



17th September 2025

Last Sunday was the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
John 3:13-17

Dear Parents

Education Sunday

Last Sunday was Education Sunday. Every year the Catholic Education Service celebrates Catholic schools. We ask for continued prayers so we can serve our children and community as best as possible.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff and governors.

We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools.

May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers.

We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils.

May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them.

We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,
Amen.



Summer Building Work

Thank you Mr Docherty for overseeing many improvement projects this summer. Areas of the school were re-decorated and re-carpeted while much work went into preparing our three Reception/Year 1 classrooms.

The largest project, which I am sure the children most appreciate was the refurbishment of the junior boys' toilets. This is funded through the diocese and so the Diocesan Building Fund donations that the governors ask for from our families are required.

Below are photos of the work – including some before and after photos.



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 5-11 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.

At the end of this month you will be receiving a letter regarding this, including a link which will provide more information about the programme.

Mission Ambassadors

Our Mission Ambassadors from Year 6 are already serving our school well. They helped me with various jobs during our Monday's Celebration of the Word and prepared a wonderful lunchtime prayer session focusing on creation. We also had fun playing an alphabet game based on all things religious - where they were better than me! I look forward to taking them to St Catherine's Care Home.

Year 4 English Learning

The children had a wonderful time looking for clues about our first narrative. We hunted through the wild lands and found some interesting artefacts which we used to make predictions about the story. The game piece had us intrigued while the swords and cloak made us wonder who we might be reading about.



Staff Car Park

Please note that the school car park is for staff only (except when using breakfast club or after school club) - we do not permit any form of parking or waiting at drop off or pick up.

Private Fostering

Private fostering is the term used when someone who is not a parent or a 'close relative' (eg. great aunt, cousin, mum's friend or a neighbour) is looking after a child or young person under the age of 16 (under 18 if they are disabled) for 28 days or more in their own home.

In these situations the local council's Children's Services department must be informed. A social worker will visit the home to speak to the carer and the child to ensure the child is safe, carry out background checks and make sure support is being provided.

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.



Mass for the new school year

Thank you Father Mark for celebrating Mass for the beginning of the school year with us.

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).

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

School Band, Worship Band and Choir rehearsals (Years 5 and 6) will start to get underway over the next few weeks. Look out for information detailing rehearsal information, days and times on the music noticeboard (outside the music classroom).

Worship Band rehearsal: Thursday 18th September 3.30 – 4.30pm in the music room.

Busking Wednesdays: These will take place before school on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Our first one is planned for Wednesday 1st October. Look out for more info!

And finally: It was lovely to hear the children singing and playing at the New Year Welcome Mass on Tuesday. Well done to all involved!

Miss Owens

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 29th 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.

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 Foster and Ms Pestana 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!

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=IprLink>

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/>

Future School Dates

Event	Date
Nurturing programme for parents begins – until December	Wednesday 24 th September, 9-11am
Year R/1 parents phonics session	Thursday 25 th September, 3pm
Deadline for entries to MP's Christmas card competition for posting from school	Monday 29 th September
Welcome liturgy for Year R children – families invited	Tuesday 30 th September, 9.15am
Show Around 2	Friday 3 rd October, 1.30pm
Inset Day – school closed to children	Monday 6 th October
Harvest Collection final date	Thursday 9 th October
Harvest Mass	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
Parents evening	Tuesday 21 st October, 4-7pm
Parents evening	Thursday 23 rd October, 4-7pm
Shoebox collection final date	Monday 20 th October
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
Show Around 5	Thursday 13 th November, 9.30am
Reception Advent Liturgy	Friday 5 th December, 9.30am
Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd 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 6th October 2025

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	95.88%
Year 2	95.06%
Year 3	96.56%
Year 4	96.98%
Year 5	97.58%
Year 6	95.84%
Overall school Attendance	96.30%

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/>

Little Fishes News

This September marks the 26th year of the opening of Little Fishes. We have welcomed many families over the years, and this year is no exception. We have had a wonderful start to the term. The children are settling and starting to make new friends. We are learning each other's names. We are learning where to find the toys we like to play with. We are learning to be, to share and listen to each other as we play. We are focusing on the theme of "All about Me", we are all special and unique. For many years we have had a special song that we sing each day, which goes like this to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star:

At Little Fishes we try to be

As kind and caring as can be

Playing games and sharing toys

Speaking kindly to girls and boys

If we try to play this way we shall have a happy day.

