- Stretching
- Breakfasting exercises
- Paper/hoop massage
- 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

Wootton Bassett School
 Wootton Bassett
 SN02 8AE

John Kable Primary School
 Hensley Park Road,
 Hensley SN25 2LA

From £21.15 (including)

AGES 5 (YEAR 1) - 12

BOOK NOW 07912844919 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!

1. Join Hampshire Libraries for free - you can borrow books, audiobooks, eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines!
2. Use your membership to sign up in a library or online through our Kids' Zone, where you can also log your reads
3. Get a collector card and stickers from your local library
4. You get a sticker every time you read a book - there are 6 to collect
5. 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 existing activities for all ages.

2025 29 AUGUST
 11:00 - 15:00
 Somers Close Recreation Ground - Somers Close, Winchester SO12 14J
 For on-site parking

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

- The Nation Football Club
- The Nation Adult Centre
- Live jazz
- Interactive art projects
- Workshop
- Stage shows
- Free drinks for children
- Free refreshments

AND MUCH MORE!

Supported by **C&RD** 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 settings by trained First Words Together staff members.

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/carers must be able to attend all 8 sessions. We welcome referrals for children aged between 6-24 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 **Winchester**

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 out of family life

St Stephen Church Oliver's Battery Rd North
 24th Sept - 3rd Dec (Wednesdays), 9.25 AM - 11.05 AM excluding half term

For parents of children aged between 3-12 years
 find out more or to book a place, please email nurturingprogramme@ststephen.org.uk
 or phone 07942 284661
 We hope to see you there!

WE NEED YOU!

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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.

ptauseduniform@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. 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

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 15th October 2024 (in person)
Thursday 17th October 2024 (in person)

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

Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 – Tuesday 8th July 2025 (in person)
Thursday 10th 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 28th February 2025
Summer Term Year R, 2 and 6 – These will be sent out on 18th 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>