



Newsletter

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

17th June 2026

Last Sunday was the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
Matthew 9:36-10:8

Dear Parents

PTA Summer Fete

**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

St Peter's School
PTA

The Summer Fete – what you need to know

Date: Saturday 20th 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 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th 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 18th 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

Many thanks once again for your continued support.

With best wishes

Your PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Refugee Week

Year 4

Last week we had a visit from Ginny and Ohla. We learned about the challenges and difficulties facing refugees. We heard from Ohla who had to leave Ukraine and come to stay in the UK with her young family. Having quiet courage to face their new life and to leave their familiar life has been challenging. It was wonderful to hear how Ohla and her family were welcomed by their host family and how they have managed to learn English and make new friends.

As a year group we created a map of Refugees' journeys, recognising the impact this might have on them as they travel across the world or to neighbouring countries. Our work has been displayed in the Discovery Centre in Winchester and will then be moved to the Cathedral where you are welcome to view it at either location.

Amelie said - 'It was amazing to learn about Ohla's story. It was really interesting to have someone who had experienced being a refugee in our class.'



Year R/1

Year R/1 participated in a national live event online with Michael Rosen to celebrate a "Day of Welcome." He talked about the word courage and what this meant and then read his new book, "The Big Journey." This was about two bears who set off on a journey over the mountains, drawing on all their courage and resilience to see them safely to the other side. The children enjoyed hearing from an author they had read books by before and it started off our thinking about refugees and how we could be welcoming.



Swimming Gala

A group of Year 4, 5 and 6 children recently had the opportunity to represent our school at the Winchester Swimming Gala, competing against 19 other schools from across the local area. It was a fantastic morning of sport, with our swimmers demonstrating great determination, skill and teamwork throughout the competition.

The children took part in a variety of races, including front crawl, breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke events, as well as an exciting float relay race. Every swimmer gave their very best and should be proud of their performances in the pool.

As well as swimming brilliantly, the children displayed excellent sportsmanship and great team camaraderie, cheering one another on and encouraging their teammates throughout the gala. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school, showing resilience, respect and enthusiasm, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school community.



Kim's Corner

It has been great to see the children excited to be enjoying their favourite school lunches. This week one of the children's favourite puddings is our Apple Sponge. Don't forget that our theme day is this Thursday 18th June when we will be serving hot dogs, potato wedges and homemade cheese and tomato quiche. We look forward to another wonderful week of delicious lunches!



Platinum School Games Mark

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with our school community: our school has been awarded the **Platinum School Games Mark**, the highest accolade available through the School Games programme.

This prestigious award recognises our long-term commitment to providing high-quality physical education, school sport and opportunities for all children to lead active, healthy lives. Achieving Platinum status is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils and the invaluable support of our families.

At our school, we believe in nurturing the whole child, encouraging each pupil to develop their God-given talents and abilities. Through a wide range of sporting activities, competitions, leadership opportunities and inclusive programmes, our children learn important values such as perseverance, teamwork, respect and resilience.

We are particularly proud that this award reflects not only sporting success, but also our commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to participate, enjoy being active and experience personal achievement.

Thank you to all of our pupils for their enthusiasm and determination, to our staff for their hard work and dedication, and to our parents and carers for their continued encouragement and support. This achievement belongs to our entire school community.

As we celebrate this wonderful milestone, we remain committed to inspiring our children to be active, healthy and confident learners, living out our school values both on and off the sports field.

Congratulations to everyone involved in helping us achieve this outstanding recognition.



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: Henry A, Isaac, Rayan and Bruna who have demonstrated excellent effort, perseverance and progress in their times table learning.



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 or telephone us on 01962 852820.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2026 - 2027

Applications are now open for the First Holy Communion Preparation for 2027. Please find the link and QR code for the online registration form below. Children who will be Year 4 (or above) next academic year may register, however if your child is presently in Year 2 and you feel they may be ready next year please do get in touch with Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

[FHC - 2027](#)



Universal Credit and Free School Meals

Please see below for upcoming changes to eligibility for benefits based Free School Meals (FSM) and what you need to do to apply or check your child's eligibility.

Upcoming Changes

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals will change. All households receiving Universal Credit will be included, but eligibility will be divided into two groups:

Targeted Free School Meals - for households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income below £7,400.

Expanded Free School Meals - for households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income above £7,400.

What You Need to Do

If your child already receives Free School Meals and you have applied through the Hampshire portal, you do not need to do anything. If you think your child may now be eligible, please contact the school office.

Please note: children eligible under the expanded criteria will only begin to receive Free School Meals from September 2026.

If You Disagree with a Decision

If you have applied and believe the decision is incorrect, please contact your child's school. The school can contact Hampshire County Council on your behalf to request further advice.

