

Newsletter

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

24th June 2026

Last Sunday was the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Matthew 10:26-33

Dear Parents

Welcome Liturgy

We enjoyed welcoming families of our new children joining us in reception next September. Father Mark led us in a short Liturgy where candles were lit to help us in our prayers and reflections for each child who is joining us. We then heard from Mr Read who shared a little about being school ready, an outline of a day in school, information about the curriculum and some other useful information. This presentation can be found on the school website. We then enjoyed a lovely meal cooked by some of our Year 6 parents. This was a great opportunity to build community together and share excitement for the next chapter in these families' and children's lives.



Congratulations Father Mark

Congratulations to Fr Mark Hogan, who has been appointed Ecumenical Canon at Winchester Cathedral alongside Paul Woodman, by the Bishop of Winchester. Ecumenical Canons are special honorary appointments to help strengthen relationships between the Cathedral and the wider Christian community as well as encouraging churches to learn from one another, work together and share in serving their local communities. The new canons will participate in major services and events, while supporting the Cathedral and the Diocese of Winchester through encouragement and prayers. Please pray for them both as they take up their new roles.



Paul Woodman and Fr Mark Hogan were installed during a special evensong. (Image: Diocese of Winchester)

Refugee Week

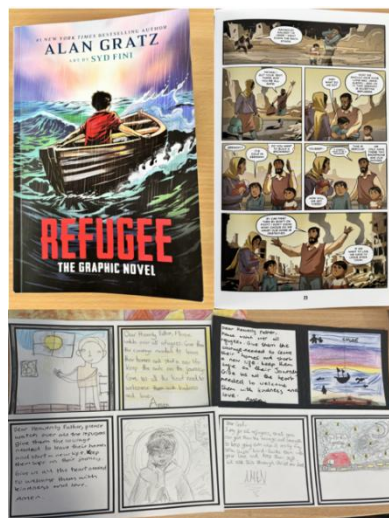
Year 5

As a School of Sanctuary, last week some of our Year 5 students visited Winchester University as part of Refugee Week. At the University, they took part in a number of small workshops across the morning. First they were given a tour of the Gallery and refugee art by artist Wendy Couchman who is a Winchester based sculptor. They then took part in a workshop, led by Wendy, where they designed their own spaces where they felt safe and a sense of belonging. All of the children's art work was fantastic as they worked well in small teams to design their sculptures. These were then taken to be put on display with Wendy's art in the University Gallery. After this, the children were treated to a talk by author Onjali Q Rauf, about what inspired her to be an author and how the experience of refugees and refugee camps inspired her story 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. The children found her inspirational and found out that a lot of how she writes comes back to Tintin. Ivy summed up the experience best when she said, "Before I had sympathy for refugees and now I have empathy." It was a great experience for the children and one that I know they will remember for a long time.



Year 6

During Refugee Week, Year 6 explored a powerful graphic novel which tells the story of a young refugee's journey to safety. Through reading and discussion, the children showed great empathy and understanding of the challenges faced by those forced to leave their homes. In response, they created thoughtful prayers, asking for peace, protection and welcome for refugees around the world. They also illustrated scenes from the story that moved them to prayer, capturing moments of hope, fear and resilience with sensitivity and care.



Year 5 Step Back in Time for Ancient Greece Day!

Last Thursday Year 5 enjoyed an exciting Ancient Greece Day, immersing themselves in the fascinating world of gods, goddesses and legendary city-states. The children arrived dressed as ancient Greeks, from Hades of the underworld, to mythical characters, ready for a day of learning, creativity and fun.

To bring Ancient Greece to life, the children were divided into city-state teams representing Athens, Sparta, Corinth, Delphi, Argos and Thebes. Each team worked collaboratively to research, design and build key features of their city-state, taking on roles such as politicians, artists, merchants, priests, priestesses and town planners. Together, they contributed ideas, created impressive models of temples, and prepared persuasive presentations showcasing their city's culture, achievements, architecture and patron gods and goddesses.

The children's creativity, teamwork and presentation skills were on full display as they worked towards a common goal: convincing others that their city-state was the best place to live. The city with the most persuasive pitch earned the honour of hosting our very own Ancient Olympics in the afternoon - well done to Sparta who won the democratic vote!

To round off the day, the children enjoyed a Greek feast, sampling traditional-style foods and celebrating their hard work and achievements. The day provided a memorable opportunity to bring our history learning to life while developing valuable skills in collaboration, communication and creativity.

Well done Year 5 for making the day such a success!



Summer Fete thank you

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire St Peters School community for their incredible support at this year's Summer Fete. Through your generous donations, hours of volunteering, cake baking, enthusiasm, and community spirit, we were delighted to jointly raise an outstanding £6,021 - every penny of which will go directly towards funding valuable school projects that will benefit our children for years to come.

Events like this are only possible because of the wonderful people behind them, and we owe a huge thank you to all our volunteers leading up to and on the day, along with a very special thank you to three individuals who gave so much more than their fair share - Jenny Beech, Georgie Omand and Naomi Salisbury. Their tireless dedication and months of hard work behind the scenes were truly the heartbeat of this event, and the success of the day is a testament to their passion and commitment. Thank you all and we look forward to your continued support during our next PTA events.

Kirstie Mattey
PTA Chair



Thank you PTA

We would like to extend a huge thanks to the PTA for the considerable time, effort and dedication invested in organising our Summer Fete on Saturday. The event was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by pupils, families and staff, and this is a testament to the hard work and careful planning undertaken behind the scenes. We are also extremely grateful to all those who kindly gave their time to volunteer, whether by helping with preparation, running stalls or supporting the smooth running of the day. Your continued support is greatly valued and makes a significant contribution to our school community - we appreciate everything you do!



