



Newsletter

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

6th May 2026

Last Sunday was the Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-1

Dear Parents

Our new Bug Hotel

We're buzzing to share that Mr Docherty, our caretaker, has kindly recycled wood from the old sandpit to create a fantastic bug hotel for the children to enjoy. A bug hotel is a special structure made from natural materials that provides cosy places for insects like ladybirds, bees and beetles to rest, shelter and nest. The children are already buzzing with excitement at the idea of watching minibeasts move in, learning about nature up close and becoming little wildlife spotters. It's a wonderful example of recycling in action – proof that with a little imagination, one person's old sandpit can become another creature's five-star insect inn!



Invite to School - Parish Mass

Everyone is invited to our termly School - Parish Mass on **Sunday 10th May** at **9.15am** at **St Stephen's Church**. While children sit with their families they are invited to wear their school jumper (if they can bear to do that on a Sunday!).

Prayer Calendars for May

Please find attached two calendars that you may wish to use at home with the children during May. Throughout May we will be praying the Rosary, asking for Mary to pray for us.

First Holy Communion 2027 - Information Evening
Monday 1st June 7 – 8.15pm
Pastoral Centre Hall

If you have a child who will be in Year 4 or above next academic year who would like to make their First Holy Communion, please do come along to find out more. Equally if your child is in Year 3 and you feel they may be ready next year, please do get in touch or come along to the meeting.

Any questions, please contact Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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

WE BRIGHT BE SEEN
BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

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.

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: Michaela, Henry, Louise and Israel, who have demonstrated excellent effort, perseverance, and progress in their times table learning.



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>

Signpost to safe sources of health and wellbeing advice

We know young people will use the internet to get advice and answers to questions which could mean they come across advice from an AI bot or summary. It's important they access safe information from reliable sources, so it can be helpful to make sure they know of child-friendly safe sites such as [Childline](#).

Make sure they know where to go for help

Ensure your child knows they can talk to you or another safe adult like a teacher if anything worries them online or offline. They can also contact Childline 24/7 on 0800 11 11 or via email or online chat, there are lots of ways they can [get support](#).

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>



Year 3 Carroll Centre Foodbank

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



Music Notices

Ensemble Rehearsal Times this week - please take careful note

Worship Band

Worship Band will rehearse for the next two weeks (7th and 14th May) from 3.30 - 4.30pm on Thursdays after school (in the usual School Band slot). After this point we will be scheduling some morning rehearsals on Thursdays from 8.15 - 8.45am. We will be in touch regarding which dates these will take place on.

St Peter's Singers and School Band

School Band and St Peter's Singers rehearsals are now on hold as we work towards preparing for Masses and the School Production. These will start up again in the new academic year.

Busking Wednesday

Thank you so much for those children who started off our Summer term busking so beautifully this morning!

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

Miss Owens

SCOPay is no more!

We are pleased to be able to advise you that we no longer use SCOPay. You may delete the app.

All future trips, permissions and payments should be made via Arbor. If you have not yet downloaded the Arbor app, please let us know so we can send you the necessary information.

If you wish to change your contact details or maybe give someone else permission to collect from school, this can all be done via the Arbor app.

Free Online Courses – Library Service

Free Online Courses for Parents

Learning in Libraries
Shared/Resource Account



Stepping Into School

Online course
Tuesdays 2 - 23 June 7pm - 8:30pm

FREE

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



Positive Parenting

Online course
Mondays 8 June - 6 July 7:30pm - 9pm

FREE

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Direct4Logos Closure

Direct4Logos, our school uniform supplier, have asked us to let you know that due to essential maintenance their shop in Romsey will be closed from Friday 8th May at 2.00pm and will re-open on Monday 11th May at 9.30am.

Mental Health Support Team Workshops

The Winchester Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is offering a series of free online workshops for parents and carers during the summer term. These sessions are open to families whose children attend MHST-supported schools in the Winchester area and will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams.

Please register your interest via the sign up link below or the QR code on the poster:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/dEit7hbd1j>



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS



ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS



CARE: Coping and Resilience in Education - Friday 24th April (09:30 - 10:30)

A workshop to help you support your child in understanding and expressing their emotions. It introduces simple, practical strategies to build resilience and manage feelings such as anxiety, sadness, and anger, while helping children feel confident in asking for help when they need it.



Understanding & Managing Your Child's Anxiety - Wednesday 20th May (09:30 - 10:30)

This workshop offers helpful approaches and strategies for supporting emotional regulation, building routines, and strengthening parent-child communication when children present with challenging behaviours.



