

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday  
John 3:16-18

Dear Parents

### Pentecost Prayer Space

Before half term our pupils took part in a beautiful Pentecost Prayer Space in the church, helping them reflect on the coming of the Holy Spirit.

They began by 'Waiting in Hope', lighting candles and thinking about their own prayers and hopes, just as the disciples waited together. In 'Wind of the Spirit', children used gentle ribbon movement to reflect on how the Holy Spirit brings peace, courage and joy.

At 'Flames of the Spirit', pupils wrote prayers and qualities such as kindness and patience on flame shapes, creating a growing display around the church. Finally, at 'Gifts of the Spirit', they reflected on how they can live out love, peace and kindness each day.

Reading scripture at each station, along with the prayer "Come, Holy Spirit" guided the children throughout. We felt that all children were able to engage in this calm, reflective and meaningful experience.



### Plant Watering Monitors

Thank you to our two wonderful plant watering monitors, Aria and Gabby in 3BW, who have been keeping our plants around the school healthy during our recent hot spell.

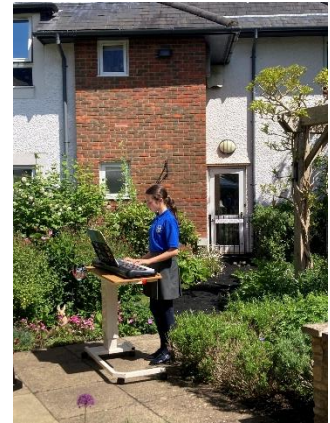


## St Peter's musicians visit St Catherine's View Care Home

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, a small group of musicians visited St Catherine's View care home. They provided wonderful entertainment for residents and their guests at an intergenerational afternoon tea in aid of Dementia Action.

Guest of honour was the new Mayor of Winchester, Jamie Scott, accompanied by his wife, the Lady Mayoress Wendy Scott.

The children, who played a variety of songs in the sunshine whilst guests enjoyed their cream teas, made the event extra special for all who attended. Afterwards our musicians were delighted to be given ice lollies by care home staff. It was a very special afternoon.



**ST PETER'S  
SCHOOL**

**SUMMER  
FETE**

**Saturday 20th June**  
12 to 3pm  
Oliver's Battery Rd N, SO22 4JB

**FREE ENTRY**

**JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!**

- inflatables -
- circus workshop -
- games -
- cakes -
- glitter tattoos -
- books -
- toys -
- plants -
- raffle -
- yummy food -
- and much more!

All proceeds in aid of St Peter's Primary School  
Parent Teacher Association

## The Summer Fete – what you need to know

**Date: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm**

How to pay for food and activities:

- Cash or card can be used to buy tokens
- Tokens will be on sale at school pick up and drop off on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Tokens will be on sale at the entrance of the Fete on the day
- The following stalls accept card payments & tokens:  
BBQ, Bar, Toys & Books, Plants, Water to Wine
- All other stalls accept tokens
- Unlimited Bounce Bands for the Inflatables will be on sale here on the [PTA website](#)
- Pay per go for the inflatables will be available on the day

The BBQ will be serving locally made fresh produce:

- Sausages from Beechcroft Farm
- Burgers from New Forest Butcher in Oliver's Battery
- Vegetarian Sausages will also be served

Books and Toy Donations:

- We would love any donations of unwanted books and toys for the Toy and Book sale.

Wine and Plant Donations:

- Please kindly donate a bottle of wine for the Water to Wine stall or any plants your house or garden does not need for the plant stall.

Year 6 Tombola Donations:

- To all Year 6 parents, please donate your Tombola prizes to your classroom. (Please try not to include anything that may melt in the sunshine.)

**Any donations can be dropped off to reception by 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Service Dogs only are allowed inside of the school grounds during the Fete, sorry please do not bring your dogs with you for the day.**

We would like to ask all volunteers sign up via the app below:

[volunteersignup.org/PJR9C](https://volunteersignup.org/PJR9C)

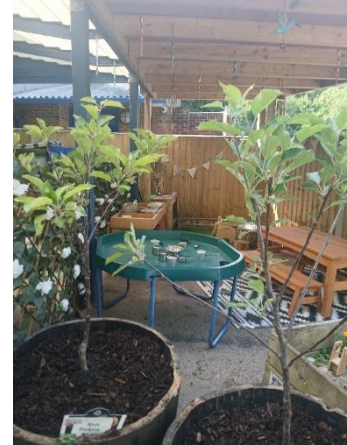
Many thanks once again for your continued support.

With best wishes

Your PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

## Little Fishes News

Before half term we spent a wonderful day in the glorious sunshine planting up and enhancing our Little Fishes garden. The plants will encourage wildlife and pollinators into our garden to support the children's knowledge and understanding of the beauty in the world around them. We planted two patio apple trees to teach the children a little of where the fruit they enjoy comes from. We feel blessed to have such a beautiful garden in which to play and learn.



## Water Bottles

PLEASE ensure your child comes to school with a NAMED refillable water bottle every day, especially now as the weather is getting warmer.

## Arbor and text messages

Please note that we do not accept incoming text messages. If you need to respond to a text message from school then please either email [admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk) or telephone us on 01962 852820.

## Universal Credit and Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit please may we suggest that you make an application on the Hampshire Portal as soon as possible to check if you may be eligible for free school meals. **The criteria for eligibility is changing and you may find that as a result your entitlement has changed.**

If you have already made an application on the portal or if we have made an application on your behalf then you don't need to do anything. If you are not sure, please contact Mrs Lane in the school office.

