

Newsletter

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

15th April 2026

Last Sunday was the Second Sunday of Easter
John 20: 19-31

Dear Parents

Our Lenten Charity work



Thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Design a Duck' for The Courage Foundation. As always it was very hard to decide the winners. We ended up with some 'special mentions' as it was so difficult to decide. The creativity and imagination was wonderful and really made us smile.

Dolphins	Turtles
Nelly	<u>Mwenje</u>
Seahorses	
Ariella	
2EW	2EK
Jayson	<u>Lucie</u>
3GD	3BW
Arthur	Michael
4RS	4GK
Sofia	Kaitlyn
5DL	5AH
Mali	Nola
6SK	6CJ
<u>Ohene</u>	Myra
Special mentions....	
Jess 4GK	Ava HG 4GK
Riley 6SK	Anna- Lucia 6CJ
Reuben 5DL	Vittoria 6CJ
Erin 6CJ	Mason 6SK



Thank you to everyone for buying doughnuts in our after school sales. Demand was much higher than expected - hence a second sale! A total of £255.52 was raised with the doughnuts.

Thank you again to everyone who donated Easter eggs for the sailors (Stella Maris). This is a link that we really value as it has real impact on people.

Finally, thank you Mrs Griffin and our School Council for all their hard work in leading our Lenten charity work.

I emailed Ruth and Tony, from the Courage Foundation sharing our work and the total of **£422.92**. They replied as follows:

Thank you so so much for supporting us! We are so thankful that you have been so generous in supporting our work for bereaved children and their families. Your donation will really help make a difference – providing days out, annual passes and many many happy memories for children following the death of a parent or sibling. Thank you.

The Courage Foundation – children’s thoughts

Year 3 have been so inspired by our Lenten learning that we want to encourage everyone at home to show compassion like Jesus did! Although we have finished fundraising for the Courage Foundation, we hope to continue to raise awareness for and support this important charity.

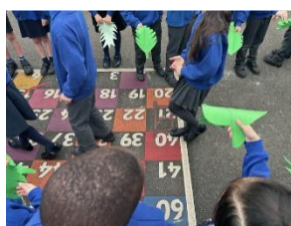
Before the Easter holidays, we wrote our own pieces for the newsletter about the Courage Foundation.

This charity helps families who are heartbroken because someone has died. Jesus showed compassion when He healed a man who was born blind. We can follow Jesus' example by supporting charities. When we help others, we show compassion and kindness. - Maryanna

The Courage Foundation helps families who are going through a hard time. Jesus showed compassion when He fed 5,000 people who were hungry and healed people who were sick. We can follow Jesus' example by praying for people in need. When we help others, we're growing as a worker of Christ. - Phoebe

Holy Week at St Peter’s

On the last day of term the whole school commemorated the events of Holy Week. Year 2 told the story of Palm Sunday, waving the palms and leaves they had made, singing ‘Hosannah’, as the rest of the children processed through to the church. The Last Supper was then re-enacted and the crucifixion remembered. Thank you to all the children who led us through this service.



John 12:13: *"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"*

Easter Greetings

Thank you to Georgie from the PTA for the lovely Easter chalkboard.



John 20:1: *"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance."*

Spring Concert

What a wonderful musical evening we enjoyed at the end of the Spring term! The children impressed us with an exciting and varied programme, including the School Band, Rock Band, St Peter's Singers, String Group and a whole host of small ensemble and solo performances. The children performed beautifully and all staff members were so proud of each individual's achievements. A big congratulations to all involved!



Kim's Corner

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter. It's been lovely welcoming the children back - they've been really enjoying the new spring menu! Coming up soon is one of our most popular meals – homemade sausage roll, served with homemade potato wedges and a fresh mixed salad. A vegetarian option will also be available. You'll find this meal scheduled for week 3 on a Tuesday - we're sure it will be a big hit!



Puppet Club

Thank you to Mr Bernardini for running Puppet Club last term. Here's his feedback on the club:

The puppet club has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I had the pleasure of working with a group of highly talented students who demonstrated remarkable dedication and creativity throughout the process. From carefully following the design provided to cutting and stitching their own puppets, they showed patience, resilience, and pride in their work. Watching their confidence grow as their creations came to life was especially inspiring. The collaborative and supportive atmosphere made each session enjoyable and meaningful. Overall, the experience not only highlighted their artistic abilities but also fostered teamwork, problem-solving skills, and a genuine sense of accomplishment. I'm proud of them all and I hope to have the privilege to continue working with them.