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 all of Year 4 for completing their official MTC tests.



Water Safety - Advice from the Prevention Team

As the weather becomes warmer, we know that many children and young people are naturally drawn to rivers, lakes, canals and other open water areas. These places can seem calm and inviting, they can also present serious and often hidden dangers. We kindly ask for your support in speaking with your young person about the risks of swimming or playing in open water without appropriate supervision. Even strong swimmers can get into difficulty due to cold water shock, hidden currents, uneven ground and submerged hazards. It is also important to talk with your child about what to do in an emergency, including how to stay calm, float if they get into difficulty and how to call for help.

To support parents and carers, the Royal Life Saving Society UK provides a wide range of practical, easy-to-use resources designed to help families talk about water safety. These materials are age-appropriate and include guidance, videos and activities to help children and young people understand the risks of open water, build confidence and learn what to do in an emergency. Please visit: Royal Life Saving Society:

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/water-safety-information>

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) also offers a range of accessible resources to support families in understanding key water safety messages, including the 'Float to Live' technique and awareness of cold water shock - a major contributing factor in many drowning incidents. Their guidance helps parents and carers explain how floating on your back can control breathing and prevent panic if someone unexpectedly enters the water, also highlighting the physical effects of cold water immersion. Through videos, campaigns and simple step-by-step advice, the RNLI empowers families to build young people's confidence and resilience around water, ensuring they know how to respond calmly and effectively in an emergency. Please visit: RNLI <https://rnli.org/safety>

Having these conversations at home can make a real difference in helping children and young people make safer choices and reduce the risk of accidents. Starting these conversations early can help young people build awareness and develop safer habits, giving them the confidence to make better choices as they grow older. Key Points to Remember:

- Open water is very different from swimming pools - it may look calm but can be dangerous
- Never go into open water alone or without supervision
- Choose safer places to swim, such as lifeguarded beaches, pools, or designated swimming areas
- Avoid taking risks or giving in to peer pressure
- Understand the dangers of cold water shock
- Know what to do if you get into trouble e.g. Float to Live
- Know what to do if someone else is in trouble e.g. call 999, never enter the water and throw something that floats.

By working together to support, guide and educate our young people, we can empower them with the skills and awareness they need to make safer choices and stay safe around water.



Enjoy Water Safely
Free From Drowning



Hampshire
& Isle of Wight
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Water Bottles

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

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.

TAKEHOME SEND TO PARENTS

In the news this week

India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census. People across the country will be asked questions about their homes and communities to help build a picture of life in India today. The information collected will help leaders make decisions about services and support for more than 1.4 billion people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think governments count people?
- What information might be important to know about a town or place? Why?
- A census counts people using numbers. What are some ways people count that cannot be measured by numbers?

How does every person count?

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

Aladdin Rehearsals

There will be no afterschool rehearsals this Thursday 25th June due to the heatwave.

Aladdin

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.

Aladdin props

We are keen to put together a few more props for Aladdin, including Middle Eastern rugs, cushions and drapes. We also need to source a long piece of gold material. If you have anything suitable for our Aladdin set and you are happy to lend it to us, then please bring it (named!) to the Music room. Please do not bring in anything valuable or with sentimental value as, although we will do our best to take care of items, we can't guarantee their safety!!

Busking Wednesday 1st July 8.30 - 8.45 outside the music room

The next busking session will take place on 1st July. It will be the last one of this school year and we hope you will come along to support the children's playing.

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

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
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 2	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>

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)	
	26 th	R/1MB Class
July	3 rd	Ss Peter and Paul Mass

Attendance

Year R/1	92.04%
Year 2	93.68%
Year 3	94.99%
Year 4	95.72%
Year 5	94.44%
Year 6	95.41%
Overall school Attendance	93.80%

Well done Year 4 for having the highest attendance. An extra 5 minutes' break for you!

See the NHS website and flyer below for advice on when not to send your child to school when unwell: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Unit...

- Chills** or just a fever from the onset of the rash and cold when you feel better
- Diarrhoea and vomiting** all hours after that you awake
- Cold and flu-like illness** that no longer has a high temperature and cold and cough to suggest a common cold or flu
- Stomach cramping** that may have lasted and lasted, or 48 hours after the onset of illness
- Stomach** 2 days after the rash first appeared
- Stomach** 5 days after the vomiting started
- Stomach** they've had their first bowel movement
- Stomach Pain** 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
- Stomach Cramps** all hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

- Stomach** Stomach pain
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Advice and guidance

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

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

The poster for Upbeat Music Courses Summer Pop & Rock Camps features the following text and images:

- UPBEAT** (with a star icon) 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
- Contact info: upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk, 07816 901396, upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com
- A QR code labeled "BOOK HERE"
- Two inset photos: "PLAY IN A BAND" showing children with instruments, and "SING & DANCE" showing children on stage.

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.

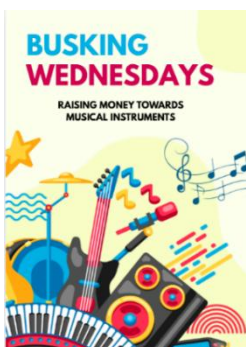
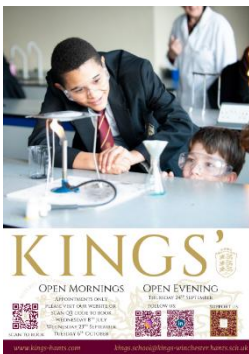
Beavers and Cubs places available

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.