Every year is new and exciting. This year we have opened our doors to provide care for the children at Breakfast Club and After School Club. If you would like details of our Little Fishes wraparound care please contact Toni Hoff via email at admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk



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 3rd October 1.30pm

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.

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.

TAKEHOME

15th - 21st September



In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

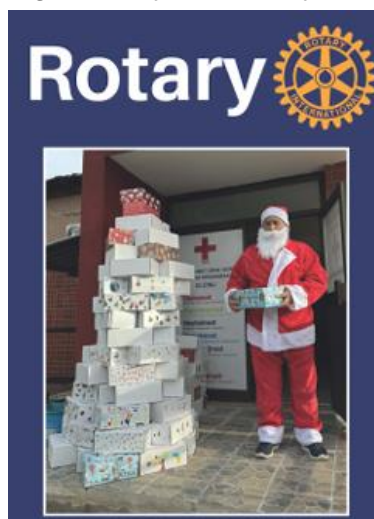
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Rotary Christmas Shoebox Scheme

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 20th October latest. Thank you for your generosity to this very worthwhile scheme.



Religious Education

All of the children have returned to school considering what our school mission statement means for them and how we can put 'Christ at the Centre' into practice each day in our learning and on the playground. Following this, each year group will focus on different elements of Creation.

Year R

- Introduces God as creator of all and our response to the world He created.
- Explores ways of talking to God through prayer.
- Explains and introduces the Sign of the Cross.

Year 1

- Introduces the account of creation in the Bible.
- We learn how to praise God for His many gifts and that psalms are prayers of praise.

Year 2

- Looks at God as creator and how He works through His people to protect His creation.
- Explores why the Old Testament is proclaimed as the Word of God.

Year 3

- Examines how we are called to be part of God's creation through baptism.
- Explores how Jesus calls us and called his disciples.

Year 4

- Explores being made in the image and likeness of God, as seen through the story of Genesis and how we are called to respect all similarities and differences.
- Looks at how we are called to eradicate injustice through the work of CAFOD.

Year 5

- Explores how we become creators, which involves the two creation stories in Genesis.
- What it means to be the People of God, as expressed by St Paul and as expressed in the Beatitudes.

Year 6

- Explores the call to be the 'People of God' and the need to be part of God's creation by overcoming disharmony, by upholding God's law.
- Explores the ten commandments.



Nurturing Programme

The Nurturing Programme will again be running in the church on Wednesday mornings from 24th September onwards. See the flyer below for further details and how to book a place.

How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now!"

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer!"

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week!"

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected!"



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme.

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

where:
St Stephen's Church
Oliver's Battery Rd North
Winchester
SO22 4JB

when:
24th September - 3rd December
excluding half term
9.05 am - 11.05 am

contact details:
To book a place, please email:
nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk
or phone: 07942 294611
Free crèche available

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familylinks.org.uk
Registered charity 1050514

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The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



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

Kings' School open mornings and evening

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

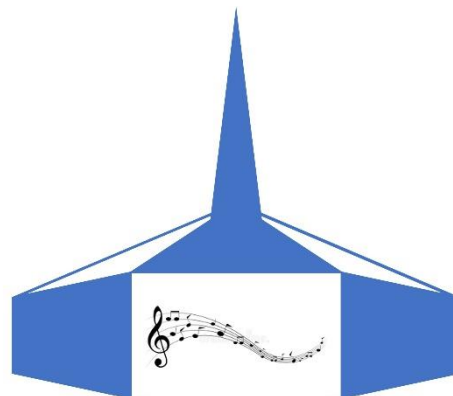
An invitation to St Peter's School young musicians

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



St. Stephen's Players

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.

School Milk Arrangements

If you would like your child to have milk (a 189ml bottle of semi-skimmed milk) during the school day, please register online with Cool Milk at www.coolmilk.com. Children under 5 years old are entitled to free school milk, fully funded by the Department of Health, but their parents must register with Cool Milk for them to receive it. For over 5s, school milk is available at a rate subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme. Children eligible for statutory free school meals can receive school milk free of charge – the school office will contact you.

Cool Milk have asked us to inform parents that the price of milk for over 5s will soon be increasing. If you register your child now, you can lock in at the current price. Contact Cool Milk with any queries: 0800 321 3248 or www.coolmilk.com

PTA Bonfire Night - Saturday 8th 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 with your name, address and contact details. We need to confirm the addresses ideally by Monday 29th 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 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 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@ststephens.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

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Best wishes

Louise Buxton



Newsletter - past bits that may be useful

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