

Newsletter

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

5th November 2025

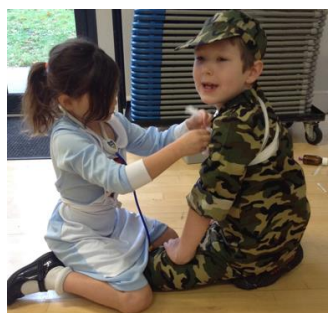
Last Sunday was All Souls Day
John 6: 37-40

Dear Parents

Nurses Day

On Thursday 23rd October, Year 2 celebrated our History Learning on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The day began with some training for our Soldiers and Nurses before we headed to the Crimean War. Our nurses took care of injured soldiers and followed the instructions that Florence gave about keeping the hospital clean. Once the war had ended, we thought carefully about our 'Big Question': Was Florence Nightingale the most important nurse in the Crimean War?

We spent the afternoon creating Lanterns to remember Florence's famous nickname 'The lady with the lamp' and continued our role play from the morning. The children looked fantastic and were true St Peteronians in their work and play!



Dress up costumes for enrichment days

As mentioned in the Year 2 'Nurses Day' section we will welcome dressing up costumes that have been used for enrichment days by many of our year groups. If your family no longer need the costumes please can you consider donating them to us for future years to help parents and also ensure we recycle! Many thanks.

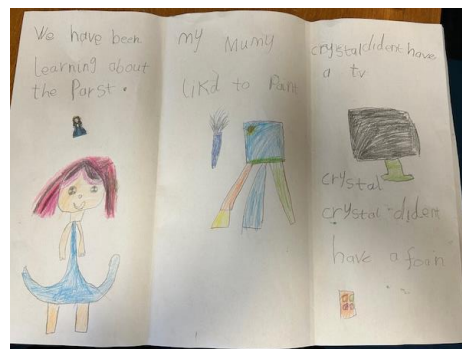
Mass for All Saints

Everyone is invited to Mass for All Saints **2pm, Friday 7th November** in St Stephen's Church.

Learning in Year R/1

We were so thankful to our visitor and adopted Grandparent Christel in the last week of the half term. We had been learning all about the past and thinking carefully about questions to ask others to find out more information. She came to visit and told us all about what her childhood was like. The children showed excellent listening skills as they took turns to ask questions such as 'What did you play with?' 'Did you have a television?' and 'What was your favourite toy?'

The Year 1 children then created information sheets about what they had learnt from their parents and from Christel.



Anti-bullying Week

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 11th November

Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow.

That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. On **Tuesday 11th November**, we will celebrate Odd Socks Day, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to honour and remember our differences.

Together, we can use our Power for Good to end bullying — for good!



NSPCC

Last week, our Year 2, 5 and 6 children took part in an engaging and thought-provoking workshop led by the NSPCC. The session focused on helping children understand their rights, recognise safe and unsafe situations, and know who to turn to for support. Through interactive activities and open discussion, the children explored important topics around personal safety and emotional wellbeing. It was fantastic to see how confidently and thoughtfully they participated, showing great maturity and empathy. We're proud of how they embraced the message that every child has the right to feel safe, heard, and supported.



Stella Maris Seafarers Christmas Chocolate Appeal

Stella Maris are again appealing for Christmas gifts for seafarers who will be away from home at Christmas. This year they are asking for chocolate gifts. Please send any chocolate into school during December and no later than **Monday 15th December**. Thank you for your generosity to this worthwhile cause.



Southern Region

Southampton • Fawley • Portsmouth • Poole • Shoreham Weymouth • Portland • Isle of Wight • Channel Islands



Stella Maris Southampton Seafarers Christmas Chocolate Appeal 2025

Can you help us give a Christmas chocolates to Seafarers this December?

What do you want for Christmas? Whatever it is it's highly likely it will have come to this country by sea. Did you know there will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends? Theirs is a tough, relentless life, long hours, boring, noisy, temperature extremes, dangerous and exhausting. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so **we're planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents** for seafarers visiting the Southampton ports in the days before Christmas. We need to prepare now. **Can you help us by donating chocolate gifts?** Please contact your Stella Maris Southern Region Port Chaplains, Luke or Gregory, using contact details below, to arrange collection or delivery. Your gift may be the only present a seafarer receives this Christmas.



Suggested Chocolate Gifts



Stella Maris Southern Region, 48 Bugle Street, Southampton. SO14 2AH.

Chaplain: Mr Luke Phillips Tel. 07843 739 579 Email: luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org

Chaplain: Mr Gregory Hogan Tel. 07963 345 618 Email: gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org

STELLA MARIS SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS AROUND THE WORLD

National Office, 39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BK. Tel. 020 7901 1931 Email: info@stellamarismail.org www.stellamaris.org.uk
Registered charity in England and Wales no. 1069833. Registered charity in Scotland no. SC043085. Registered company no. 3220318



Poppies for sale

We have a supply of poppies and poppy merchandise for sale in the school office. Suggested donations are as follows: Slap bands £1 wrist bands, reflectors and zippers 50p.

