



22nd April 2026

Last Sunday was the Third Sunday of Easter
Luke 24:13-35

Dear Parents

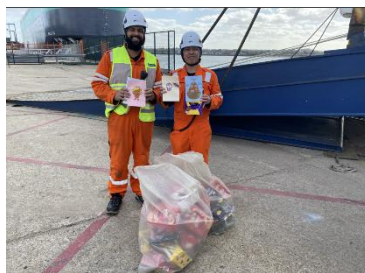
Our Lenten Charity work - Easter Eggs for sailors



Good morning,

A huge thank you to all those who donated Easter eggs for seafarers – they were moved by your thoughtfulness, for remembering them this Easter, and for the support, care, and prayer that you give each Easter. Please see a handful of photos attached – examples of the chaplains and volunteers handing over your chocolate goodies. Stella Maris is very grateful for the support you give each Easter – we continue to keep our supporters in our prayers.

Kind regards,
Gregory
Southampton Regional Port Chaplain



Easter Egg Hunt with our Deputy Mayor

Our Mission Ambassadors enjoyed visiting our friends at St Catherine's View last week, meeting Councillor Jamie Scott and his wife, along with the Easter Bunny! They had a hunt for eggs and Alice W won!

We look forward to welcoming Councillor Scott to our school in the next year when he will be mayor.



Toys request

Have you had an Easter clear out? We would love to accept any small toy cars/vehicles and full sets of Top Trumps you may have spare to add to our collection.

Please bring any donations to the school office.

Thank you!

Thank you PTA

Thank you to our PTA for funding benches and flooring for our shade on the field. I would also like to thank Mr Docherty for all his hard work over Easter with this.

We just need the sun now!!!!



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.

Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week 2026

Monday 18 - Friday 22 May 2026



Walk to School Week is a great opportunity to raise awareness of pedestrian safety - highlighting the importance of using the Green Cross Code whenever you cross the road. The important **stop, look, listen and think and be bright be seen** messages are highlighted in our winning competition entry. The Road Safety Team hope the image and key messages can be shared with your pupils throughout the week using the online resources, which will be sent to all registered schools.

With more children walking, scooting or cycling to school during the week, congestion outside your school will be reduced - making the area safer and the air cleaner. Participating in Walk to School Week could also help change the habit of how your school community regularly travel to school.

Summer Fun!

The Summer term has seen the relaunch of our lunchtime play zones. Our wonderful PTA has funded improvements across a wide range of activities available for the children to enjoy.

Calm Zone

We have been able to purchase new supplies for our Calm Zone, including car mats, toy vehicles, card games, crayons, paper, storage boxes and a trolley. We will also be purchasing a large sail to provide shade from the sun in the hotter months. Thank you PTA!



Playtime

We are delighted to share some of the exciting new activities now available for children during lunchtime play. Pupils have been enjoying a wide range of opportunities including the slide, football skills sessions, den building, parachute games, skipping, target practice, trim trail, table tennis and digging. These activities are designed to encourage teamwork, creativity and active play, while helping children to build friendships and develop important physical and social skills in a fun, safe environment.

We are especially proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Leaders, who have been helping to set up the fields and playgrounds each day, as well as supporting younger pupils in learning how to use the new equipment, offering creative and fun ways to play.

As part of our commitment to enriching playtimes, we will be introducing new activities every couple of weeks to keep things fresh and engaging for all pupils. We look forward to seeing the children continue to explore, cooperate and thrive through these experiences, and we thank you for your continued support.



Online Safety

How to support your children to use AI safely

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents>

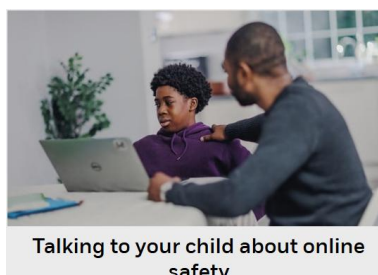
1) Talk about where AI is being used

A good place to start is by having open conversations with your child about where they are seeing AI tools and content online. This is an opportunity to talk about the risks and benefits they are experiencing.

2) Remind young people not everything is real

You can remind them that not everything online is real and much of what we see may have been edited.

AI is continually evolving but there can be common indicators to show something is AI generated but remember it is not always obvious. Some of these indicators can be an overall 'perfect' appearance, body parts or movements appearing differently or not looking 'true to life'.



Instrumental Lessons September 2026 – deadline is this Friday!

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 this Friday 24th April 2026.

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.

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: Helize, Zade, Arthur and Wing, who have demonstrated excellent effort, perseverance, and progress in their times table learning.



Please Don't Feed the Lost Property Monster!

