



Newsletter

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

22nd October 2025

Last Sunday was the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Luke 18: 1-8

Dear Parents

Shoebox Collection

Thank you to every family that contributed to our shoebox appeal. I had a little peep inside some of them and the gifts were so thoughtful and I know they will be well received by children who find themselves in difficult situations such as refugee camps. We will be sending 56 boxes.

Emelia said "I think that the shoeboxes promote the Catholic Social Teaching principal of promoting peace because it shows us that when we give gifts and we help the people that are in need it can help us to realise that other people need things more than us."



'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,' Matthew 25:35

Mission Ambassadors

Last week the Mission Ambassadors visited our friends at St Catherine's View Care Home. They kept the residents entertained while making cheese straws that they took home.

Alice N said "At St Catherine's Care Home last week we made cheese straws and we also interacted with the residents and some of us did jigsaws, and when we finished mine and Emelia's straws went into the oven first and we got to bring them back to school with us. They tasted really nice and cheesy and when I got home my dad tried them and said they were really good."



Prayers for those Who Are Suffering in Any Way

Many of us are experiencing pain or suffering for ourselves, or witnessing that of others – on the news as well as in our own families, friendship groups and the school/parish community. Fr Pedro will be leading Stations of the Cross in St. Stephen's Church (here at the school) on **Thursday 13th November from 2.30-3.15pm**. This beautiful devotion is a wonderful way of uniting our sufferings with those of Jesus, and others whom he met on the Way to the Cross. All parents, and adult family members and friends are invited to join us as we ask Jesus to bring us the healing and peace we so badly need.

Father Mark

Year 2 Nurses Day

On Thursday 23rd October, Year 2 will be having our Nurses Day to celebrate our History learning on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. You are invited to dress up as a nurse or soldier. On the day, we will be thinking about what life was like for these nurses during the Crimean war, why Florence was called the Lady with the Lamp and what impact these women had on nursing and hospitals today.

Mrs Keymer and Mrs Wright.



Late Collection Policy

Another new policy is our Late Collection Policy. This details what we do if a parent is late collecting their child. This will involve children being cared for in our After School Club, at a charge. We may also contact Children's Services as per the policy.

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/policies/>

Year R/1 News

Year R/1 have had a fantastic half term and have all settled in really well. The classrooms are always a hive of learning and there is so much going on. The children have enjoyed exploring their classroom environments inside and outside and we are now seeing lots of really purposeful play. Supporting the children in develop sharing, taking turns, cooperation, being creative and inquisitive learners and how to cope when things don't go so well has been a huge part of our learning so far. It has been great to see the children in Year 1 get stuck in to their learning straight away and we have all enjoyed some of their creative writing already including alternative endings for The Gingerbread Man story, one being that the gingerbread man paid an eagle to fly him away from the fox! Here are some pictures of some of our learning.



EMTAS Silver Award

We are proud to announce that our school has been awarded the **Silver Award** by **Hampshire EMTAS** in recognition of our commitment to supporting children and families who are **EAL (English as an Additional Language)** or **newly arrived** to our school community. Our dedicated staff work collaboratively and diligently to ensure that every child can access education and reach their full potential.

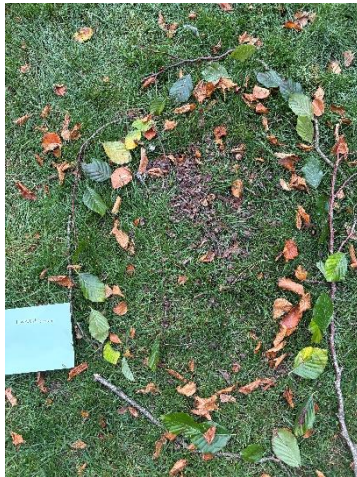
Year 3 Art

Year 3 have been at one with nature in our art learning this half term! Inspired by the Stone Age, we have explored making art using resources from the world around us. On Friday, we worked together to create natural sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Some of us even began to think about the message behind the art we made.

