



25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Last Sunday was the First Sunday of Lent  
Matthew 4:1-11

Dear Parents

### Year 6 Residential Trip

Just before half term, our Year 6 pupils set off for an unforgettable residential adventure at Avon Tyrrell. From the moment they arrived, excitement filled the air – and it certainly didn't disappoint! Throughout the week, the children threw themselves into a wide range of outdoor activities, including climbing, high ropes, zip lines, trust walks and even night orienteering. Many pupils challenged themselves to step outside their comfort zones, whether that meant reaching the top of the climbing wall or whizzing down the zip line for the very first time. The evenings were just as memorable, with energetic discos and team games that had everyone smiling.

The trip was not only great fun but also a fantastic opportunity for personal growth. The children developed important life skills such as teamwork, resilience and patience. They supported one another during tricky challenges, encouraged friends who felt nervous and showed real determination when activities became demanding.

We were incredibly proud of how the children represented our school. Their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and willingness to try new things made the trip a wonderful success.

"I really pushed myself, even when it was difficult!" – Elodie

"My favourite activity was the zipline." - Alex O

"Sometimes I felt scared, but I did it anyway. I feel proud of myself." – Mason

"That was really scary but I loved it! I flew over the lake." – Yanni



## Our Lenten Charities

### The Courage Foundation

When considering which charity we support as part of our Lenten alms we wanted to recognise that we have had a number of family bereavements in our school community in the last year. Therefore we wanted to support a charity that was set up by a local family following the death of their son. To find out more about this charity you may like to click on the link below:

<https://thecouragefoundation.uk/>

*The Courage Foundation is a charity which seeks to support bereaved children and their families following the loss of a sibling or parent in the last two years. This charity was set up in memory of Jethro Courage. We want to celebrate who he was and to pass on the experience of love and support we've had as grieving parents. We found it really difficult to get through days and to create a fun time for children who are still with us who are also grieving.*

*As a grieving parent we know how hard it is to sometimes just get out of the house. One day we decided to go to Paultons Park after running out of ideas to entertain the kids. After such a successful day we decided to buy an annual pass for the theme park. Later on in the year we marked what would have been Jethro's 2nd birthday by spending a few days as a family at Legoland.*

We are looking at running a couple of charitable events through Lent - more details next week.

## Our Lenten Charities

### Stella Maris Easter Egg Appeal

Can you help us give an Easter egg to Seafarers this Easter? Stella Maris Chaplains and Volunteer Ship Visitors will be visiting ships in our Southern ports during Holy Week and after Easter, and expect to bring this great celebration to many hundreds of seafarers who remain confined to their ships at this time, without the prospect of taking shore leave or visiting a church. Together with faith materials, we would like to offer Easter Eggs and chocolates, the international symbol of celebration of this Solemnity of Solemnities, and would greatly appreciate the support of your school in our Stella Maris Easter Egg appeal. We need to prepare now. Can you help us by donating Easter eggs and chocolates? Your gift may be the only gift a seafarer receives this Easter.

Please bring donations into school by Monday 23rd March. Thank you for your generosity for such a worthwhile cause.



## PTA Summer Fayre - Save the Date!

The PTA Summer fete will be held on Saturday 20th June – save the date!



## Little Fishes Pre-School – places available from September

Little Fishes offers a warm, secure and welcoming environment for our pre-school children to learn and explore. It is based on the St. Peter's Primary School site in a large and sunny purpose-built room with an extensive outdoor area, which is used every day whatever the weather. The Little Fishes team works alongside the Early Years teachers to provide the EYFS curriculum. Have a look at the Little Fishes page on the school website for a virtual tour and information on session times, funding/charges, visits and how to apply:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/little-fishes-pre-school>



## Parent Drop-In Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our coffee morning on Tuesday. It was lovely to have time to chat and look at ways we can work together to support our children. We had a board game and musical instrument library on offer and lots of free library books available to take away. Please join us again on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** for our next coffee morning.



## World Book Day - A Celebration of Non-Fiction Books – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

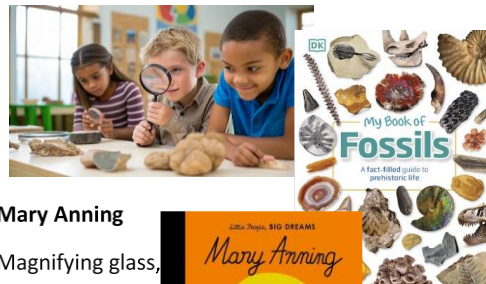
World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and to inspire our young learners to explore the vast world of literature. To kick off our World Book Day celebrations and the UK's National Year of Reading, we invite all students to dress up or bring an artefact inspired by a non-fiction book.

