



11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Last Sunday was the Third Sunday of Lent  
Luke 5:27-32

Dear Parents

### World Book Day 2026 at our School: A Celebration of Stories, Imagination and Joy!

World Book Day 2026 was a truly magical event at our school, filled with creativity, excitement and a whole lot of book-themed fun. From the moment the children arrived, the school was buzzing with colourful costumes, inventive characters and an infectious love of reading. Across the school, pupils proudly came dressed in costumes inspired by non-fiction, sparking conversations around historical figures, imaginative animals, and scientific discoveries.

Teachers planned a wonderful range of book-related activities throughout the day. Children enjoyed reading together in different year groups, sharing favourite stories amongst each other in the sun. Our school also took part in a country-wide interactive live lesson hosted by the BBC, where we all enjoyed thinking about our personal reading 'vibe' and learning about how our friends like to read too. Children also spent time making books filled with their favourite book characters and becoming 'book detectives' in our wonderful school library. We finished the day with an assembly where we heard extracts from teachers' favourite books, joining in with much zest!

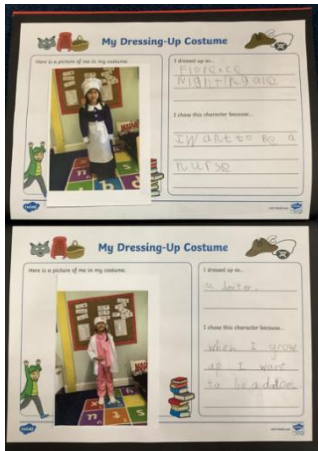
A huge thank you goes out to all staff for their creativity and hard work in making the day so special, and to families for supporting the children's fantastic costumes and enthusiasm. World Book Day once again reminded us of the joy and importance of reading, and we look forward to continuing to nurture a lifelong love of books across the school.



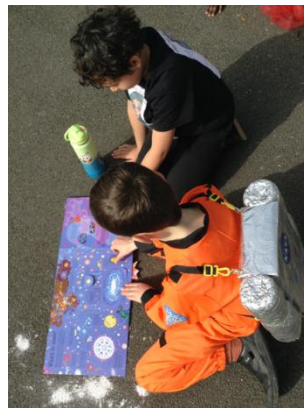
***"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall." - Roald Dahl***

## World Book day - continued

We loved talking about the characters we came in as in Seahorses class. We also spent time reading the books we had come in with. We did lots of book related jobs during the day including making our own book about all of our characters.



Year 2 loved the live lesson run by the BBC. We enjoyed thinking about our personal reading 'vibe' and learning about how each other like to read too. We also had fun listening to some of Year 3's favourite stories outside in the sun!



Year 6 had a wonderful day spent dressed as their favourite people and animals from non-fiction books. They took part in some brilliant quizzes (really testing their football knowledge) and considered what kind of reader they were. Year 6 also designed their own bookshelf full of our favourite books to showcase the range of texts enjoyed across the year group!



## Mission Ambassadors

On World Book Day some of our children visited our friends at St Catherine's View Care Home to share a favourite book. Our friends there had really big smiles as the children read to them, along with sharing which non-fiction character they had dressed up as.



## Phonics session for parents – Year 1

Next week all parents are invited to an information briefing on the phonics screen check at **3pm, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** in the school hall.

## Little Fishes

This week the children at Little Fishes are excited to invite their Mummies to a Stay and Play session so that we can celebrate Mother's Day with them. The children have been so proud to present their special Mummy with a card and a "magical Mummy wand" as well as some seeds they have planted for the garden. The children invited their Mummy to enjoy a delicious treat in Cosy Cafe before going home.



## Our Lenten Charities



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/>

While the charity recognises that the website needs updating, they wish to share with us that last year they supported 65 families in providing tickets and annual passes to local places of interest, as well as theme parks. This includes Longdown Dairy Farm, Paultons Park, New Forest Wildlife Park, Legoland and Flamingoland. They have many more applications than the 65 and they have to go through a process to decide which families are best entitled. It would be great to raise some money so that more families can benefit from this charity.

### Therapy Through Theme Parks

For us we found spending a few days together as a family away from everything incredibly helpful and so we created 'Therapy Through Theme Parks' which offers support for families in similar situations. This will be a way of providing days out, weekends away and annual passes to fun and exciting attractions around the country.

#### The aim is to support bereaved children and their families to:

- **Have fun!** (provided for you without needing any energy or emotional investment to make it happen!).
- Make new memories!
- Mark and remember their special person who has died.
- Know that as a family you can get through and keep on going.