'Our piece is about protecting nature.' – Orlaith

'We want to teach others about looking after trees.' – Phoebe

We felt so grateful to spend the afternoon celebrating the gift of art as well as God's Creation.



Hampshire Young Poets

Well done to Autumn T who left our school for secondary school last summer. She entered the Hampshire Young Poets Competition and came top of her category, 8-11years, winning a P&G Wells book voucher for both herself and our school. Thank you Autumn. The theme of her poem is friendship and how being in a three can become complicated.

"Three's a crowd"

1+1+1
doesn't always equal three:
there's always a minus 1.

In a triangle, two points
are always close, laughing,
while one point looks on longingly.

But a triangle has:
3 sides, 3 angles, 3 hearts
all looking out for each other.

Message from Grace Foster, SENDCo

The Mental Health Support Team run some excellent events to support parents to support children. Do use these as some are local and are a way to access help.


More details can be found here: <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

**Hampshire CAMHS
Information & Advice Sessions
in Winchester – NOVEMBER
2025**

**YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL
HEALTH**

This is a free opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.

HAMPSHIRE CAMHS INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSION



**5TH NOV
2025**

**A training day for
Parent/Carers & Professionals
in Winchester**

A day that focuses on learning skills and strategies for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting an autistic young person. Hampshire CAMHS colleagues will be hosting this day alongside parents/carers with lived experience in coproduction with Viv Dawes Autism Advocate.

EMBRACING AUTISM



**14TH NOV
2025**

**Osborne & Shepherds Down School
Outreach Services
Parent Workshop:**



Tuesday 25th November 2025

10.00am – 2.00pm

**Venue: Shepherds Down School, Compton,
Winchester SO21 2AJ**



This workshop will provide you with an insight into autism and how it affects your child. Our aim is to provide you with a range of practical strategies to support your child in the home environment.

The course will cover:

- ◆ An introduction to autism and the areas of difference
- ◆ Positive behaviour management
- ◆ Communication

Led By:

Carson Eiday
(Osborne School Outreach Service)

Laura Watts (Shepherds Down Outreach Service)

Free of charge

To book a place please contact Osborne School Office
Please do not contact Shepherds Down to book.
N.B. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Refreshments will be provided, please bring a packed lunch.

Email admin@osborne.hants.sch.uk
Phone 01962 854537

Parking – On site. Overflow parking if required at Compton Tennis Club SO21 2AB



National Parenting Week

Parenting is a privileged position - but that doesn't always mean that it's easy! Across the week of October 20th, parents of children in Winchester primary schools are invited to access free advice from a variety of experts. Some of the sessions are in person, some will take place online and all of them are FREE. Details of all of the sessions were emailed to you last week.

New Wellbeing Group starting at New Life Church

A new Wellbeing Group is running term-time on Mondays 10am – 12.00 at New Life Church. It is called the Renew Wellbeing Cafe and is targeted for those who maybe are struggling with anxiety, depression, isolation, or other mental health challenges. The idea of the group is to provide a space for adults to enjoy coffee, crafts, cake, and chat in a relaxed environment, and it's free!



coffee • crafts • cake • chat

*A Renew Wellbeing cafe
in Stanmore, Winchester - and it's FREE!*

*Monday mornings
between 10 and 12**

Find us at:
New Life Church, 86 Stanmore Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, SO22 4BT
renewwellbeingstanmore@gmail.com



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 **COMMUNITY FUND**

*Term time only

 Churches Together in Winchester
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Tesco Community Grants

We are delighted to share that we have been selected for a Tesco Stronger Starts community grant. This grant will go towards sensory activities for all pupils, with the focus of providing children with a way to talk about their worries and concerns. This was introduced last year and has already been a great success for a number of pupils and is just one of the supports in place at school to help your child with their mental health. Please help to support by using your blue token to vote for us when you shop at one of the following stores:

2782 Kings Worthy Express SO23 7ND
3406 Winchester Extra SO23 7RS
3455 Harestock Express SO22 6JN
4893 High Street Winchester Express SO23 9AS
5058 Alresford Express SO24 9AQ
5862 Market Winchester Express SO23 7BT

Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026.



