



## Newsletter

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

15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Last Sunday was the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Luke 17: 11-19

Dear Parents

### Harvest Celebration



Thank you for your generosity towards our Harvest Festival. Both the Carroll Centre Food Pantry and Winchester Basics Bank are very thankful.

Also thank you Father Mark for celebrating Harvest Mass, along with Christel and Anne for being sacristans and Mrs Cooney for accompanying the school band. It was a wonderful celebration of the gifts we are given by God. The sermon included Father Mark playing the recorder!

Thank you to the children for their ministry of being altar servers, readers and of course playing in our worship band.



*When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. Deuteronomy 24:19*

## Black History Month

This October, we're proud to celebrate Black History Month with the theme: "Standing firm in Power and Pride". Throughout the month, we will have the opportunity to learn about the incredible contributions of Black British citizens past and present - from brave campaigners like Olive Morris, to inspiring authors like Malorie Blackman, and talented athletes like Marcus Rashford.

We will then use what we've learned to create artwork that focuses on how they have inspired us for a collaborative display. Let's celebrate together and keep learning from the amazing people who've helped shape Britain!

We will continue to pray for any racial injustice in the world and thank God for the wonderful diversity He created:

Lord God,  
Creator of our wonderful world, and its beautiful people. We thank you for Black History Month and the opportunities to celebrate the myriad contributions that Black Britons have made to this country over the centuries. May this month be an opportunity for everyone to hear more about those men, women and children whose stories have previously gone unheard. Help us to remember that, in the words of Dr King himself: Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Amen

## 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 Mark will be leading Stations of the Cross in St. Stephen's Church (here at the school) on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### New policies on website

We have updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies – which are now on our website.

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

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### Year 2 Nurses Day

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

**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

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**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 Blday  
(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](mailto:admin@osborne.hants.sch.uk)  
Phone 01942 854537

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

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## Little Fishes wraparound care - message from the Governors

Towards the end of 2024 we circulated a survey to establish whether there was sufficient interest in the school providing wraparound care for the Little Fishes children. At that time we had a lot of interest for additional hours both in the morning and afternoon and therefore we established the new service, to start from this September.

There was a low take up for places initially, but we were keen to offer this wraparound care service, therefore we decided to go ahead in the hope that more parents would sign up for places. Unfortunately, the trend has continued and deteriorated further since the start of the new school year, to the extent that it is no longer financially viable for the school to continue offering this service.

Regrettably, from week commencing 3rd November (after October half term) the wraparound service for Little Fishes children will cease to operate. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We are hoping that in the future we will be able to offer a wraparound care service for Little Fishes if it proves to be financially viable, and if this is the case we will communicate with you further at that time. Thank you for your continued support.

Tim Wootton-Beard  
On behalf of the Governors

## 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. One of the sessions is being held here at St Peter's on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 9.30-11.00am - Sacha Welch from Citizens Advice will be running a session on Developing Financial Resilience. Details of all of the sessions have been emailed to you today.

## 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!



Renew Cafe  
WINCHESTER

coffee • crafts • cake • chat

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

Monday mornings  
between 10 and 12\*

Renew Wellbeing

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



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\*Term time only

Churches Together in Winchester  
Working Together for the City

## Breakfast Club

We are delighted to share that 360° Sports Coaching is our new breakfast club provider. The breakfast club will continue to operate from 7:30am - 8:45am. See the flyer below for how to book.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

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

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

## School – Parish Mass

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at St Stephen's last Sunday. It's good to be with our parish family.

## Cameron Bepolka Wildlife Competition

Each year Winchester College commemorates the life of one of its pupils who died, aged 16 years old. Cameron loved birds and this year the art competition is 'Why are birds of prey vital to our world and how can we help their survival?'

If your child would like to take part by drawing a picture or painting a picture of their favourite bird of prey then please send entries to the school office by the first week back after half term.



## Future School Dates

Event	Date
Show Around 3	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am
Shoebox collection final date	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Parents evening	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 4-7pm
Parents evening	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 4-7pm
<b>Autumn half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	
Inset Day – school closed to children	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Show Around 4	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm
All Saints Day Mass, all invited	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November, 2pm
PTA Firework Night	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 5-7pm
Individual and sibling photos	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Show Around 5	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am
Reception Advent Liturgy	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am
Advent Liturgy	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm and 6pm
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Christmas Lunch	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	
Everyone returns to school	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January

## Inset Days 2025-26

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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	92.86%
Year 2	94.79%
Year 3	95.71%
Year 4	95.01%
Year 5	95.59%
Year 6	95.78%
Overall school Attendance	94.80%

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](http://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:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am

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

## Music Notices

### Music Ensembles and Clubs

Worship Band - there will be no rehearsal this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October as Miss Owens is away at a Hampshire Music Service conference. Our next rehearsal will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 3.30 - 4.30pm. After half term, rehearsals will run until 5.00pm as we introduce the School Band rehearsals into our weekly programme. Please pack your child a small, healthy snack.