St Catherine's View – Time for a Cuppa

St Catherine's View care home are taking part in Time for a Cuppa, an initiative by Dementia UK taking place from 1st to 8th May to raise awareness and fundraise to help families affected by Dementia. They will have a table outside school at the end of the day on **Wednesday 6th May** for a cake sale:

*As this is a dementia charity, we thought it only right to help raise as much money as we can for them, so join us after school on **Wednesday 6th May** for a delicious array of homemade cakes and sweet treats, all freshly baked by our chef, residents and staff at St Catherine's View Care home. It's a great chance to grab a midweek sweet treat while helping raise money for such a worthy cause. All cakes will be donations only, so bring along any change you have, no matter how big or small (unfortunately we are unable to take card payments).*

As a school we really appreciate the partnership that we have with the care home. We recognise that dementia impacts many of our families.

Welcome to the World

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Keymer on the birth of baby Reuben. Mother and baby doing well!



Considerate Parking

Getting on with our neighbours is very important. We value our relationships with those in our vicinity. It can be very stressful if you can't easily get out of your driveway. Please respect the white H lines marked as no parking areas across driveways. Please keep all driveways clear to enable access and to ensure safe visibility for pedestrians. The Department of Transport defines white H lines as follows:

Length of road to be kept clear of stationary vehicles, at entrances to off-street premises or where the kerb is dropped to provide a convenient crossing place for pedestrians.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Refill to Refresh - Reuse to Protect!

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting both pupil wellbeing and the environment, we kindly ask that **every child brings a reusable water bottle to school each day**. Staying hydrated is essential for learning, focus, and overall health, and having a bottle on hand ensures every child can drink water regularly throughout the day.

We are also working hard to reduce our environmental footprint. **Single-use plastic cups generate significant waste**, and the long-term cost to the planet is something we take very seriously as a school community. By using reusable bottles, we can make a meaningful difference together.

If you are struggling to provide a reusable bottle for your child, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for supporting us in building a healthier, greener school for all our children.

Times tables

We are delighted to continue celebrating the fantastic effort our Year 4 children are putting into developing their times table knowledge. It has been wonderful to see pupils showing such determination and enthusiasm as they practise and build their confidence with multiplication facts. Developing quick recall takes time, patience, and consistent practice, and we are very proud of the positive attitudes and resilience our pupils are showing as they work to improve. It is always encouraging to see pupils challenge themselves and take pride in their improvement. This week we would like to recognise the following children: Lucia, Ahmed, Sarah and Darcie who have demonstrated excellent effort, perseverance, and progress in their times table learning.



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 22nd May 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>



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 with a question

In the news this week

What makes a great place to live?

A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area. It will include around twenty thousand homes, as well as schools, parks, and shops for people to use. Many people are expected to move there in the future as the area continues to grow.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you like most about where you live? Why?
- Is there anything you would change about your local area?
- Is Barking Riverside the type of place you would like to live? Explain your thoughts.
- If you could design your perfect place to live, what would it include, and why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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Year 6 Carroll Centre Foodbank

Last half term, Year 6 were collecting food and toiletries for the Carroll Centre. Our families have been so generous and we managed to collect a wonderful haul to support the local food bank. Thank you to everyone who donated. This half term Year 3 will be collecting for this.



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 **29th April to 8th July**. To find out more or to book a place, please email 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 for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme

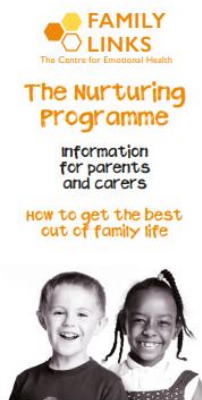
The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

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 or phone: 07942 284611
 Free crèche available

FAMILY LINKS
 The Centre for Emotional Health
familylinks.org.uk
 Registered Charity 1030214



Coffee Morning/Parent Workshop

Thank you to those parents who joined us for our March coffee morning where hot cross buns were on offer! Our April coffee morning will be combined with a Parent Workshop – see details below.

The School Nursing Team are offering a Parent Workshop to support parents and children to make healthy food choices. They will share information and be available to answer any questions. This will be held **in school on Monday 20th April at 3pm**. There is no need to book.

We are looking forward to seeing you there, any questions please ask Mrs Foster.



Music Notices

Ensemble rehearsal times this week - please take careful note

St Peter's Singers: Thursday 8.15 - 8.45am (running as usual this week AND next week as we prepare for the Perfect Pitch Concert)

School Band: Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm as usual this week. **NO REHEARSAL next Thursday after the Perfect Pitch Concert.**

There will be changes to our rehearsal times this term as we launch into our production rehearsals. You will be emailed with details.

Perfect Pitch Concert at St Cross

We are thrilled to 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.

Practice Challenge

Instrumental tutors are busily checking final practice books this week. Please make sure you bring your books so that your teachers can check how you got on. We will be announcing our top practisers next week.