Parents' Evening Bookings

We have now set up the Parents' Evening appointment system, all bookings should be made via **ARBOR**.

All class teachers with the exception of Mr Heys will be available between 4pm and 7pm on both Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Mr Heys will be offering appointments for the same times but on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October 2025.

All sessions went live at midday on Thursday 25th September and will close at midday on Monday 20th October 2025. Bookings for Mr Heys will close at midday on Friday 17th October.

Please note that you will **ONLY** be able to book your appointment via the Arbor App or Parent Portal. Please ensure you have registered in good time.

Future School Dates

Event	Date
Parents evening	Thursday 23 rd October, 4-7pm
Autumn half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	
Inset Day – school closed to children	Monday 3 rd November
Show Around 4	Wednesday 5 th November, 1.30pm
All Saints Day Mass, all invited	Friday 7 th November, 2pm
PTA Firework Night	Saturday 8 th November, 5-7pm
Individual and sibling photos	Wednesday 12 th November
Prayers for those Who Are Suffering in Any Way, St Stephen's Church	Thursday 13 th November, 2.30-3.15pm
Show Around 5	Thursday 13 th November, 9.30am
Reception Advent Liturgy	Friday 5 th December, 9.30am
Advent Liturgy	Tuesday 16 th December, 2.30pm and 6pm
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 th December
KS2 Christmas Lunch	Thursday 18 th December
Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January	
Everyone returns to school	Monday 5 th January

Inset Days 2025-26

Here are this year's school closures for staff training.

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 20th March 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Holiday Dates

School term dates are available on:

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

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

Little Fishes Pre-school – staff vacancy

We have a staff vacancy in Little Fishes for a Pre-School Assistant (SEND 1:1 support) for the rest of the academic year. This is a fixed-term contract, term-time only, 12 hours a week (days/timings to be agreed). See the vacancies tab on the school website for full details and the job description/person specification and application procedure.

Attendance

In 2018/19 just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.

Year R/1	93.13%
Year 2	94.88%
Year 3	95.62%
Year 4	95.04%
Year 5	95.68%
Year 6	96.11%
Overall school Attendance	94.90%

Well done Year 6 for having the highest attendance. An extra 5 minutes' break for you!

See the NHS website 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/>

Flu Vaccinations

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. The vaccine will help your child to build up immunity which means your child will be better able to fight off flu.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. You will need to input the School Code below to complete the form. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH116381

Session date: 02/Dec/2025

Year Group: Year R - Year 6

Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options. More information for parents is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

Alternatively, if you decide you **do not** wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please complete the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

Show Around dates

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, we have the following dates available for you to come and look around the school:

Wednesday 5th November 1.30pm
Thursday 13th November 9.30am

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



Half Term Band Camp at St Peter's

Did you know that Upbeat Pop and Rock school will be running a Half Term Band Camp at St Peter's this half term? 9.30 - 3.30: Monday 27th - Tuesday 28th October. Children will join an age appropriate 'band' and:

- Learn/ develop instrumental skills on drums, guitar, keyboards and voice.
- Put together a selection of songs for an end of course gig.
- Enjoy singing sessions, rhythm activities and games to develop their musical skills.
- Participate in creative activities, including songwriting and crafts.