Below is a link to the portal. Please still apply if your child is in Year R, Year 1 and especially Year 2 as even though they qualify for Universal Free School meals they may also qualify for Pupil Premium which we wouldn't otherwise know about. When your child moves from Year 2 to Year 3 you lose your entitlement to Universal Free School meals.

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

## 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: Kaitlyn, Noah, Caylum and Maddie, who have demonstrated excellent effort, perseverance and progress in their times table learning.



## Vacancy - After School Club Assistant

We have a vacancy in our After School Club team from September:

### After School Club Assistant

**Hours of work/type of contract:** 3.30pm-6pm, term time only. Casual work arrangement, paid on a sessional basis. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. One or two afternoons a week considered.

**Pay:** £43.39 per session

**Start date:** September 2026

For more details and how to apply, please contact the school office or go to the school website: <http://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies>

## 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.



## 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 2 Carroll Centre Foodbank

This half term the two Year 2 classes are collecting food and toiletries for the Carroll Centre. Please send in any donations – they are grateful for packets and tins of in-date food. Many thanks for thinking of others in our community.



## 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



**How can people create hope during difficult times?**

### In the news this week

Teenage sisters, Tala and Farah Mousa from Gaza, have created a project called Build Hope. They collect rubble from damaged buildings, crush it, and mix it with materials such as clay, ash, and straw to create new bricks to be used for rebuilding communities. The sisters developed the idea while living in a tent after their home was destroyed during the war in Gaza. Their venture won The Earth Prize, a global environmental competition for young people, for the Middle East region.

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

- > Do you think young people can make a real difference in the world? Why?
- > Have you ever turned something old or broken into something new or useful?
- > Share what the word 'hope' means to you.
- > What can help people stay hopeful during difficult times?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

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## Music Notices

### Rehearsal times this week - please take careful note

#### Worship Band

Worship Band will rehearse this week (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June) at lunchtime. Please ensure your child brings their instrument to school for this important Corpus Christi rehearsal. They can leave their instruments in the music room overnight ready for Corpus Christi OR please remember to bring in on Friday for the Mass.

There will be no after school Worship Band rehearsals from now on as we will be rehearsing for the school production.

#### Aladdin rehearsals

There will be a rehearsal in the music room from 3.30 - 4.30pm every Thursday for lead roles. You will have been emailed already if your child is needed for this rehearsal.

#### Busking Wednesday

Our next Busking Wednesday will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please come along and support our young musicians next week as we will have a fun-packed programme for you to enjoy.

As ever, any questions at all related to music at St Peter's, please email [music@st-peters.hants.sch](mailto:music@st-peters.hants.sch).

Miss Owens

## Parents' Evenings - Years 3, 4 and 5

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Regarding our Parents' Evening appointment system, all bookings should be made via ARBOR. Class teachers will be available between 4pm and 7pm on both Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026.

Sessions went live for bookings at midday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 and will close at midday on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Please note that you will only be able to book your appointment via the Arbor App or Parent Portal.

Thank you.

## 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



## Future School Dates

Event	Date
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
Year 5 Greek day	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
New Reception Stay and Play session 1	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 3.45pm
PTA Summer Fete	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 12-3pm
Kings' School Year 6 transition day	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
New Reception Stay and Play session 2	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 3.45pm
Henry Beaufort School Year 6 transition day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip	Friday 26 <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
New Reception Stay and Play session 3	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 3.45pm
Mass for St Peter and Paul, followed by sports day (KS1 am/ KS2 pm)	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 9.20am
Year 6 Day of Reflection at Parish Centre	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
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

## Holiday Dates

School term dates are available on:

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

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



## UPBEAT MUSIC Pop & Rock Summer Camps at St Peter's

**Week 1 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**Week 2 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

*Would your child like to play electric guitar or drums in a band? Or do they love to sing or dance? Or maybe they'd like to try writing and recording a song?*

Miss Owens will be bringing her team of Upbeat instrumental, dance and vocal tutors to St Peter's this Summer for 2 fun-filled weeks of Pop & Rock music-making, culminating in an end of camp performance! Each week has a different theme. Suitable for children in Year R - Year 7 (no prior experience needed).

**15% discount for all St Peter's Pupils.**

Use the discount code **MZH577** when booking via this link.

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

To find out more:

**Email:** [upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com](mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 07816 901396

**Visit:** [www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk](http://www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk)



## Kings' School Open Events

We warmly welcome you and your child to attend one of our School Open Events this year. Our Open Mornings will be held on **Wednesday 8th July, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026**. To secure your place, please book here:

<https://kings.applicaa.com/events/OpenMornings>

Our Open Evening will be held on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026** and is a bookable event. To secure your place, please book here <https://kings.applicaa.com/events/OpenEvening>

We look forward to hopefully seeing you and your family at one of these soon.

## Beavers and Cubs places available

Winchester 7th in St Cross has Beaver and Cub places available from September 2026 on Tuesday evenings. Our group offers young people the chance to:

- Build confidence and independence
- Learn practical outdoor and teamwork skills
- Make new friends and lasting memories
- Take part in camps, games, challenges and community activities

We are a friendly, community-focused group and welcome new families who are happy to support the section by volunteering. Beavers ages 6-8. Cubs ages 8-10½. Spaces are limited. Please register your interest here:

<https://www.winscouts.org/Groups/GroupDetails?GlobalGrpId=832>



Best wishes

Louise Blake



## 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.