This is a fantastic way for children to connect with real-life figures who have made significant contributions to our world. From scientists like Marie Curie to primatologists like Jane Goodall! Not only will this spark conversations about the individuals they choose to represent, but it will also encourage students to delve deeper into the stories behind these remarkable people. Alternatively, children may choose to bring an artefact associated with their favourite non-fiction book such as a model dinosaur or a shell or a fossil that they have found on the beach or in the garden.

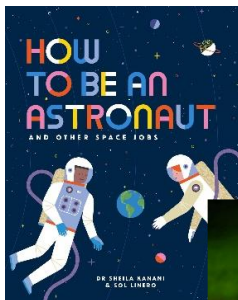
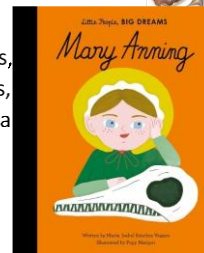
Just a heads up - after many years exploring lots of different themes, we will explore a traditional come as your favourite character in 2027!



**Jane Goodall**  
Binoculars and a toy chimpanzee.



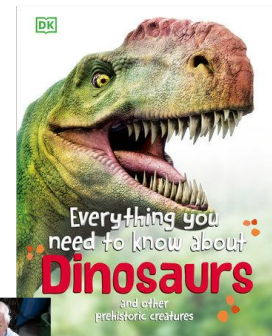
**Mary Anning**  
Magnifying glass, excavation tools, paintbrush and a fossil.



**Neil Armstrong**  
'Bottle' rocket pack.



**David Attenborough**  
Dinosaur model, binoculars, explorers hat.



## Parents' Evenings - Years R/1, 2 and 6 – LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Regarding our Parents' Evening appointment system, all bookings should be made via ARBOR. Class teachers will be available between 4pm and 7pm on both Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Sessions went live for booking at midday on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 and will close at midday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

Please note that you will ONLY be able to book your appointment via the Arbor App or Parent Portal. Please ensure you have registered in good time.

## Year 6 Carroll Centre Foodbank

This half term the two **Year 6** classes are collecting food and toiletries for the Carroll Centre. Please send in any donations - they are grateful for packets and tins of in-date food. Many thanks for thinking of others in our community.



## Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for Parents will be running during the Summer term at St Stephen's Church (next door to our school) on Wednesday mornings from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> July. To find out more or to book a place, please email [nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk) or phone: 07942 284611.

### How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now"

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer"

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week"

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected"



Check out [familylinks.org.uk](http://familylinks.org.uk) for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme

### The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

#### Where:

St Stephen's Church  
Oliver's Battery Rd North  
Winchester  
SO22 4JB

#### When:

Every Wednesday, 29th April  
to 8th July  
excluding half term  
9.05 am - 11.05 am

#### Contact details:

To book a place, please email:  
[nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk)  
or phone: 07942 284611  
Free crèche available

**FAMILY LINKS**  
The Centre for Emotional Health  
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Registered charity 1062514

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**The Nurturing Programme**  
Information for parents and carers  
How to get the best out of family life



## Music Practice Challenge 2026

### Monday 2nd March - Sunday 22nd March

We are very excited to be holding the very first ever St Peter's Practice Challenge. We would like all children who learn an instrument to take part and see how many times they can practise their instrument over the 3 week period.

#### How to record your practice?

Simply tick off every day you practise in your music note-book and add the number of minutes you played for underneath each day. If you have lost your book then please speak to Miss Owens. A parent/carer needs to initial the page at the end of each week and your teacher will check it (and your progress!) in your next lesson.

**Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates will be awarded for our top practisers at the end of the challenge.**

#### What are the aims?

- To increase quality practice.
- To demonstrate that the amount of effort you put into your practice has a direct relation to how quickly you make progress on your instrument.
- To encourage families to take an active role in your child's practice.
- To make practice fun!

## Music Notices

### Next Busking Wednesday – 4<sup>th</sup> March

We look forward to hearing some more performers at 8.30am next week outside the music room.

