



## Newsletter

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

24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Last Sunday was the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Luke 16: 1-13

Dear Parents

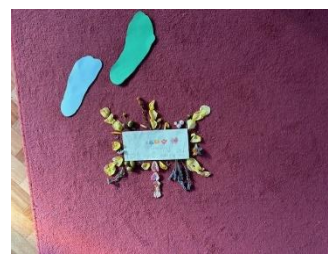
### Winchester Green Week

As we explore Creation through our RE curriculum, children are learning to care for our common home. Inspired by *Laudato Si'*, pupils carry out roles of responsibility with our litter pickers and eco-busters as well as reflecting on stewardship, and celebrating the beauty of God's world.

Below is the work Year 2 did in their RE lesson when coming up with ideas on what they could do to help the planet.

Don't buy things you don't need.	Plant trees.	Don't waste food. Pick up litter.
What can we do to help?		
Don't pick leaves off trees.	Put your rubbish in the bin.	Recycle Don't waste paper.

Meanwhile, children in Years 1, 2 and 5 made a display in the church, using words based on the Psalm 104 to remind everyone of how wonderful creation is and how it is 'all good'.



**Genesis 2:15** "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it".

### 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 will go 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.

### Diocesan Building Fund

During the past few months, we have been working hard to gain finance for various capital projects, such as new toilets for our younger children, external decoration and ongoing fencing and drainage.

All diocesan schools have to fund 10% of the cost of their building projects. Contributing to this fund helps us to ensure we can provide the best possible buildings for our children in the future. We have really benefited from this fund in the past few years and so we ask you to support this. If you have not yet taken up the invitation please would you consider doing so?

You can easily pay this voluntary contribution, suggested £10 per child, per term, via SCOPAY. This is something all diocesan Catholic schools seek.

Thank for your support if you are able to donate to this.

### NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe* Programme

This term, we are participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe* Programme. *Speak out Stay safe* is a programme for children aged 4-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children will be taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or via Childline.

You will today have received a letter regarding this, including a link which will provide more information about the programme.

## Music Notices

### Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons are now well underway. A reminder that the children need to check the noticeboard to ensure that their name is on the correct list and also to find out their lesson times. Please email Miss Owens with any questions ([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

### Music Ensembles and Clubs

For information about rehearsals and other music events, please continue to check the music noticeboard (outside the music classroom).

### Worship Band rehearsal

Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm (you will have been notified if you are in this).

### Busking Wednesdays

These will take place before school on the first Wednesday of each month. Our first one will take place next week, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please bring your coins to put in the hat as our very first buskers entertain you between 8.30 and 8.50am as you're coming into school. Our collection will go towards buying an electric guitar and an amp, which can be used in lessons, future school ensembles and performances.

### St. Peter's Singers – Years 5 and 6

We will be starting a small singing group this term, which will perform at selected masses and concerts (in the same way as the Worship Band does). The group will work to develop their harmony singing as well as looking at a varied choral repertoire. Miss Owens will be listening to keen singers, who feel they could commit to a regular Thursday morning rehearsal from 8.15 - 8.45am, next Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October). Those who are interested, should prepare a short song to sing (or section of one) and be ready to sing some harmonies as part of a group. Please sign up on the list on the music noticeboard if you would like to be considered. Please note that places are limited for this group initially, although may grow as the group develops. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### School Band

The school band will be starting up again on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October and will run from 3.30 - 4.15pm. We will be in touch with further details closer to the time.

**And finally:** Thanks to the performers who entertained me with our rendition of 'Lava Chicken'. You know who you are!

Miss Owens

## 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.



## Danny Chambers MP's Christmas Card Competition

Danny Chambers MP is inviting entries for his inaugural Christmas Card Competition, which is open to all Key Stage Two pupils. A certificate will be sent to everyone who takes part. The winner and runners-up from across the constituency will receive prizes, and the winning design will be used for Danny Chambers' Christmas card this year – which will be sent to nearly 45,000 homes.

- Please send us the original design, not a photocopy.
- Designs should be on A4 paper (the winning design will be reduced in size and printed on A6).
- Everything fun, creative, and vibrant is encouraged! (Avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and other stick-on items – they're great, but don't reproduce well.)
- Please remind pupils to write their full names, school year and age on the back of their designs – otherwise we won't know who the winner is!
- **First name, age, year group and school will be shown on the winning card, so please do not include entries where a pupil or parent/guardian wouldn't want this information on the card.**
- All designs must be received by **Friday 3rd October 2025**.

**We will post all entries we receive in school by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.** If your entry is later than this you will need to post direct to: Office of Danny Chambers MP, Unit E, Bar End Industrial Estate, Winchester, SO23 9NP.

## 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>

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Please see our website for further information and an application form: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>

### Menu Change for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the kitchen will be serving the popular pork sausage roll or margherita pizza, along with the usual filled jacket potatoes and tomato pasta.

## Future School Dates

Event	Date
Nurturing programme for parents begins – until December	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September, 9-11am
Deadline for entries to MP's Christmas card competition for posting from school	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Welcome liturgy for Year R children – families invited	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.15am
Show Around 2	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 1.30pm
Inset Day – school closed to children	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Harvest Collection final date	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Year R/1 parents phonics session	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October, 3pm
Harvest Mass	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2pm
School-Parish Mass, St Stephen's Church	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am
Show Around 3	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am
Parents evening	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 4-7pm
Parents evening	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 4-7pm
Shoebox collection final date	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
<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
<b>Christmas Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
 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

## 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	93.69%
Year 2	94.70%
Year 3	96.43%
Year 4	95.42%
Year 5	97.10%
Year 6	95.66%
Overall school Attendance	95.40%

Well done Year 5 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

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> October** so we can produce a display for our **Harvest Mass, 2pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1.30pm

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.