Beginners to advanced musicians welcome (Year 1 - Year 8)

Email us for more info or click here to book your space:

<https://upbeat-music-courses.classforkids.io/camp/11>

10% discount for all St Peter's pupils. Just use the code CAX250 at the checkout!

www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk / upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com



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)	
October	24th	6CJ Class
November	7th	All Saints Mass
	14th	5DL Class
	21st	4GK Class
	28th	3BW Class
January	9th	Epiphany Mass
	16th	2EK Class
March	6th	6SK Class
	13th	KS1 Liturgy
	20th	INSET
	27th	Holy Week Liturgy
April	3rd	Easter Holiday
	10th	Easter Holiday
	17th	5AH Class
	24th	4RS Class
May	1st	3GD Class
	8th	2EW Class
	15th	R/1 MR Class
	22nd	INSET
	29th	Half Term
June	5th	Corpus Christi Mass
	12th	R/1MB Class
	19th	R/1NT Class
July	3rd	Peter and Paul Mass

ST PETER'S SCHOOL PTA

BONFIRE NIGHT

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

BBQ & BAR
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

GATES OPEN 5PM
FIREWORKS 6.30PM

ST PETER'S SCHOOL
OLIVER'S BATTERY RD N, SO22 4JB

Advance tickets
&
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www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspta

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Parent Teacher Association



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- Breathing exercises
- Relaxation message
- Informations
- Relaxations

Olivers Battery Countryside Group

Please join us for an

Autumnal Wildlife Discovery Morning

at the Oliver's Battery Wildlife Area
on Saturday 1st November 2025
from 10 - 11.30am
Meet at the car park at the Oliver's Battery
Recreation Ground at 10am



All welcome, especially families with children
For more information see:
<https://oliversbatterycountysidegroup.org.uk>

Hampshire County Council
Library Service

First Words Together

First Words Together is a free programme of fun activities, to help parents develop their toddler's speaking and communication skills.

Sessions are delivered in library settings by trained First Words Together staff members.

This 5 week course is designed to help parents develop skills to support their baby or toddler's early communication.

Is First Words Together something you should refer the families you work with to?

First Words Together is a pilot project developed by the National Literacy Trust.

This programme is designed to help parents support their baby or toddler's early communication. Parents/carers must be able to attend all 5 sessions.

We welcome referrals for children aged between 6-24 months that are at risk of not reaching milestones for speech and communication.

The course cannot make any diagnosis or replace a medical pathway.

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register an interest.

National Literacy Trust
@hampshireschools
hants.gov.uk/library

Wanting to do the best for your child?

Join us on the 30 week Nurturing Programme and find out how to get the best out of family life

St. Stephen's Church, Oliver's Battery Rd North
24th Sept - 3rd Dec (Wednesdays), 9.05 AM - 10.05 AM excluding half term



For parents of children aged between 2-12 years
Find out more or to book a place, please email nurturingprogramme@stwinch.org
or phone: 07942 28461.
We hope to see you there!

NEW FOR 2025

HAMPSHIRE CAMHS INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSION
YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL HEALTH

10am - 2pm
The Arc, Jewry Street
Winchester, SO23 8SB

This is an opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.

Bookable slots available via our website or just drop in.

7 May	3 September
4 June	1 October
2 July	5 November
6 August	3 December

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THANK YOU

Wishing you a wonderful half term break

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!

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Does your child qualify for free school meals? If you are in receipt of: Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, State pension credit, Child tax credit (as long as you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, working tax credit run on or universal credit) you may be eligible for a free school meal.

Even if your child has the universal free school meal (Year R, 1 and 2) please apply for this benefit. The school receives money from central Government to support a variety of school initiatives that would be of benefit to your child. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Lane in the school office and you can apply through <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

Facebook

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

Hants LA signposting websites

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

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/family.page?familychannel=2>

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

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.

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- AUTUMN

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 Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Wednesday Friday
Y1	Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Wednesday Friday	Y5	Football Intergr8 Comic Club Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Wednesday Wednesday Friday
Y2	Intergr8 Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Monday Wednesday Friday	Y6	Intergr8 Football Comic Club Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Wednesday Wednesday Friday
Y3	Comic Club Intergr8 Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Wednesday Friday			