



## Newsletter

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

18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Last Sunday was the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
John 9:1-41

Dear Parents

### Volcano Day – Year 3

Year 3 had an explosive time on Volcano Day! Dressed as brave explorers, we set off on a journey to discover the fiery world of volcanoes. We got hands-on with real volcanic rocks, carried out exciting experiments to see how eruptions happen, and used our creativity to make fantastic volcano crafts. The classroom was full of curiosity, teamwork and a little bit of (pretend!) lava as we learned all about these powerful natural wonders.

Thank you to Mr Gernon whose expert knowledge and array of precious rocks inspired us as geologists and scientists.

"I learnt that lava with crystals travels slower than lava without crystals." - Hazel

"I liked meeting Mr Gernon and finding out about volcanoes." – Joseph



## Kim's Corner

The children have been loving our homemade pasta sauce - it's been a big hit! Why not try making it at home? We simply fry off onions, carrots and garlic, then add vegetable stock, mixed herbs, tomato puree, and chopped tomatoes. It's a simple, tasty sauce that the children really enjoy! We also offer plain pasta topped with cheese if the children prefer. Just ask a member of staff for no sauce when collecting their food.



## Year 4 Times Table Stars

We are delighted to celebrate the hard work our Year 4 children are putting into developing their times table knowledge. Moving forward, we will be looking to celebrate those children who are demonstrating exceptional effort, determination, and progress in this important area of learning. Mastering times tables takes dedication and resilience, and we are proud to recognise those who are showing a real commitment to improving their skills. This week, we would like to give a special mention to: Sofia, Mason, Cici and Freya. Well done for your fantastic effort - keep it up!



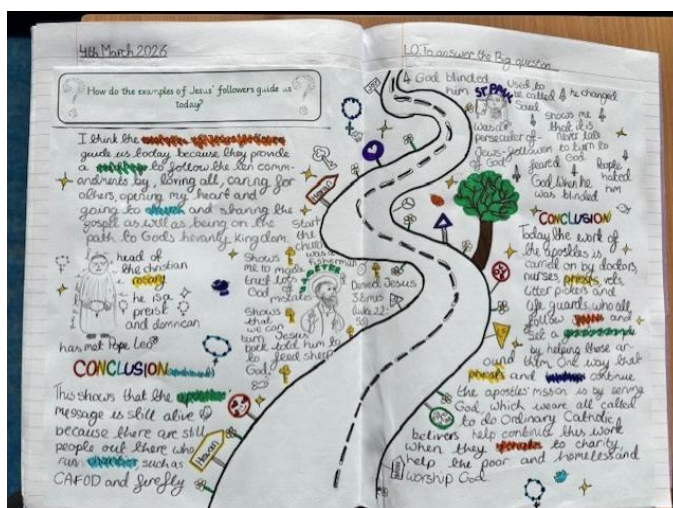
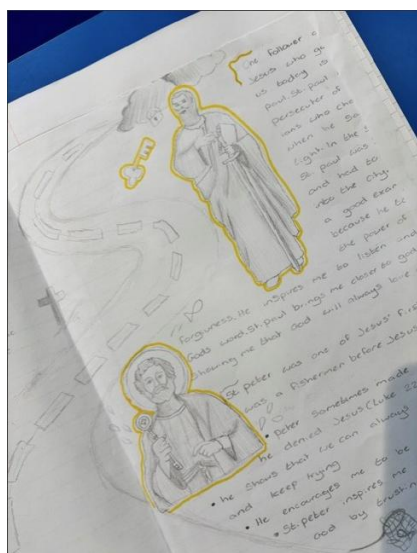
## RE at St Peter's

Following our successful Catholic Schools Inspection last summer, staff have been busy devising new and creative ways for our children to showcase their learning at the end of a topic.

This term in RE, Year 6 pupils have been exploring the topic of Revelation - the ways God makes Himself known to us. Our learning centred on the dramatic conversion of St Paul, who encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. Through this moment, Paul received the light, truth and Gospel of Christ, which transformed his life and inspired his mission to share God's message with the world.