These chilly mornings and warmer afternoons make the perfect climates for our Lost Property Monster's appetite. Around about lunchtime, coats, cardigans and jumpers are flung off and strewn around the playground, field and school corridors. By 1.30pm, most of these items have been scooped up by a kindly pupil or staff member and fed to the cupboard. We can already hear the Lost Property Monster groaning with glee - It's fit to bursting! The Lost Property Monster keeps on gobbling and gobbling - its favourite delicacies are:

- Unnamed coats
- Unnamed uniform items
- Unnamed PE Kit (including trainers, the smellier the better)
- Unnamed water bottles and snack boxes (even better if there's a bit left in them!)
- Unnamed hats, scarves, gloves
- Any items that were previously named, but are now illegible.

Sometimes it takes a while for the Lost Property Monster to digest them and they're in its belly for terms at a time! Unfortunately, this means that items that **are** named get swirled up amongst the others, making them very difficult to find for those who dare to brave the belly of the Lost Property Monster. Fears are mounting that it will soon take over the office.

BUT! Together we can defeat the Lost Property Monster. **YOU** can help by doing these things:

- NAMING ALL items of uniform, PE kit, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and anything you would like returned to you if it were to get lost
- Encouraging your children **NOT TO FEED THE MONSTER** at lunchtime by **NOT** dropping their coats, jumpers, cardigans etc on the playground or field
- Encouraging your children to hang belongings on their pegs or put them in their bags
- Checking the cupboard for lost items, and leaving it tidy afterwards so other people can find theirs.

If we all work together, Team St Peter's can defeat the Lost Property Monster for good!

As we are now into the Summer term, unnamed and unclaimed items of Lost Property will be regularly donated to the PTA.

Thanks so much for your assistance!



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.



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

In the news this week

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hiron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2025 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first? What helped you keep going?
- Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?
- Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life? What have they done?
- Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Year 3 Carroll Centre Foodbank

This half term Year 3 are collecting food and toiletries for the Carroll Centre.



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 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 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
SO92 4UB

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 1056954



The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



Music Notices

Ensemble Rehearsal Times this week - please take careful note

St Peter's Singers: Thursday 8.15 - 8.45am

School Band: **NO REHEARSAL this week after the Perfect Pitch concert**

Rehearsal next week (30th April) as usual from 3.30 - 4.30pm

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 this **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. Performers please remember your packed lunches and instruments!

Instrumental Lessons

No violin lessons next Tuesday 28th April. Mr Baker will be back as usual, the following week.

Busking Wednesday

Our next busking date is Wednesday 6th May. Please let Miss Owens know if you are keen to busk as the list is being compiled now.

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

Miss Owens

Free Online Courses – Library Service



Free* Online Courses for Parents

Raising Resilient Children

Tues 21 April - 19 May

7:30pm - 9pm

Learn ways to build a strong relationship with your child, encourage good routines, and help them become more independent and resilient.

Stepping Into School

Tues 28 April - 19 May

10am - 11:30am

Explore what school readiness looks like, how to build key early skills, and how to support your child's confidence, communication, and independence at home

Positive Parenting

Mon 8 Jun - 6 Jul

7:30pm - 9pm

Learn strategies to build positive relationships with your child and manage your child's behaviour in a positive way

Due to funding regulations, we can only guarantee one free course per academic year. If you are interested in more than one course, please e-mail learninginlibraries@hants.gov.uk to be added to the waiting lists.

*For learners aged 19 years of age and older who live in the HCC local authority area and meet the eligibility criteria. Please see booking form for further details.



Future School Dates

Event	Date
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
Walk to School Week	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd 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	Wednesday 2 nd , Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th 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

Holiday Dates

School term dates are available on:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/term-dates/>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

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	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	91.87%
Year 2	93.65%
Year 3	94.97%
Year 4	95.83%
Year 5	94.68%
Year 6	95.94%
Overall school Attendance	93.80%

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/fever** or stays 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all spots have cleared away
- Stomach and vomiting** 48 hours after the last episode
- Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)** 10 days longer than 5 days for symptoms and until you meet 5 criteria: no new/returning symptoms, 7 days since last fever, 2 COVID-19 tests
- Headache** Until you have rested and hydrated, or 48 hours after the last episode
- Measles** 4 days after the rash first appeared
- Strep** 5 days after the swelling started
- Scabies** They're not itchy. Not better yet
- Scarlet fever** 24 hours after they started taking penicillin
- Whooping cough** 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

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

- Acid reflux/heartburn** Stomach issues
- Head lice** Headlice
- Headaches** Headache

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

UK Health Security Agency | NHS

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>

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			

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.