



8th July 2026

Last Sunday was the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Matthew 11:25-30

Dear Parents

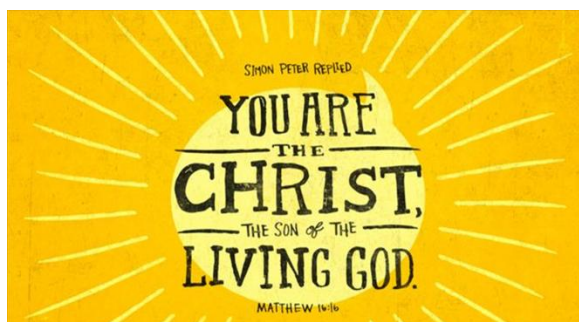
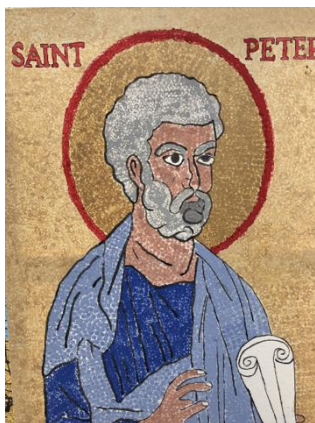
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul Mass

On Friday, we celebrated the Feast of our patron saint, Saint Peter, with a special whole-school Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the life and example of St Peter, and to gather together as a school family.

Father Mark reminded us that St Peter was the rock upon which Jesus built His Church. Although Peter was not perfect, he trusted Jesus, showed great courage, and remained faithful to his mission. Father Mark encouraged us to follow St Peter's example by being a 'rock' for others in our own lives.

He challenged us to continue St Peter's work today by being witnesses to Jesus through our actions. We can do this by showing kindness, love, forgiveness, gentleness, and compassion to everyone we meet. These simple but powerful acts help us to share God's love and make a positive difference in our school, our homes, and our wider community.

Thank you to the parents and family members who joined us for the Mass.



Sports Day

Sports Day was a fantastic success and a wonderful celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit. Our Key Stage 1 children had a brilliant time taking part in a carousel of activities, with favourites including **Fill the Bucket** and the ever-popular **Welly Wanging!**

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us for the family picnic before the afternoon races. The children proudly paraded onto the field in their teams, greeted with loud cheers and encouragement from their families, creating a truly special atmosphere.

A huge thank you goes to our Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Leaders, who worked incredibly hard throughout the day. They helped set up equipment, demonstrated the races and supported younger children with enthusiasm and kindness, helping everything run smoothly.

We are also very grateful to the PTA for running the refreshments stall, and to the team from 360, our breakfast club and additional sports provider, who presented the first, second and third place stickers.

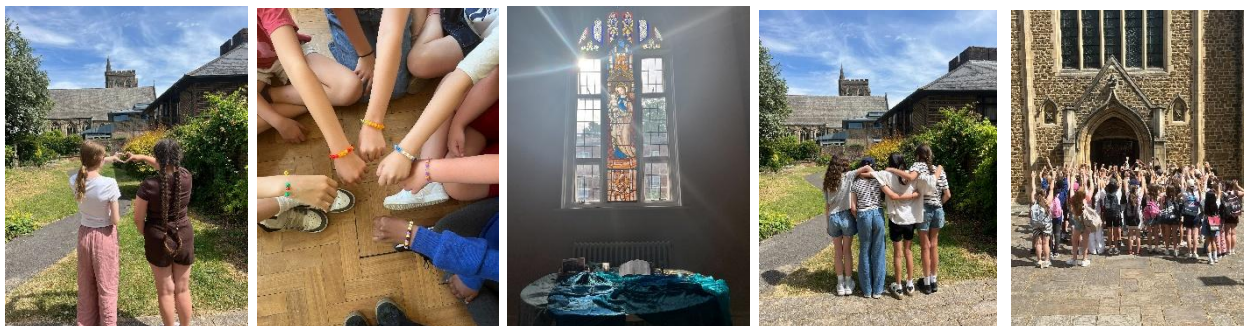
It was lovely to see so many parents and carers coming along to support their children and celebrate their achievements.

Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to **Team St Andrew's**, who were crowned this year's Sports Day champions!



Day of Reflection and end of school Mass – Year 6

Year 6 spent a special Day of Reflection together in Milner Hall, taking time away from school to pray, reflect and celebrate their journey at St Peter's. Throughout the day, the children reflected on their past, present and future. They remembered their time at St Peter's by creating thumbprint characters, celebrating their unique qualities and thinking about how they hope to be remembered. They then focused on the present by making friendship bracelets for one another, carefully choosing colours to represent each person's individual gifts and strengths. Finally, as they looked ahead to secondary school, they created small tokens with the strengths they pray God will grant them as they begin this exciting new chapter. It was a peaceful and meaningful day, giving the children the opportunity to recognise how much they have grown and to look to the future with faith, hope and confidence.



On Tuesday morning, our Year 6 pupils celebrated their Leavers' Mass, as they prepared to begin the next stage of their academic journey. During the entrance procession, each child carried and laid a fish they had designed in honour of St Peter, patron saint of our school and parish. While they gathered on and around the altar, we prayed for our Year 6 pupils, giving thanks for all they have contributed to our school community and asking God's blessing upon them as they move on to secondary school.

A special part of the Mass was when each pupil received a cross, blessed by Fr Mark, to take with them as a reminder of God's love and guidance in the years ahead. The younger pupils then offered their good wishes by singing a beautiful Irish Blessing.

Following the children receiving their blessed crosses we were able to take the opportunity to celebrate Father Mark's 25th anniversary of becoming a priest, thanking him for his faithful service and the support he has given to our school and parish community over many years. The children had made him a card with 25 fish, one for each year, and gave him a hamper of Spanish goodies which he can either share with Father Pedro or keep for himself.

