



13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Last Sunday was the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 14:15-21

Dear Parents

### May, the month of Mary

May is traditionally recognised in the Catholic Church as the Month of Mary. It is a special time dedicated to honouring the Mother of Jesus through various devotions, including the crowning of Mary statues (May Crowning), special prayers, and increased devotion to the Rosary where we ask Mary to pass our prayers onto her son, Jesus.

Last week we were fortunate in being included in the parish's statue of Our Lady visiting us for two days. Classes use this as an opportunity to spend time thinking about Mary's calling.



The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."  
Luke 1:28

### Well done Year 6!

As some of you will know, our Year 6 have been completing their end of Key Stage assessments this week. We are so proud of how they have approached these tests in both the run up and throughout the academic year and showed such resilience in their approach to the actual tests this week.

The spirit of Team St Peter's has really shone through!



## St Catherine's View – Time for a Cuppa

Thank you to everyone who bought a cake from the St Catherine's View Dementia Awareness cake sale. St Stephen's Church donated £121 from their last two cake sales and £137.45 was raised by St Catherine's View, giving a grand total raised of £258.45.

*"A huge thank you for all the support from the parents for helping us raise an incredible £137.45 for Dementia UK's time for a cuppa. This is a charity close to our hearts and having a link with the school has been wonderful. Seeing the children come and visit our residents and putting smiles on their faces has been integral to keeping the community connection alive, the cake sale was just another one of those connections making sure our community comes together when in need."*



## Invite to School - Parish Mass

Thank you to Father Mark for organising our termly Parish - School Mass, and to all who were able to attend.

## Year 6 News

During the month of May, which is dedicated to Mary, Year 6 had the special opportunity to pray with a visiting statue of Our Lady. Together, we prayed the Rosary and reflected on how Mary always listens to our prayers and brings them to Jesus. We asked Mary to intercede for us, especially when we face challenges or difficult moments in our lives. It was a peaceful and prayerful experience that helped us grow in faith and remember that we are never alone.



## Walk to School Week

Next week we are encouraging everyone to walk to school. The Student Council have designed a poster and are encouraging everyone to try to walk even some of the way to school. Good luck and get your walking shoes on!



# 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.

## Year R/1 News

In Year R/1 over the last few weeks we have been enjoying playing in our "Garden Centre" role play. This has helped us to begin thinking about plants for our science work. The children have been excitedly watching our potatoes grow, planted their own bean seed as well as some other seed planting of things kindly donated by parents and staff. We have explored wild and garden plants and what makes these different, some of this explored through some rather tasty looking mud kitchen delights! The children have used their senses to explore herbs, using them in recipes, potions and some children just quietly enjoyed being able to observe and sketch. Thank you for the donations that have enabled all of this wonderful learning to occur.

We are always on the look-out for donations for our EYFS and Year 1 areas. Soon we will send out a list of items we are looking for but while that is in the pipeline if you do have any more seeds, compost, old toy wheelbarrows, watering cans or toy tea sets for our developing garden centre cafe then please bring items to Mr Read. Thank you.



## Kim's Corner

Freshly baked loaves are on offer every day! This week, we tried a new flavour and it was a big hit - we added herbs and garlic to our dough. Next week, we'll be making tomato and herb bread, so keep an eye out!



## 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: Ciara, Amelia, Isaac and Edie, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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

Why do some people become so important to the world?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

### In the news this week

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

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

- Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## Music Notices

### Ensemble Rehearsal Times this week - please take careful note

#### Worship Band

Worship Band will rehearse this week (Thursday 14th May) from 3.30 - 4.30pm after school (in the usual School Band slot). We will be in touch to let you know about forthcoming Thursday morning rehearsals (8.15 - 8.45am) in due course. From next week, the Thursday afternoon slot will be used as rehearsal time for the School Production.

#### 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

Our next Busking Wednesday will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, please email Miss Owens if your child has a piece ready they would like to play.

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

## 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

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



## 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
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Walk to School Week	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</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, 6pm onwards
Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
PTA Summer Fayre	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 12-3pm
Kings' School Year 6 transition day	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Henry Beaufort School Year 6 transition day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
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	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception children begin school full time	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
New School Year Mass – all welcome	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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>



**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: [winchester@stpschools.co.uk](mailto:winchester@stpschools.co.uk)  
CALL: 01922 892836  
WEBSITE: [www.integr8dance.co.uk](http://www.integr8dance.co.uk)

**KIDZ**

These kids club at St Peter's - 2025/26

We are pleased to be the provider of the new range of activities for the 2025/26 school year. The new range of activities is designed to be fun, engaging and to help build the children's self-esteem and confidence. The new range of activities is designed to be fun, engaging and to help build the children's self-esteem and confidence.

**What are the activities?**

1. **Football** - This is a new activity for the school and will be run by a qualified coach. It will be held on the school grounds and will be a great way for the children to get fit and have fun.
2. **Table Tennis** - This is a new activity for the school and will be run by a qualified coach. It will be held in the school hall and will be a great way for the children to get fit and have fun.
3. **Badminton** - This is a new activity for the school and will be run by a qualified coach. It will be held in the school hall and will be a great way for the children to get fit and have fun.
4. **Table Tennis** - This is a new activity for the school and will be run by a qualified coach. It will be held in the school hall and will be a great way for the children to get fit and have fun.

**When are the activities?**

The activities will be held on the following dates:

- Football: Monday 3.30-4.30pm
- Table Tennis: Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm
- Badminton: Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm
- Table Tennis: Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

**How do I book?**

Bookings for the activities can be made via the school website or by contacting the school office. The school office can be contacted on 01922 892836 or via email at [winchester@stpschools.co.uk](mailto:winchester@stpschools.co.uk).

**What are the costs?**

The cost of the activities is £5 per session. This includes a t-shirt and a water bottle. The school will provide the equipment for the activities.

**What are the benefits?**

The activities will help the children to get fit and have fun. They will also help the children to build their self-esteem and confidence. The activities will also help the children to learn new skills and to work with their friends.

**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 about online: [www.360football.co.uk](http://www.360football.co.uk)

**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
- H Storytelling
- M Movement
- S Stretching exercises
- D Breathwork exercises
- R Relaxation techniques
- R Relationships

**WINCHESTER SCOUT GROUP**

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

**CUBS** AGE 8-10.5 years Friday 6-7.15pm

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

**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 grab-and-banking, no two weeks are the same!

**SPACES AVAILABLE**

**SIGN UP HERE**

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**BUSKING WEDNESDAYS**

RAISING MONEY TOWARDS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Illustration of musical instruments: guitar, keyboard, drums, microphone, etc.

**SCAN TO DONATE**

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**WE NEED YOU!**

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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.

[ptauseduniform@gmail.com](mailto:ptauseduniform@gmail.com) ST PETER'S PTA

**UPBEAT** music courses

**SUMMER POP & ROCK CAMPS**

**SING PLAY DANCE RECORD PERFORM**

WEEK 1: July 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> | Age 5 - 13  
WEEK 2: August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

WINCHESTER - St Peter's Primary School

[upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk](http://upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk)  
07814 901396  
[upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com](mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com)

BOOK HERE!

PLAY IN A BAND

SING & DANCE

Images of children performing in a band and singing/dancing.

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 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.