## Picture News

Picture News is a new whole school project that we started last year to improve our oracy. Each week the picture that we have looked at in class will be sent home with a key question to aid some discussion on a piece of current news.



## In the news this week

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- > Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- > Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

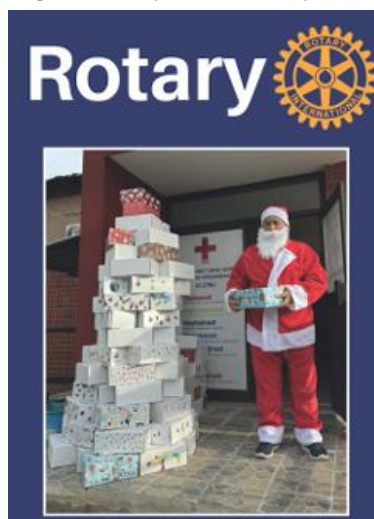
[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



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## 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.



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

## Kings' School open mornings and evening

Kings' School are holding open mornings on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, and an open evening on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Please visit <https://kings.applicaa.com/events/019619e0-5cae-739f-afa2-58f47d105f0c> to book onto the open mornings and <https://kings.applicaa.com/events/019619f1-3dc1-7446-841d-42201ef01241> to book onto the open evening.

## An invitation to St Peter's School young musicians

Year 6 musicians leaving St Peter's school are welcome to join The St Stephen's Players.

The St Stephen's Players are a group of young musicians who play for the 9.15am mass at St Stephen's church on the second Sunday of each month. Players are contacted in advance of the Sunday monthly mass to determine availability. Music is then sent through and a brief rehearsal takes place at 8.45am before the mass. The music is written to suit the ability of the player. This is a great opportunity to enjoy contributing to the music in our parish.

For more information please contact Emma Sharrock:

[Ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)



## 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.

## PTA Bonfire Night - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### Addresses needed for Dybles' Board sponsorship!

Once again, we have an amazing **sponsorship opportunity** for the PTA Bonfire Night on Saturday 8th November with **Dybles Estate Agents**.

In return for their generous funding, we need 25 or more addresses of people willing to have a temporary board outside their house which would advertise the event. If you enjoy this brilliant annual event and cannot help in any other way, this would be an amazing way to contribute. If you are happy to have a board outside your house, please email [pta.chair.stpeters@gmail.com](mailto:pta.chair.stpeters@gmail.com) with your name, address and contact details. We need to confirm the addresses ideally by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September, so please reply as soon as you can!

Thank you so much for all your help - we couldn't do these events without you.

The PTA

## The new season of Journey in Faith starts on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Journey in Faith provides an opportunity to discover more about the Christian faith and what we believe and practice in the Catholic Church. In our sessions, we reflect on Scripture, share our questions about faith, explore the Sacramental encounter with our living Lord through the Church, and discuss the relevance of the Church's teachings to our lives.

### When? Where?

From 2<sup>nd</sup> October we meet regularly on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Parish Centre.

### Who is it for?

For some, the programme is a space to simply learn more about the Church, its teachings, and the Sacraments. For others, it serves as a preparation to be received into the Catholic Church. Catholics and non-Catholics are equally welcome.

### What to expect?

The programme consists of about twenty sessions over the year. Each session includes a reflection on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday Mass and an informative discussion on a specific aspect of the Catholic faith. The atmosphere is informal and welcoming.

How to sign up or find out more?

Contact [alexis.delaferriere@gmail.com](mailto:alexis.delaferriere@gmail.com) or visit our [website](#).

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**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/infantsclassrooms](http://www.hants.gov.uk/infantsclassrooms) Populations.com for Hampshire schools on 1 November 2025.

**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 10 week Nurture 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 (Wednesday), 9.05 AM - 11.05 AM excluding half term

For parents of children aged between 2-12 years  
Find out more or to book a place, please email [nurtureprogramme@ststephs.org](mailto:nurtureprogramme@ststephs.org) or phone: 07942 28445.

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!**

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If your child has grown out of their uniforms sizes 4-10, 11-12, 13. Donate them to the PTA and we will give them new life.

[ptaseduniform@gmail.com](mailto:ptaseduniform@gmail.com) | ST PETER'S PTA

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			

## What to expect from the library this year

I would like to start by saying that as a school we are incredibly lucky to have a library space which has been heavily invested in by the PTA. School libraries have been proven to have a long term positive impact on children and their development and there are many schools that do not have one. I can genuinely say it is a joy and privilege to watch the St Peter's pupils evolve into who they are as readers and see their enthusiasm for reading continually grow.

Pupils can take home up to 2 books at a time, with most using their class library time to choose their books. Reminders are sent out periodically throughout the academic year or when requested by a child/parent who would like to know which titles are on loan when hunting for an elusive book.

Buddy Bags are issued on a Friday to be given back on Monday for Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. Buddy Bags contain a book, notebook, colour pens, hot chocolate with marshmallows and of course, the Reading Buddy. We hope children will delight in reading the book with their Buddy while cosying up with a hot chocolate at home. The overall aim is to support children in developing healthy reading habits and inspire reading for pleasure in varied environments.

We are lucky enough to have access to eBooks, audio books and magazines via the Sora platform. Logins will be issued over the next few weeks with instructions on how to access this wonderful resource.

Children can also take home books from our 'Book Rescue'. These books are labelled as such and are books that children can choose and then keep at home. These are books that have been retired from the library and don't look their best, usually because they have been enjoyed so much. There is no limit on how many each child can take to enjoy.

Mrs Pestana