

Newsletter

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

8th October 2025

Last Sunday was the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Luke 17: 5-10

Dear Parents

Our Mission Ambassadors being neighbourly

Our Mission Ambassadors teamed up with St Catherine's Care Home last week as it was national home-made biscuit day (I think there must be a 'day' for everything now – but for me this is certainly a worthwhile one!)

We knocked on neighbours' doors thanking them for being our neighbours (while I apologised to them for some of the parking they occasionally suffer at drop off and pick up!) The biscuits that had been made at the care home were well received and the children have been promised their own supply soon!

I was very proud of how the children spoke with our neighbours, including when one family were Spanish speakers, unable to speak English - so one of our Italian speakers stepped in and improvised her Italian and was understood!



Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:1-2

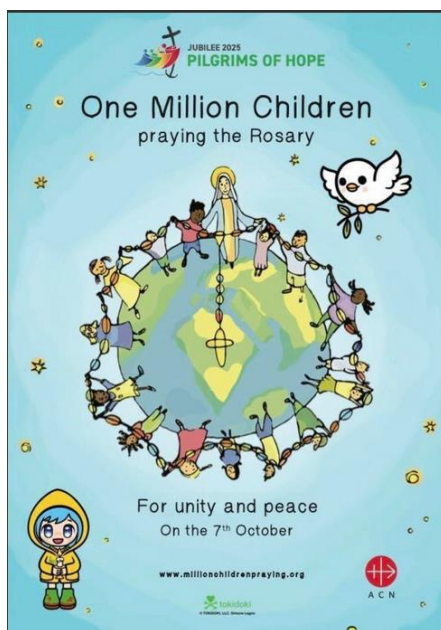
Worldwide Children's Day of Praying the Rosary

On Tuesday, our Mission Ambassadors led prayers in the prayer garden for Worldwide Children's Day of Praying the Rosary. The children each led a Hail Mary as part of a decade and in classes, different mysteries were shared during class prayers.

It would be lovely for families to come together in prayer and pray the rosary for unity and peace. Our parish have shared some helpful links where you can join one million children praying: <https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/>

If you are unsure of how to pray a rosary, perhaps light a candle or kneel together with a rosary if you have one and follow the link: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

Emilia said, "We pray the rosary together and it helps us to ask Mary to help us talk to God."



Toy and Game Donations Needed!

Do you have any **unwanted toys or games at home** that are still in **good condition**? We would love to pass these on to children and families in our school community who could benefit from them **and** include some in our lunchtime Calm Zone area.

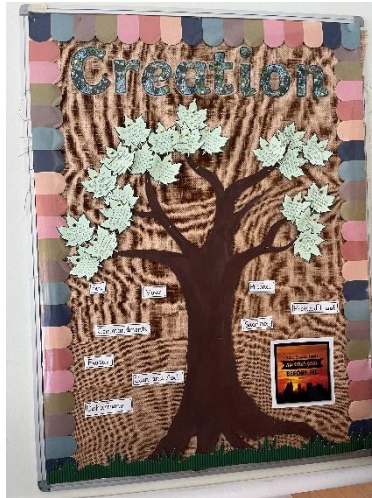
Whether it's puzzles, card games, board games, dolls, action figures or building sets - your generosity can bring joy to another child and help make a difference. **Please drop off any donations at the school office.**

Thank you in advance for your support and kindness!



Year 6 News

Year 6 have been thinking all about Creation, in both RE and Liturgy of the Word. We have been considering what it means to be 'people of God' and how we can use this community to protect the gift of God's creation. In Liturgy of the Word, we wrote prayers to God, asking for strength and help in making this change.



Black History Month

October is here, and that means it's time to celebrate Black History Month! Our school library has a fantastic selection of books and resources (thank you PTA!) that highlight the rich tapestry of Black history and culture. Over the month, children will be able to explore the origin and impact of Black History Month, culminating in a collaborative display towards the end.



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.



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.



TESCO
Community Grants

Dogs

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. There were a few seen at pick up at the field end of school last week.

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.

School – Parish Mass

Everyone is invited to join us at 9.15am Mass this Sunday 12th October at St Stephen's. I've been told there will be a cake sale afterwards! If the children would like to wear their school sweater to show they are part of *Team St Peter's* then great – but no worries if not!

Cameron Besselka 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 in this please send entries to the school office by the first week back after half term.



Future School Dates

Event	Date
Harvest Collection final date	Thursday 9 th October
Year R/1 parents phonics session	Thursday 9 th October, 3pm
Harvest Mass - all invited	Friday 10 th October, 2pm
School-Parish Mass, St Stephen's Church	Sunday 12 th October, 9.15am
Show Around 3	Friday 17 th October, 9.30am
Shoebox collection final date	Monday 20 th October
Parents evening	Tuesday 21 st October, 4-7pm
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
Show Around 5	Thursday 13 th November, 9.30am
Reception Advent Liturgy	Friday 5 th December, 9.30am
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

Holiday Dates

School term dates are available on:

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

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

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

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	93.10%
Year 2	94.96%
Year 3	96.43%
Year 4	95.67%
Year 5	96.01%
Year 6	95.84%
Overall school Attendance	95.20%

Well done Year 3 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

Harvest Festival



This year's harvest festival will see us collecting for both our local Carroll Food Pantry and the Winchester Basics Bank.