Instrumental Lessons September 2026

Children who will be in Years 3 - 6 in September have the opportunity to sign up for a huge variety of instrumental lessons at St Peter's. You will have been emailed details of how to sign up for lessons, including all associated costs and instrumental requirements. Details can be found on the school website, however to request a lesson please use this link:

[Hampshire Music Service Instrumental Lessons - Academic Year 2026-2027 – Fill out form](#)

The deadline for requests is Friday 24th April 2026. Do get in touch if you'd like any more information regarding this by emailing Miss Owens at music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk

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

Miss Owens

Extra-curricular clubs – SUMMER

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 Gardening Relax Kids Writermakers Theatre Kids 360 Rounders/ Cricket	Monday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday
Y1	Relax Kids 360 Football Theatre Kids	Wednesday Wednesday Friday	Y5	Football Intergr8 Gardening Comic Club Relax Kids Writermakers Theatre Kids 360 Rounders/ Cricket	Monday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday
Y2	Integr8 Relax Kids 360 Football Theatre Kids	Monday Wednesday Wednesday Friday	Y6	Intergr8 Football Gardening Comic Club Relax Kids Writermakers 360 Rounders/ Cricket	Monday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Y3	Comic Club Intergr8 Gardening Relax Kids Writermakers Theatre Kids 360 Rounders/ Cricket	Monday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday			

Future School Dates

Event	Date
Parent Workshop/Coffee morning	Monday 20 th April, 3pm
Pitch Perfect Concert at St Cross	Thursday 23 rd April, 12.30pm
Nurturing Programme starts weekly on Wednesdays	Wednesday 29 th April, 9.05am
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4th May	
St Catherine's View Cake Sale - outside School	Wednesday 6 th May, 3.30pm
Residential meeting – Year 6 parents	Thursday 7 th May, 6pm
School – Parish termly Mass, St Stephen's	Sunday 10 th May, 9.15am
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May
Inset Day 5 - school closed to children	Friday 22 nd May
May Half term Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	
Corpus Christi Mass and Procession	Friday 5 th June, 1.30pm
New parent welcome liturgy and supper	Tuesday 16 th June, 6pm onwards
Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos	Tuesday 16 th June
PTA Summer Fayre	Saturday 20 th June, 12-3pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 27 th June
Parents evenings Years 3, 4 and 5 and Books available for parents	Tuesday 30 th June and Thursday 2 nd July, 4pm to 7pm
Mass for St Peter and Paul, followed by sports day (KS1 am/ KS2 pm)	Friday 3 rd July, 9.20am
Mass for Year 6 leavers	Tuesday 7 th July, 9.20am
End of year production	Wednesday 15 th July, Thursday 16 th July 2pm and 6pm
Transition morning and reports out (Yr R/1, 2 and 6)	Friday 17 th July
Last day of term	Wednesday 22 nd July
Summer Holiday Thursday 23rd July - Monday 31st August (included)	
First day of term – all children to return except new reception children (No INSET)	Tuesday 1 st September
Home visits to new Reception families	Tuesday 1 st , Wednesday 2 nd and Thursday 3 rd September
Reception children begin school full time	Monday 7 th September
New School Year Mass – all welcome	Friday 18 th September, 9.15am

Inset Days 2025-26

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

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)	
April	17 th	5AH Class
	24 th	4RS Class
May	1 st	3GD Class
	8 th	2EW Class
	15 th	R/1 MR Class
	22 nd	INSET
	29 th	Half Term
June	5 th	Corpus Christi Mass
	19 th	R/1NT Class
	26 th	R/1MB Class
July	3 rd	Ss Peter and Paul Mass

Attendance

Year R/1	91.74%
Year 2	93.64%
Year 3	94.86%
Year 4	94.57%
Year 5	94.59%
Year 6	95.90%
Overall school Attendance	93.70%

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...

- Chills** or temp 3 days from the onset of the rash and until all spots have cleared
- Stomach and vomiting** 48 hours after the last episode
- Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)** 10 days longer than the longest symptom and until you're no longer infectious (see www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)
- Headache** Until you have rested and looked, or 48 hours after the last episode
- Measles** 4 days after the rash first appeared
- Strep** 5 days after the swelling started
- Scabies** They've had their first treatment
- Scarlet fever** 24 hours after they start taking penicillin
- Whooping cough** 48 hours after they start taking antibiotics

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

- Acid reflux/indigestion**
- Head to head**
- Head to**
- Headaches**
- Stomach ache**
- Strep throat**
- Strep skin**
- Strep throat**

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

SCAN HERE

St Peter's PTA Summer Fête – 6 more addresses needed for Dybles' Board sponsorship!

Once again, we have an amazing **sponsorship opportunity** with **Dybles Estate Agents** for the St Peter's PTA Summer Fete which will take place 12pm-3pm on Saturday 20th June 2026.

In return for their generous funding, we need 6 more addresses of people willing to have a temporary board outside their house which would advertise the event. If you enjoy this brilliant annual event and cannot help in any other way, this would be an amazing way to contribute. If you are happy to have a board outside your house, please email pta.chair.stpeters@gmail.com with your name, address and contact details. We need to confirm the addresses by **Friday 24th April**, so please do reply as soon as you can!

Thank you so much for all your help - we couldn't do these events without you.

The 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>

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>

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.