School Band - will start on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Rehearsals will run weekly from 3.30 - 4.15pm. All members from last year are invited to join again. Miss Owens will email out a reminder.

St Peter's Singers - rehearsals will start on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and run weekly from 8.15 - 8.45am. You will have received an email if your child is involved in this group.

### Busking Wednesdays

Next date - Wednesday 5th November.

### Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons are now well underway. A reminder that the children need to check the notice board for their lesson time each week. And remember to bring your instruments and music. Teachers will also be checking for regular practice, so don't forget to prepare for your lessons! Any questions, email Miss Owens ([music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk](mailto:music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk)).

Lessons take place on the following days:

Piano/Keyboard (Mrs Liddle) - Monday or Fridays

Voice (Mrs Liddle) - Mondays

Violin/cello (Mr Baker) - Tuesdays

Brass (Mr Potter) - Wednesdays

Guitar (Mr Gruzelier) - Wednesdays

Woodwind (Mrs Williams) - Wednesdays

Percussion (Mr Say) - Thursdays

And finally... thank you for your beautiful playing and singing at the Harvest Mass last Friday.

Miss Owens

## 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](http://www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk) / [upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com](mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com)



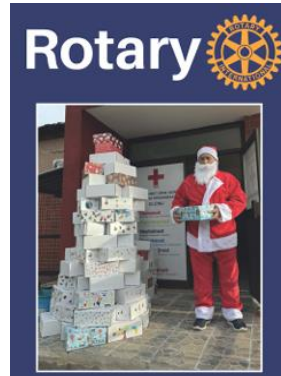
## Class Assemblies 2025-26

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

## Rotary Christmas Shoebox Scheme

We are supporting Wessex Rotary's Christmas Shoebox scheme again this year. We have a supply of the boxes in school so please come and collect a box if your child would like to take part. Filled boxes need to be returned to school before the half term break, **by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October latest**. Thank you for your generosity to this very worthwhile scheme.



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  
&  
hot food vouchers



[www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspta)

All proceeds in aid of St Peter's Primary School  
Parent Teacher Association



**Does your child love to Dance, Act and Perform? THEATRE KIDZ ARE IN YOUR SCHOOL!**

Our TPA Academy classes provide the most magical and exciting environment for children to develop their stage skills. From building confidence, to using their big loud voices and expressing themselves through our fun games, exercises and performance pieces. We encourage every student to blossom in their own unique way and achieve things they never thought possible.

**TPA Academy**  
 TELEPHONE: 07930 980 038  
 EMAIL: INFO@TPAACADEMY.CO.UK  
 WEBSITE: WWW.TPAACADEMY.CO.UK

**INTEGR8 DANCE** **FREE TRIAL**

**STREET DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
 St Peter's Primary School  
 Mondays 3.30-4.30pm  
 Years 2 - 6

No dance experience necessary!  
 Learn new skills, increase confidence and HAVE FUN!

**BOOKING DETAILS**  
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 WEBSITE: WWW.INTEGR8DANCE.COM

**Relax Kids**

**ACTIVITY & RELAXATION CLASSES FOR KIDS**

Relax Kids classes improve:

- improved sleep
- concentration
- self-esteem
- confidence
- focus, creativity
- listening skills

Your child will enjoy:

- Games and songs
- Storytelling
- Movement
- Sketching
- Breathing exercises
- Hand/foot massage
- Informations
- Relaxations

**STARTING SCHOOL IN 2026**

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2025, they can start school in September 2025. For more information go to: [www.hants.gov.uk/infants](http://www.hants.gov.uk/infants) Populations.com for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2025.

**THE NEXT SCHOOL CLOSURE DATE FOR HANTS COUNTY IS THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2026**

**DON'T MISS IT!**

Hampshire County Council [hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.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 [hants.gov.uk/library](http://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](mailto: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

[hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)

STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME

**WE NEED YOU!**

*me loved uniform*

If your child has grown out of their uniforms sizes 9-10 11-12 13  
 Donate them to the PTA and we will give them new life.

[ptauseduniform@gmail.com](mailto:ptauseduniform@gmail.com) **ST PETER'S PTA**

**BUSKING WEDNESDAYS**

RAISING MONEY TOWARDS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**SCAN TO DONATE**

**THANK YOU**

Best wishes

Louise Buxton



## Newsletter - past bits that may be useful

### Safeguarding Quote of the Week

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### 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			