These will be on sale until Remembrance Day on 11th November. Please send your child with the correct amount of cash as we cannot give any change.



Remembrance Day

If your child is a Rainbow, Brownie or Guide, or a Beaver, Cub Scout or Scout, then they are allowed to wear their Guiding/Scouting uniform if they would like to on Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11th November. We will be holding a liturgy of remembrance and praying for peace on that day.

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/>

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

Prayer Diary for November

Attached to this newsletter is a Prayer Diary for November which you may wish to use at home with your child.

Year R/1 Donations for Food Bank

As you know we regularly ask one year group each half term for food donations for our local food bank at the Carroll Centre. This half term we are asking Year R/1 to bring in donations. The Carroll Centre request tinned food, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee etc, all donations appreciated. Collection will be up until Christmas. Many thanks for your support.



JRSO Road Safety Poster Competition

"SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A STAR"

All children are invited to design a Poster to help keep us safe on the roads. The slogan for this year is "Shine bright like a star". The winning posters will be placed about the school and used to remind us to be safe and bright on the roads throughout the year. Hand in your poster by Wednesday 12th November by giving it to your class teacher or reception.

JRSO Support Vacancy

The JRSOs need parent help to support them and their endeavours to raise awareness of road safety. This is a small voluntary role with a big impact not only for the JRSOs themselves but for all the children and parents in the school. If you have any interest in working with the JRSOs please contact the office for more information.

Music Notices

School Band starts this Thursday 3.30 – 4.15pm in the music room. Miss Owens will have notified you by email if you should attend.

Worship Band members should now attend on Thursdays from 3.30 to 5.00pm.

Miss Owens

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 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
Phone 01942 854537

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



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



Supported by  Winchester City Council

 **COMMUNITY FUND** *Term time only

 Churches Together in Winchester
Working Together for the City

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.



Future School Dates

Event	Date
All Saints Day Mass, all invited	Friday 7 th November, 2pm
PTA Firework Night	Saturday 8 th November, 5-7pm
Children invited to wear their scouting and guiding uniforms for Remembrance	Tuesday 11 th November
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
Show Around 6	Tuesday 25 th November, 9.30am
Reception Advent Liturgy	Friday 5 th December, 9.30am
Show Around 7	Friday 12 th December, 9.30am
Last day for Stella Maris chocolate gifts	Monday 15 th December
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
Everyone invited to Mass for the Epiphany	Friday 9 th January, 2pm
Bikeability – Year 5	w/c Monday 12 th January
Multiplication Test Check – parents information session	Tuesday 13 th January, 3pm
Year 6 SATs - parents information session	Thursday 29 th January, 3pm
Year 6 Mass – Year 6 parents invited	Friday 30 th January, 2pm
Parish – School Mass, St Peter's Church	Sunday 1 st February, 10.30am
Year 6 residential trip - Avon Tyrell	9 th – 13 th February

Inset Days 2025-26

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

Monday 23rd February 2026
 Friday 20th March 2026
 Friday 22nd May 2026

Shoeboxes – thank you from Alresford Rotary

Many thanks to you, your pupils and their families for once again magnificently supporting the Wessex Rotary Christmas shoebox scheme. 307 boxes were collected by Alresford Rotary and were driven down to the District depot in Boscombe on Saturday to join 18,838 other boxes. That's 19,145 children who will receive a box of gifts for Christmas, many of whom may never ever have previously received a present! I'll send further information about the boxes' journeys to eastern Europe as and when I have it.

Best wishes from all at Alresford Rotary

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	92.97%
Year 2	94.66%
Year 3	95.14%
Year 4	94.92%
Year 5	95.38%
Year 6	96.12%
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.

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:

Thursday 13th November 9.30am

Tuesday 25th November 9.30am

Friday 12th November 9.30am

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



St Catherine's View Christmas Request

St Catherine's View care home have asked if we could support the Chocolate Elf Collection this year. They are requesting advent calendars and selection boxes. The Chocolate Elf supports children's homes, hospitals and women's refuge centres across Hampshire. If you would like to donate then please bring your donation into school and we will arrange delivery to the care home.



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)	
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

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

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
 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.CO.UK
 CALL: 0162 808398
 WEBSITE: WWW.INTEGR8DANCE.CO.UK

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
- Stretching
- Breathing exercises
- Reiki/Heal massage
- Informations
- Relaxations

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 8-24 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
 Change our story

hampshireschools **hants.gov.uk/library**

Wanting to do the best for your child?

we and 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 - 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 nurturingprogramme@stwinch.org
 or phone: 07942 28461.
 We hope to see you there!

NEW FOR 2025

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

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

STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME

WE NEED YOU!

we 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 **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

'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			