It was a joyful and prayerful occasion that will remain a treasured memory for our Year 6 pupils.



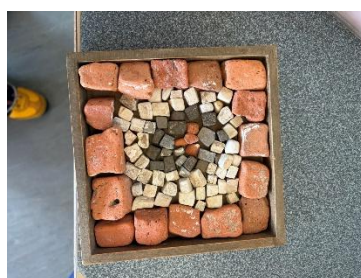
Fishbourne Trip – Year 3

On Monday, after a brief heat-related hiccup a few weeks ago, Year 3 set off to Fishbourne Roman Villa for a day immersed in Roman history. The children explored the stunning mosaics, tried their hands at Roman-themed activities, and even enjoyed rolling down the hill during lunchtime - a definite highlight.

The museum was packed with fascinating facts and artefacts that brought the Roman world to life. A huge thank you to the wonderful staff and volunteers who helped make this trip possible. Their support ensured the day was both educational and memorable for everyone.

'I liked seeing all the interesting mosaics - one had two layers because the bottom one had been made by an inexperienced craftsman.' - Michael

'I really liked the garden because it was very pretty. There were loads of flowers and they smelled amazing.' – Sofia



Families of Faith

Please find attached a newsletter sent to us from the Diocese that you may wish to use at home.

School Production

We are currently working hard towards our end of year production of Aladdin Kids. **A reminder that ALL KS2 children are required to be at ALL performances:**

Wednesday 15th July 2pm

Wednesday 15th July 6pm

Thursday 16th July 2pm

Thursday 16th July 6pm

Please also remember to send your child's costume in. The final deadline for costumes to be in school is this Friday 10th July.



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>



PTA Ice Lolly and Used Uniform Sale

The PTA will be selling ice lollies next to the uniform shed this Friday 10th July at 3.30pm. Come and cool down before your journey home. The uniform shed will also be open for sales.



Music Notices

Aladdin rehearsals - Thursday 9th July

All leads 3.30 - 4.30pm - Aladdin, Jasmine, Sultan, Genie, Jafar, Iago, Lamp Vendor.

Aladdin - all classes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been sent lyrics to practise at home. Keep practising your singing and moves!

Aladdin props

We are keen to put together a few more props for Aladdin, including light-weight baskets, cushions, market-stall ware. 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!

The children have been working so hard and we can't wait for our performances next week!

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

Miss Owens

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Hampshire County Council have informed us that sadly the Stanmore Lane lollipop lady will not be returning and they are advertising for a replacement. See the flyer below if you are interested in applying.



School Crossing Patrol Team recruiting in this area

Why join the team?

1. Earn money for holidays or top-up your income
2. 10 hours per week during term time
3. Hours that can suit your other interests
4. At least five hours off during the day
5. Feel good supporting your local community

For an informal discussion
please contact the
School Crossing Patrol Team
on **0370 779 0101**

or to apply visit
hants.gov.uk/SCPjobs

In promoting equal opportunities we welcome
applications from all sections of the community



 Hampshire
County Council

hants.gov.uk

Future School Dates

Event	Date
Henry Beaufort School Year 6 transition day	Thursday 9 th July
PTA Ice lolly and used uniform sale	Friday 10 th July, 3.30pm
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
Show Around 1	Tuesday 15 th September, 10am
New School Year Mass – all welcome	Friday 18 th September, 9.15am
Inset Day – school closed to pupils	Friday 25 th September

Inset Days- staff training with school closed to pupils

Friday 25th September 2026
 Monday 2nd November 2026
 Monday 4th January 2027
 Monday 22nd February 2027
 Friday 21st May 2027

Holiday Dates

School term dates are available on:

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

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

Direct4Logos Weekend Closure

Our school uniform supplier, Direct4Logos, have asked us to let you know that they will be closed from Friday 10th July at 2.00pm and will re-open on Monday 13th July at 9.30am.

Attendance

Year R	91.12%
Year 1	92.15%
Year 2	93.38%
Year 3	94.66%
Year 4	95.38%
Year 5	94.01%
Year 6	95.02%
Overall school Attendance	93.50%

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/>



Show Around dates

If you have a child due to start school in September 2027, we have the following dates available for you to come and look around the school:

Tuesday 15th September 10am

Friday 2nd October 1.30pm

Thursday 15th October 10am

Wednesday 4th November 1.30pm

Thursday 12th November 10am

Please contact the school office if you would like to book onto any of these tours.

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



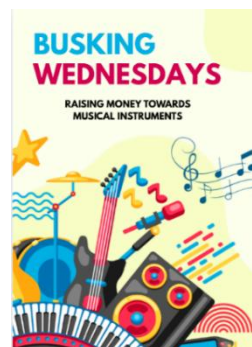
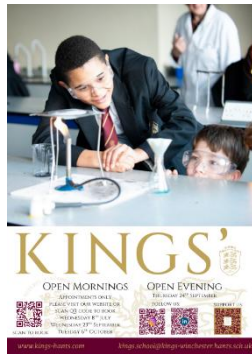
Kings' School Open Events

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.



Best wishes

Louise Buxton



Newsletter - past bits that may be useful

Safeguarding Quote of the Week

"If I could give my child three things, it would be the confidence to always know their self-worth, the strength to follow their dreams, and the ability to know how truly, deeply loved they are,' Anon

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. **Anyone can make a referral.**

At St Peter's Miss Buxton is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Blake, Mrs Pestana and Mrs Foster are the Deputy DSLs. Mrs Ricketts is DSL for Little Fishes Pre-School, with Mrs Church and Mrs Hudson being her safeguarding deputies. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern!

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.