Important Information for Reception and Key Stage 1 Parents

All children in Early Years Foundation Stage or Key Stage 1 already receive free meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, we still encourage you to apply. This is because schools receive Pupil Premium funding for children who qualify under Targeted Free School Meal eligibility. This funding helps support your child during their time at school.

Transitional Protections (until August 2026)

Transitional protections have been in place since 1 April 2018 and will continue until the end of the 2025 to 2026 school year. During this time any child who becomes eligible for benefits based Free School Meals will continue to receive them until July 2026. This will not change even if household income increases. From September 2026 these protections will end. From this point, all families must meet the new eligibility rules for their child to receive Free School Meals.

For more information on Free School Meals please follow this link to the Government Website - [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Lane in the school office.

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.



Little Fishes Pre-School – places available from September

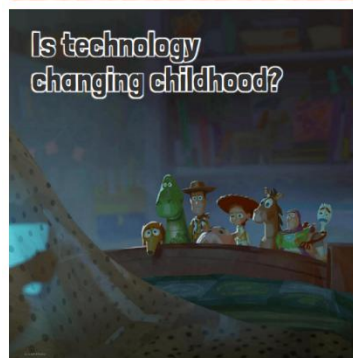
Little Fishes offers a warm, secure and welcoming environment for our pre-school children to learn and explore. It is based on the St. Peter's Primary School site in a large and sunny purpose-built room with an extensive outdoor area, which is used every day whatever the weather. The Little Fishes team 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 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.



In the news this week

Filmmaker, Pixar, has shared that the new Toy Story 5 film will explore how children are spending more time using screens and digital technology. In the story, the toys worry that tablets, video games, and other devices are becoming more popular than traditional toys. The film has highlighted conversations about how childhood and play are changing.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What games or toys do you enjoy playing with most at home? Why?
- How much time do you believe people should spend using screens each day?
- What types of play help people use their imagination?
- Can digital technology and traditional toys both be important? In what way?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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Music Notices

Worship Band

There will be no Worship Band this week.

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.

All classes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been sent lyrics to practise at home. The children need to make sure they know these words, so that they are ready to move on to the next stage of the rehearsals. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Busking Wednesday

The next busking session will take place on 1st July.

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

Miss Owens

Parents' Evenings - Years 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday 30th June and Thursday 2nd 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 30th June and Thursday 2nd July 2026.

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

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

Thank you.

Future School Dates

Event	Date
Year 5 Greek day	Thursday 18 th June
New Reception Stay and Play session 1	Thursday 18 th June, 3.45pm
PTA Summer Fete	Saturday 20 th June, 12-3pm
Kings' School Year 6 transition day	Monday 22 nd June
New Reception Stay and Play session 2	Wednesday 24 th June, 3.45pm
Henry Beaufort School Year 6 transition day	Thursday 25 th June
Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip	Friday 26 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
New Reception Stay and Play session 3	Wednesday 1 st July, 3.45pm
Mass for St Peter and Paul, followed by sports day (KS1 am/ KS2 pm)	Friday 3 rd July, 9.20am
Year 6 Day of Reflection at Parish Centre	Monday 6 th July
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
Year 6 Leavers disco	Monday 20 th July, 6-8pm
Year 6 One World day	Tuesday 21 st 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

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 27th - Friday 31st July

Week 2 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th 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

Phone: 07816 901396

Visit: www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk

UPBEAT
MUSIC COURSES

**SUMMER
POP &
ROCK
CAMPS**

**SING PLAY DANCE
RECORD PERFORM**

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

WINCHESTER - St Peter's Primary School

upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk
07816 901396
upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com

PLAY IN A BAND

SING & DANCE

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 23rd September and Tuesday 6th October 2026**. To secure your place, please book here:

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

Our Open Evening will be held on **Thursday 24th 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.

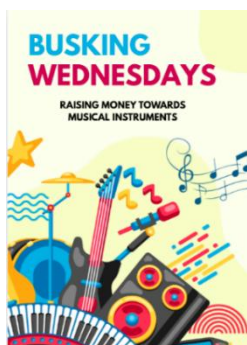
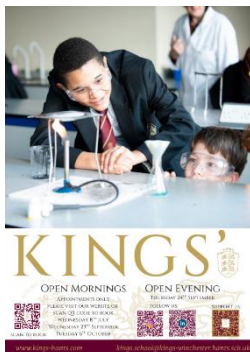
Beavers and Cubs places available

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

Nadine Donnelly



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!

Facebook

Facebook:<https://facebook.com/St-Peters-Catholic-PrimarySchool107010431022990>

Hants LA signposting websites

These websites may be a helpful resource should you need a bit of help or advice as a parent.

https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/family_page?familychannel=2

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/sfyc/ProviderBulletin-March2025-ParentCarerUpdate.pdf>

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we remain a nut-free school due to serious allergies.

Also we encourage breaktime snacks to be healthier choices – fresh fruit and vegetables, bread sticks, raisins.... no crisps or chocolate please.

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

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.