To raise money for the foundation, that pays for day trips for families to theme parks, we are doing the following:

- **Design a duck** - The Foundation's logo is a duck, as Jethro's favourite toy was ducks for the bath, of which he had many. We are inviting all children to take home a duck template and design their duck, returning it with a £1 entry fee.
- **Guess how many ducks are in the jar** - 50p a guess
- **Doughnut Sale** - £1 a cake, after school sale.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** is the final day of judging the duck designs, declaring the winner of the *How many Ducks?* Competition, and our after school doughnut sale.

## 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!



## INSET Day

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

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

## 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. 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.



## Picture News

Picture News is a new whole school project that we started last year to improve our oracy. Each week the picture that we have looked at in class will be sent home with a key question to aid some discussion on a piece of current news.



**TAKEHOME**

How might robots change our daily lives?

**In the news this week**

During China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage. The robots could spin, jump, and move in time with music, showing how fast robotics technology is developing. Other Chinese-designed robots appeared at New Year celebrations in New York, USA. The performances have sparked global conversations about how robots might be used in future entertainment and everyday life.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- Have you ever seen a robot before? Where was it?
- Do you think robots should be used for entertainment, work, or jobs?
- What are some of the things that people can do that robots can't?
- If you could design a robot, what would it do and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## 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 bit 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 [familylink.s.org.uk](http://familylink.s.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  
[familylink.s.org.uk](http://familylink.s.org.uk)  
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## The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



## Music Notices

### Dates for the Diary:

#### Listen2Me Brass Concert

Year 4 have been enjoying a whole term of brass lessons and are looking forward to performing at the end of term. The performance will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm** in the church. All are welcome to attend.

#### 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 (please complete your consent on Arbor as requested by email). It will be a fantastic evening of solo and ensemble performances, which we can't wait to share with you. Final soloists/instrumentalists will be contacted this week.

#### Perfect Pitch Concert at St Cross

We are delighted to let you know that we will be taking the School Band, St Peter's Singers and some selected soloists to St Cross on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** as part of their lunchtime recital programme. The concert will take place at 12.30pm and all are welcome to attend this free performance.

#### 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).

Miss Owens

## Music Practice Challenge 2026

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

The practice challenge is now underway! Don't worry if you haven't started - it's never too late. Just join in now!

#### 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!

Good luck everyone!

## Future School Dates

Event	Date
Year 4 Italy day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Phonics screening session for Year 1 parents	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 3pm
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
Year 4 Listen to Me Concert	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 3pm
Competition deadline for Courage Foundation and doughnut sale after school	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</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, 12.30pm
Nurturing Programme starts weekly on Wednesdays	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 9.05am
<b>May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
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 16 <sup>th</sup> June, evening
Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
PTA Summer Fayre	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 12-3pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Parents evenings Years 3, 4 and 5 and Books available for parents	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 4pm to 7pm
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
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>Summer Holiday Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August (included)</b>	
First day of term – all children to return except new reception children (No INSET)	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Home visits to new Reception families	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Reception children begin school full time	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September

## 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	20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Holiday
April	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>
19 <sup>th</sup>		R/1NT Class
26 <sup>th</sup>		R/1MB Class
July	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ss Peter and Paul Mass

## Attendance

Year R/1	90.63%
Year 2	93.35%
Year 3	94.71%
Year 4	94.48%
Year 5	94.56%
Year 6	95.99%
Overall school Attendance	93.50%

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...**

- Coughs** 48 hours after the onset of the cough and until all blots have cleared
- Coughs and Sore Throat** 48 hours after the last episode
- Cold and Public Places (including schools)** When the child has fully recovered and has well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they are exposed to the COVID-19 virus
- Sore Throat** 48 hours after the onset and treated, or 48 hours after the last episode
- Strep** 4 days after the rash first appeared
- Strep** 5 days after the swelling starts
- Strep** 48 hours after the fever ends
- Strep** 48 hours after the child has no more symptoms
- Whooping Cough** 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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

SCAN ME

## 100 Club - the PTA school lottery

Our school lottery is a great way for you to support the children at St Peter's with regular monthly funds whilst also having a bit of a flutter. The more people who join the 100 Club, the bigger the prizes and the bigger the funds 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. If you'd like to join, or have any questions, please email us at:

[stpeterspta100club@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterspta100club@gmail.com)

We'd love to hear from you! Congratulations to our latest 100 Club winners:

January draw:

1st prize:	Asia Ennis	£ 25.00
2nd prize:	Jennifer McEneaney	£ 20.00
3rd prize:	Maggie Stretch	£ 15.00
4th prize:	Shane Masterson	£ 10.00

February draw:

1st prize:	Catriona Felstead	£ 25.00
2nd prize:	Claire Lane	£ 20.00
3rd prize:	Jennifer McEneaney	£ 10.00
4th prize:	Geraldine McElduff	£ 10.00

March draw:

1st prize:	Kirstie Matthey	£ 25.00
2nd prize:	Paul Barker	£ 20.00
3rd prize:	Kate Whites	£ 10.00
4th prize:	David Cooney	£ 10.00

## 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**  
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CALL: 01903 608030  
WEBSITE: [www.integrdance.com](http://www.integrdance.com)

**KIDZ**

Parents: What do you need to know?

Relax Kids is a leading provider of after-school activities for children aged 4-12 years. We offer a wide range of classes including:

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- self-esteem
- confidence
- focus, creativity
- listening skills

Your child will enjoy:

- Games and songs
- Storytelling
- Movement
- Stretching
- Breathing exercises
- Parent/Teacher information
- Relaxation

**UPBEAT**

**POP & ROCK EASTER CAMP '26**

Sing, Play, Record, Perform

10% discount for St Peter's Pupils. Use code: **SP2620**

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

9.30 - 3.30

St Peter's Catholic Primary

BOOK HERE: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/upbeat-pop-rock-easter-camp-2026-tickets-75684282212>

SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

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Fun and engaging sessions designed to develop the basics of football whilst building their skills, confidence and love for the game.

**SESSIONS INCLUDE:**

- Professional Coaching
- Individual and Team Practices
- Positive Environment
- Fun and Engaging

When: Friday Evenings 6-7  
Where: Ganger Farm 4G (D551) (EE)

Book on our website: [360degreesportscoaching.com](http://360degreesportscoaching.com)

**360° Holiday Camps**

SPORTS COACHING

If your child receives benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), they can join us for FREE this Easter!

20<sup>th</sup> MARCH - 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

AGES: 5-12

GET YOUR MAP CODE: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/360-degree-sports-coaching-holiday-camps-2026-tickets-75684282212>

WHAT'S ON? GAMES, NET LUNCH, CRAFT, SPORTS

BOOK ONLINE: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/360-degree-sports-coaching-holiday-camps-2026-tickets-75684282212>

02828 00430 | [info@360degreesportscoaching.com](mailto:info@360degreesportscoaching.com)

**EASTER Performing Arts WORKSHOP**

with Theatre Kidz

A fun-filled week of confidence, creativity & fun!

SING • DANCE • ACT • CREATE

20<sup>th</sup> MARCH - 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
9:00am - 3:00pm

The Mountbatten School, Romsey

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED  
ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED

SPACES ARE LIMITED — BOOK EARLY!

**Matilda**

**PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS**

Singing, Dancing and Acting!

Step into the world of Matilda the Musical at our Two-Day Performing Arts Workshop, where participants will learn and perform scenes, songs, and choreography from the show!

Sing, dance and act your way through this high-energy workshop - finishing with a special performance for parents at the end of Day 2!

TWO LOCATIONS:

THE LIGHTS - ANDOVER	WIGGIN COLLEGE - SOUTHAMPTON
20 <sup>th</sup> AND 21 <sup>st</sup> MARCH 9AM - 3PM	1 <sup>st</sup> AND 2 <sup>nd</sup> APRIL 9AM - 3PM

£60 for a 4-day workshop!

BOOK NOW: <https://360degreesportscoaching.com/bookings>

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

[www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

AGED BETWEEN 9-13 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

**WINCHESTER SCOUT GROUP**

**BEAVERS** AGE 6-8 years Tuesday 6-7.15pm

**CUBS** AGE 8-10 years Friday 6-7.30pm

Beavers is all about experiencing new things, getting comfortable with camps, starting to explore new listening skills and of course, making new friends.

Cubs will be all about adventures, learning new things, exciting camps, based on King's journey from the jungle look.

Everyone's welcome. Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, even eat a marshmallow or two.

From archery and fire-lighting to hiking and cross-country, no two weeks are the same.

**SPACES AVAILABLE**

**SIGN UP HERE**

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**BUSKING WEDNESDAYS**

RAISING MONEY TOWARDS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Illustration of musical instruments: guitar, keyboard, drums, microphone, and speakers.

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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.