### Date for the Diary - Spring Concert 2026

The St Peter's Spring music concert will take place on **Thursday 26th March at 6.00pm**. All members of the school band and St Peter's Singers will be performing and are expected to attend. It will be a fantastic evening of solo and ensemble performances, which we can't wait to share with you. We will be inviting soloists to perform over the next couple of weeks.

#### Ensemble Rehearsal Times

The Spring concert is just around the corner so please **ARRIVE ON TIME** for these rehearsals!

*St Peter's Singers:* Thursdays 8.15 - 8.45am

*School Band:* Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm

As ever, any questions at all related to music at St Peter's, please email [music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk](mailto:music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk).

### **Please don't walk on the Spring bulbs!**

Please do not walk across the grassed area at the front of the school. The Spring bulbs are starting to come through. Last year's display was so beautiful, and we hope it will be the same again this Spring.

### **INSET Day**

Please note the next inset day, when the school will be closed to children, is:

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### **Coercive relationship? Free use of school phone**

If you should find yourself in a relationship where you do not have access to a telephone or have someone controlling such access, please do not hesitate to speak to either a member of staff that you trust and/or use our school phone privately if that should help you. Local support is available at Trinity. Please call **01962 842827** or email [women@trinitywinchester.org.uk](mailto:women@trinitywinchester.org.uk)

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and are in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

### **Stanmore Lane School Crossing Patrol**

Lollipop Lady Geraldine will be absent week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February until further notice.

Crossing safely top tips:

- Try to cross in a group
- Avoid running into the road
- Best to wait for another safe gap
- Allow traffic to flow on a 'green light' ahead
- Aim to cross when it is visibly clear
- Avoid stepping out from behind large vehicles blocking the view of the road
- Always stop and look both ways at least once before emerging to finish crossing.

## Future School Dates

Event	Date
Reports Yr 3, 4 and 5	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents evenings Years R, 1, 2, 6	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Centenary Concert at St Peter's Church	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.15pm
Inset Day 4 - school closed to children	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Last day for Stella Maris Easter egg donations	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Parent drop-in coffee morning	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 8.45am
Spring Concert	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March, 6pm
<b>Easter Holiday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
Welcome all children back from Easter	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Pitch Perfect Concert at St Cross	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, lunchtime
Nurturing Programme starts weekly on Wednesdays	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 9.05am
School – Parish termly Mass, St Stephen's	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.15am
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Inset Day 5 - school closed to children	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>May Half term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
Corpus Christi Mass and Procession	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm
New parent welcome liturgy and supper	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June, evening
PTA Summer Fayre	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
First Holy Communion	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Mass for St Peter and Paul, followed by sports day (KS1 am/ KS2 pm)	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 9.20am
Mass for Year 6 leavers	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.20am
Parents evenings Years 3,4 and 5	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
End of year production	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm and 6pm
Transition morning and reports out (Yr R/1, 2 and 6)	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of term	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August (included)</b>	

## Inset Days 2025-26

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

Friday 20th March 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

## Class Assemblies 2025-26

All families are invited to celebrate Mass with us. Families of children in individual classes are invited to attend class assemblies. Please wait outside the church door for 3pm.

Month	Friday (class/teacher Assembly)	
March	6 <sup>th</sup>	6SK Class
	13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Liturgy
	20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Week Liturgy
April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Holiday
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday
	17 <sup>th</sup>	5AH Class
	24 <sup>th</sup>	4RS Class
	1 <sup>st</sup>	3GD Class
	8 <sup>th</sup>	2EW Class
	15 <sup>th</sup>	R/1 MR Class
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi Mass
	19 <sup>th</sup>	R/1NT Class
	26 <sup>th</sup>	R/1MB Class
July	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter and Paul Mass

## Attendance

Year R/1	90.57%
Year 2	93.23%
Year 3	94.49%
Year 4	94.25%
Year 5	94.52%
Year 6	95.93%
Overall school Attendance	93.40%

Well done Year 6 for having the highest attendance. An extra 5 minutes' break for you!