Building on Paul's example, the children considered how Jesus' followers continue to guide us today - through acts of kindness, service, courage and faith. We discussed how saints, clergy, and everyday Catholics reveal God's love in the choices they make and the way they treat others.

Pupils responded to these ideas through a range of creative tasks, expressing how Revelation still shapes Christian lives. Their artwork and written reflections show a growing understanding of how God's guidance can be shared, just as Paul shared the Gospel in his time.



*A voice said, "Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?" Saul asked who was speaking, and the voice replied, "I am Jesus, whom you persecute." Acts 9*

## Phonics session for parents – Year 1

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

## Summer Term - Activity Clubs

We are pleased to let you know that there are three clubs (Year 3/4 Comic, Year 5/6 Comic and Year 3/4/5/6 Puppet) currently all live on **Arbor**. Places are on a first come first served basis. Full details were emailed out last week.

## 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>



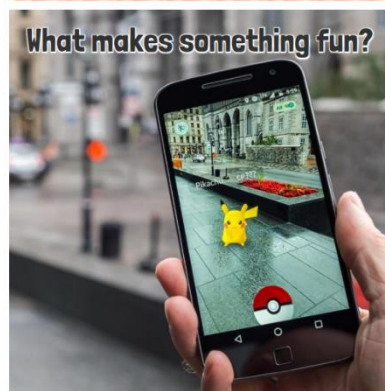
## Parent Drop-In Coffee Morning

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.



What makes something fun?

## In the news this week

This week's news is about Pokémon, which is celebrating 30 years since it was first created. First released as a video game in 1996, it has since grown into TV shows, films, trading cards and apps enjoyed by millions of people around the world. Today, both children and adults continue to enjoy Pokémon in many different ways.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think Pokémon has stayed popular for 30 years?
- How do games, stories, or hobbies bring people together at home?
- Do you think something can be fun for both children and adults? Why?
- What are some of the things you find fun to do?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



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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 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

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## Direct4Logos Easter Closure

Direct4Logos, our school uniform supplier, have asked us to let you know that their shop in Romsey will be closed due to essential maintenance from Thursday 26th March at 4.30pm and will re-open on Wednesday 8th April at 9.30am.

## Music Notices

### Spring Concert - Thursday 26th March at 6.00pm

You will have been notified if your child is participating in this. **Please make sure you have signed your consent form on Arbor.**

### Practice Challenge

This is the last week of our Music Practice challenge. (Final day is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.) Don't forget to keep signing your practice diaries. We will be checking them this and next week!

### 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 24th March at 3.00pm** in the church. All are welcome to attend.

### 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 23rd 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

### UPBEAT Easter Pop & Rock camp

Singing, dance, band sessions and recording at St Peter's from 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April.

10% off for St Peter's pupils with the code SUB224

<https://upbeat-music-courses.classforkids.io/camp/12>

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

## Future School Dates

Event	Date
Year 4 Italy day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2 Winchester Cathedral trip	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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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
May	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
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi Mass
June	19 <sup>th</sup>	R/1NT Class
	26 <sup>th</sup>	R/1MB Class
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ss Peter and Paul Mass

## Attendance

Year R/1	90.74%
Year 2	93.47%
Year 3	94.84%
Year 4	94.44%
Year 5	94.50%
Year 6	95.95%
Overall school Attendance	93.60%

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/>

**Should I keep my child off school?**

**Yes**

Until...

- Diarrhoea and vomiting:** 48 hours after the last episode and all blots have cleared up.
- Cough and/or sore throat (including COVID-19):** 7 days after the last symptoms and hot well enough to return. Follow the national guidance if you are worried about COVID-19.
- Strep throat:** 24 hours after treated and heated, or 48 hours after the natural recovery.
- Measles:** 4 days after the rash first appeared.
- Mumps:** 5 days after the swelling started.
- Scarlet:** 24 hours after the last symptoms.
- Scarlet Fever:** 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
- Whooping Cough:** 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.

**No**

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

- Nausea, hot and chills
- Headache
- Stomach ache
- Strep throat
- Stomach flu
- Stomach bug

**Advice and guidance**

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

# 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)**

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.