The **Carroll Food Pantry** request a range of goods. To find out more about the Carroll Food Pantry look at <https://thecarrollcentre.org/foodpantry/>

The Winchester Basics Bank request:

Tea and coffee

Cereals

Tinned meats

And anything that you think might be useful! They said we are a life saver doing this for them!

Please send your donations in for **Thursday 9th October** so we can produce a display for our **Harvest Mass, 2pm Friday 10th October**, to which everyone (parents, family) is invited. Some of our school council will be involved in ensuring the pantry receive your gifts.



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

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 17th October 9.30am

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.

Music Notices

Music Ensembles and Clubs

Worship Band rehearsal 3.30 - 4.30pm this week (9th October). We will also be playing at the Harvest Mass at 2pm on Friday (10th October) so please remember your instruments and music. There will be no Worship Band rehearsal next Thursday (16th October) as Miss Owens is away at a Hampshire Music Service conference.

Busking Wednesdays

Thank you so much to our amazing buskers and people who supported them last week at our first Busking Wednesday. These will take place on the first Wednesday of each month. Next date - Wednesday 5th November.

Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons are now well underway. A reminder that the children need to check the noticeboard for their lesson time each week. And remember to bring your instruments and music! Any questions, email Miss Owens (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

Miss Owens

Halloween Band Camp at St Peter's

Did you know that Upbeat Pop and Rock school will be running a Halloween 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

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UPBEAT BAND CAMP - WINCHESTER
MONDAY 27th - TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER

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Play guitars, drums, keyboards
Develop your vocal/ rhythmic skills
Form a band
Write your own songs
Perform in a gig

For children from Year 1 - Year 8

CONTACT us for more info at
upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com
07816 901936

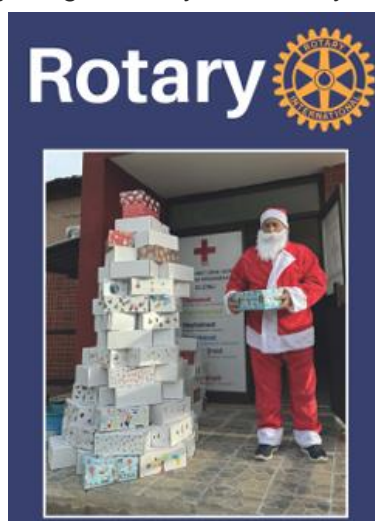
Class Assemblies 2025-26

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	7 th	All Saints Mass
	14 th	5DL Class
	21 st	4GK Class
	28 th	3BW Class
January	9 th	Epiphany Mass
	16 th	2EK Class
March	6 th	6SK Class
	13 th	KS1 Liturgy
	20 th	INSET
	27 th	Holy Week Liturgy
April	3 rd	Easter Holiday
	10 th	Easter Holiday
	17 th	5AH Class
	24 th	4RS Class
May	1 st	3GD Class
	8 th	2EW Class
	15 th	R/1 MR Class
	22 nd	INSET
	29 th	Half Term
June	5 th	Corpus Christi Mass
	12 th	R/1MB Class
	19 th	R/1NT Class
July	3 rd	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 20th October latest**. Thank you for your generosity to this very worthwhile scheme.



Parent Reader Plea

Could you spare any time to hear children read? Stay late after drop off or arrive a little early for pick up? Please contact the school office if you are able to join this amazing group of volunteers helping our children to become more confident readers. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Safeguarding checks are carried out on all volunteers and training is provided.

100 Club - the PTA school lottery

Our school lottery is a great way for you to support the children at St Peter's with regular monthly funds whilst also having a bit of a flutter. The more people who join the 100 Club, the bigger the prizes and the bigger the funds for the school. It's £5 per number entered into each monthly draw, with the total ticket sales split evenly between the PTA and the prize fund.

If you'd like to join, or have any questions, please email us at stpeterspta100club@gmail.com We'd love to hear from you!

Congratulations to our latest 100 Club winners:

August prize draw:

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1st Prize:	Maggie Stretch	£ 35.00
2nd Prize:	Ania Slinn	£ 20.00
3rd Prize	Claire Lane	£ 15.00
4th Prize:	John & Pat Mitchell	£ 10.00

September prize draw:

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1st Prize:	Geraldine McElduff	£ 30.00
2nd Prize:	Jennifer McEneany	£ 20.00
3rd Prize	Amy Paterson	£ 15.00
4th Prize:	Paul Barker	£ 10.00

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
 EMAIL: INFO@INTEGR8DANCE.COM
 CALL: 0762 80839
 WEBSITE: WWW.INTEGR8DANCE.COM

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- confidence
- focus
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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 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

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

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 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@ststeph.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

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 Donate them to the PTA and we will give them new life.

ptaseduniform@gmail.com **ST PETER'S PTA**

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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

'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			

Message from Grace Foster, SENDCo

Mental Health in Schools

In our continual strive to be offering the best support available to all our pupils we have been working closely with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). They are Hampshire CAMHS early help service designed to improve access to psychological therapies for young people, while also assisting schools to develop a whole-school approach to positive mental health and wellbeing.

The team ran a really useful parent workshop around anxiety earlier in the term and we have been accessing their expertise across the school. In particular we are working with them to audit mental health provision currently available in school. In order to know how to support families moving forward it would be very useful to have parent views. This can be given via this survey:



<https://forms.office.com/e/Bv171UHTaw?origin=lprLink>