See the NHS website and flyer below 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/>

**UK Health Security Agency** **NHS**

### Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes** **Until...**

- Chickens** 48 hours from the start of the rash and until all children have recovered
- Croup and Sore throat** 48 hours after their last episode
- Cold and Influenza-like illness (including COVID-19)** 7 days from when a high temperature and other signs have stopped (unless advised otherwise)
- Measles** 4 days after the last fever episode
- Mumps** 5 days after the swelling has gone
- Scarlet** 24 hours after the last fever episode
- Scarlet fever** 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
- Strep throat** 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

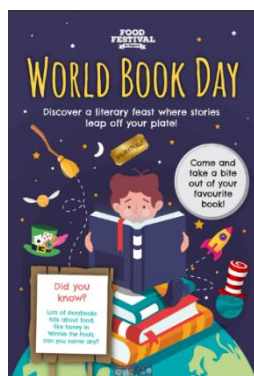
**No** but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

- Headache** 24 hours after they started taking paracetamol
- Stomach ache** 24 hours after they started taking paracetamol
- Diarrhoea** 48 hours after they started taking paracetamol
- Stomach bug** 48 hours after they started taking paracetamol

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://www.nhs.uk>

## Upcoming themed lunches

Aspens will be providing a special menu this term for World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.



## Hampshire Music Service Easter Opportunity 2026

**Music Production – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh SO50 5ZA

**9:30am – 3:30pm (both days)**

***Suitable for children in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8***

Dive into the world of music creation using iPads and GarageBand. Explore remixing, sampling, and live DJing with hands-on experience using professional gear. Discover how chords shape songs, experiment with different genres, and learn to build your own tracks from the ground up. Whether you're into beats, melodies, or mixing, everything you need is provided - just bring your creativity!

For queries, please contact [music.service@hants.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@hants.gov.uk)

If you would like to come along, please sign up using the following link:  
[Music Production Enrichment Days - 30 and 31 March 2026 – Fill in form](#)

For more information: [Holiday Activities - Hampshire Music Education Hub \(hantsmusicclub.org.uk\)](http://hantsmusicclub.org.uk)

**Cost:** £85 (including lunch)



**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@integratedance.com](mailto:info@integratedance.com)  
 CALL: 0292 833393  
 WEBSITE: [www.integratedance.com](http://www.integratedance.com)

**IMAGINE KIDS**

Imagine Kids is looking for a few more of their 'Relax Kids' - parents for their weekly, confidence building, self-esteem, relaxation, and fun classes.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 4-11) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 12-15) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 16-18) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 19-25) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 26-35) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 36-45) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 46-55) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 56-65) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 66-75) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 76-85) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 86-95) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**Relax Kids** - (ages 96-100) have amazing weekly fun and relaxation classes. Parents are invited to join in for support and encouragement.

**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 exercises
- Peer/self message
- Relaxations

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**UPBEAT** **POP & ROCK** **EASTER CAMP '26** **4-12 yrs**

Sing, Play, Record, Perform

10% discount for St Peter's Pupils. Use code SUB224

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
 9.30 - 3.30

St Peter's Catholic Primary

**BOOK HERE**  
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**WE NEED YOU!**

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If your child has grown out of their uniforms sizes 4-10 11-12 13  
 Donate them to the PTA and we will give them new life.

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

**BUSKING WEDNESDAYS**

RAISING MONEY TOWARDS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**SCAN TO DONATE**

**THANK YOU**

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>

### 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>

## Extra-curricular clubs - SPRING

Please see below details of clubs being offered this term.

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 Relax Kids Theatre Kids BSL 360 Dodgeball Puppet Club	Monday Monday Wednesday Friday Monday Friday Tuesday
Y1	Relax Kids Theatre Kids 360 Football/ Handball	Wednesday Friday Wednesday	Y5	Football Intergr8 Comic Club Relax Kids Theatre Kids BSL 360 Dodgeball Puppet Club	Monday Monday Wednesday Wednesday Friday Monday Friday Tuesday
Y2	Intergr8 Relax Kids Theatre Kids Coding Club 360 Football/ Handball	Monday Wednesday Friday Friday Wednesday	Y6	Intergr8 Football Comic Club Relax Kids BSL 360 Dodgeball Puppet Club	Monday Monday Wednesday Wednesday Monday Friday Tuesday
Y3	Comic Club Intergr8 Relax Kids Theatre Kids Coding Club 360 Dodgeball Puppet Club	Monday Monday Wednesday Friday Friday Friday Tuesday			

## 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.

## Penalty Notice Fines

Please see below the latest guidance from the DfE. We think it important to share with families these changes to the fining.

### How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

In the majority of cases, schools and local authorities will try and provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.

Currently, it's the responsibility of the local authority to decide when to issue fines to parents, meaning the process varies from council to council. However, under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

Since August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country is **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.