

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School and Little Fishes Pre-School

'Christ at the
Centre'



Newsletter

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

1st July 2026

Last Sunday was the Ss Peter & Paul Apostles
(Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time)
Matthew 16:13-19

Dear Parents

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

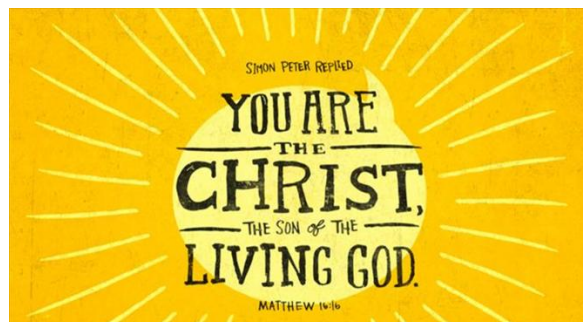
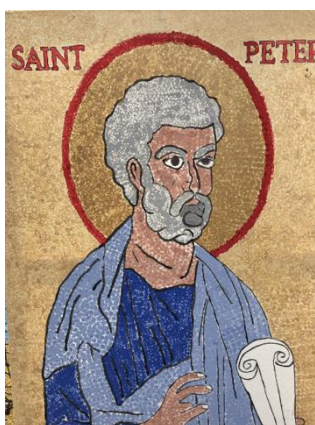
This week we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This is a very special day for our school because St Peter is our patron saint. Every day, we carry his name, and on his feast day we take time to remember the man whose faith, courage and love for Jesus continue to inspire us.

Peter was a simple fisherman who became one of Jesus' closest friends and the first leader of the Church. Paul began as someone who tried to stop Christians from sharing the Good News, but after meeting the risen Jesus, his life was completely transformed. Together, they devoted their lives to telling others about Jesus, even when it was difficult and dangerous. They remained faithful to Him until the very end.

Today, we are invited to think about what we can learn from these two great saints. Like Peter, we all make mistakes, but God never gives up on us and can use us to do wonderful things. Like Paul, we are all capable of changing, growing and sharing God's love with others.

As members of St Peter's School, we are called to follow Peter's example by living with faith, showing courage, serving others and keeping Christ at the centre of all we do.

You are warmly invited to our school Mass to celebrate our feast day with us on Friday 3rd July at 9.15am in St Stephen's church.



Sports Day Organisation and Reminders

On Friday 3rd July we will celebrate our school feast day with St Peter and Paul Mass at 9.15am followed by KS1 and KS2 sports day.

The arrangements for sports day are as follows:

- 9.15 St Peter and Paul Mass
- 10.45 Walkers' gate will open
- 10.50 KS1 sports day begins
- 12.00 Family picnic lunch - KS1 children collected from hall doors, KS2 from classrooms
- 1.10 Children return to classrooms for registers
- 1.20 KS2 sports day begins
- 3.00 Children return to classes for collection from classroom doors

Children should arrive in school with the following:

- wearing full PE kit including trainers to school
- a sunhat
- a water bottle
- sunscreen

A few things to note:

- Aspens will not be providing hot lunches but picnic lunches are available to order.
- The walkers' gate will be manned from 10.45 to the end of the day however we would recommend that parents come in for fixed sessions such as beginning of KS1 sports day to lunch or lunch to the end of KS2 sports day to reduce foot traffic. Romsey road gate will not be open.
- PTA will be running a community café with hot and cold drinks available - please bring your own cup with a lid if possible.



Prayer Diary for July

Attached to this newsletter is a prayer diary for July which you may like to use at home with your child.

Saving two Ancient Oak Trees

Olive in Year 5 was upset to learn that, near where she lives, there are two ancient oak trees, 250 years old, which were threatened with imminent felling. When she heard about this she was really sad and Olive told her mum that they absolutely **must** do something about it!

So they wrote to their local MP, Danny Chambers, and had some conversations with the local tree expert and parish councillor. Within 36 hours, as a direct result of Olive's concern, the trees were saved! They have put a provisional Tree Protection Order on them, and they are hopeful that the trees will be able to remain long into the future.

Olive has wondered how many children have played beneath those trees over the years that they have been standing and now more can continue to do so. The shade that they bring was especially welcome during our recent heat wave for Olive's family.

Well done to Olive for being a steward of God's creation. Olive's actions also help to show a fantastic example of everyone having a voice, which is not just a core part of our Catholic Social Teaching but is also integral to our teaching on British Values.



School Photos Order Deadline

The deadline for ordering class and leavers photos with free delivery to school is this Friday 3rd July. Orders should be placed directly with Fraser Portraits www.orderphotos.co.uk using the relevant proof card ID, details of which were emailed out last week. If you have any queries please contact them on 01202 692433.

PTA Tea Towels

We're delighted to introduce our very first school tea towels! Featuring the children's self-portraits which they have drawn in school. They are now available to purchase via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspta/>. They're a wonderful keepsake to treasure for years to come and make thoughtful gifts for family and friends.

Please select the number of tea towels you'd like for each of the year groups. Tea towels will be delivered to your child at school once they are ready. We estimate delivery to be the last week of term. Each tea towel will be white with blue print and a border detailing the academic year: 2025 - 2026. Should you have any queries please email: pta.chair.stpeters@gmail.com.

The deadline for ordering is 17:00 on Friday 3rd July 2026 via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspta/>.

All monies raised through this project will go directly back into school for our children. Thank you for your support.

The PTA



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: Ava HS, Joel, Ben and Alfie who have demonstrated excellent effort, perseverance and progress in their times table learning.



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

In the news this week

Scientists are monitoring a climate trend called El Niño, which begins in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather in different parts of the world. It can bring heavy rain and flooding to some countries, while others may experience very hot, dry weather. Experts are helping communities understand what might happen in their area so they can be ready, if needed.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is your favourite type of weather and why?
- > Have you or anyone at home ever had to change your plans because of the weather?
- > What would you pack if you didn't know whether it would be rainy or sunny?
- > Why might some people need to prepare more carefully for certain types of weather?

How much should the weather influence our decisions?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Music Notices

Aladdin Rehearsals - Thursday 2nd July 3.30 - 4.30pm - all lead roles.

Aladdin

All classes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been sent lyrics to practise at home. The show is just round the corner so keep working on those words and moves!

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

Well done to our buskers who performed at our last busking session of the term. It's always lovely to hear our young musicians play!

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
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
Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip	Monday 6 th July
Mass for Year 6 leavers	Tuesday 7 th July, 9.20am
Henry Beaufort School Year 6 transition day	Thursday 9 th July
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)	
July	2 nd	R/1MB Class (Thursday)
	3 rd	Ss Peter and Paul Mass

Attendance

Year R	91.18%
Year 1	92.20%
Year 2	93.41%
Year 3	94.73%
Year 4	95.48%
Year 5	94.06%
Year 6	95.06%
Overall school Attendance	93.60%

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/>



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



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.

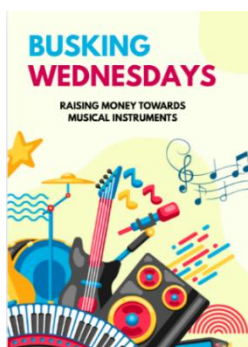
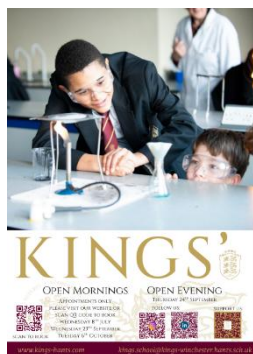
Beavers and Cubs places available

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.