Managing Behaviour - Wednesday 6th May (09:30 - 10:30)

This workshop explores what anxiety is, what keeps it going, and offers practical tools and approaches you can use at home. It provides clear, helpful strategies to build your child's confidence and support them in managing anxious feelings.

We are the Winchester Mental Health Support Team (MHST), and we work closely with children, parents, and school staff to support emotional wellbeing across our partner schools. Alongside offering 1:1 support through school referrals, we also deliver a range of workshops designed to build confidence, understanding, and practical skills around children's mental health. This term, we are pleased to offer a selection of online workshops, open to all MHST schools in the Winchester area. These sessions are designed to be accessible, informative, and supportive for anyone wanting to better understand and help the children in their care.

Sign up to the Winchester MHST Online Parent Workshops



Future School Dates

Event	Date
St Catherine's View Cake Sale - outside School	Wednesday 6 th May, 3.30pm
Residential meeting – Year 5 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 – Thursday 14 th May
Year 3 & 4 Liturgy	Tuesday 12 th May, 2.30pm
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
Kings' School Year 6 transition day	Monday 22 nd June
Henry Beaufort School Year 6 transition day	Thursday 25 th June
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)	
May	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	92.09%
Year 2	93.82%
Year 3	94.95%
Year 4	95.87%
Year 5	94.69%
Year 6	96.06%
Overall school Attendance	93.90%

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...

- Chickenpox** 48 hours after the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
- Croup and Sore throat** 48 hours after the last episode
- Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)** When no longer heavy (high temperature and not well enough to attend), follow the national guidance if there are any special provisions for COVID-19
- Diarrhoea** 48 hours after the last episode, or 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics
- Measles** 4 days after the rash first appeared
- Mumps** 5 days after the swelling started
- Scarlet fever** 48 hours after the last episode
- Scarlet fever** 48 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...

- Head lice** 48 hours after treatment
- Head lice** 48 hours after treatment
- Strep throat** 24 hours after treatment
- Strep throat** 24 hours after treatment

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

SCAN ME

INTEGR8 DANCE
FREE TRIAL

STREET DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
St Peter's Primary School
Mondays 3.30-4.30pm
Years 2 - 6

No dance experience necessary!
Learn new skills, increase confidence and HAVE FUN!

BOOKING DETAILS
EMAIL: info@integr8dance.com
CALL: 0192 892998
WEBSITE: www.integr8dance.com

KIDZ

From 10th May until 10th July 2026

We are pleased to be working with the St Peter's PTA to offer a special offer for our members. This offer is available to all members of the PTA who are also members of the club. The offer is as follows:

1. Club Membership: £10 per year (includes all club activities and access to the club house).

2. PTA Membership: £5 per year (includes all PTA activities and access to the PTA website).

3. Combined Membership: £15 per year (includes all club and PTA activities and access to both the club house and the PTA website).

4. Book by 10th May 2026.

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360 FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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 (SO51 0EE)

Book your session
0192 892998
www.stpetershants.co.uk

1 Relax Kids

ACTIVITY & RELAXATION CLASSES FOR KIDS

Relax Kids classes improve:

- improved sleep
- concentration
- self-esteem
- confidence
- focus, creativity
- listening skills

Your child will enjoy:

- G Games and songs
- S Storytelling
- M Movement
- S Stretching
- B Breathing exercises
- A Hand-draw message
- R affirmations
- R Relaxations

WINCHESTER SCOUT GROUP

BEAVERS AGE 6-8 years
Tuesdays 6-7.15pm

CUBS AGE 8-10.5 years
Fridays 6-7.30pm

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

Cubs will be all about adventures, learning new things, meeting camps, based on Mowgli's journey from the Jungle Book.

Everyone is 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 crate-stacking, no two weeks are the same.

SIGN UP HERE

SPACES AVAILABLE

#SKILLSFOR

BUSKING WEDNESDAYS

RAISING MONEY TOWARDS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

SCAN TO DONATE

THANK YOU

WE NEED YOU!

pre loved uniform

If your child has grown out of their uniforms sizes 9-10 11-12 13
Donate them to the PTA and we will give them new life.

pauseduniform@gmail.com ST PETER'S PTA



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 Tennis Relax Kids Writermakers Theatre Kids 360 Rounders/ Cricket	Monday Monday Tuesday 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 Tennis Relax Kids Writermakers Theatre Kids 360 Rounders/ Cricket	Monday Monday Tuesday 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.

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.