

# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School and Little Fishes Pre-School

'Christ at the  
Centre'



## Newsletter

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

10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Last Sunday was the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Luke 14: 25-33

Dear Parents

### Welcome back!

Welcome to the New School Year! I hope you and your families had a lovely summer holiday - being able to take time out and to refresh and replenish. I hope everyone managed to have special times with their families and those they love.

The children have come back looking smart in their new school uniform and seem, I hope, ready to learn. They have been keen to share their summer breaks with us and it is good being back together. We also welcome into the St Peter's school family all our new children and families, especially our Reception children who started this week. The school looks forward to working with you over the next seven years (which will go faster than we all think it will!).

Thank you from everyone at the school for all the generosity shown to the team at the end of term, and most importantly for the kind words in the thank you cards. They mean a lot to us.

I would like to thank Mr Docherty, our caretaker, for all his hard work over the summer holidays, alongside Sherrill and contract cleaners. The school was looking fresh and ready for the new year on our return. We really value their efforts as we know high expectations of behaviour and learning are helped through the environment given to our children.

As we start the new school year we pray that the children can continue to make good progress with all their learning, developing in all areas of their being and that we can all continue to grow and work together, holding 'Christ at the Centre'.



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

## Welcome to St Peter's School Family

Along with welcoming our new Year R pupils and those new to Little Fishes to our school family we also welcome Miss Owens, our new music teacher who we very much look forward to working with. I have asked Miss Owens to introduce herself in the section below.

We hope all who are new to our school family settle in quickly and find their time here enjoyable and fulfilling.

## Message from Miss Owens

I am so excited to be taking on the role of Music Lead at St Peter's, alongside my existing position as Director of Upbeat Music Courses. You will find me at St Peter's on Wednesdays and Thursdays, delivering music lessons, running instrumental groups and a choir and looking to develop new musical opportunities for your children to enjoy. Having led music departments in London schools for many years, it is wonderful to be part of a school community in my new home, Winchester. I look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming year and in the meantime if you do have any questions, you can always contact me at [music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk](mailto:music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk)

## Thank you from Mrs Postlethwaite

I wanted to write and thank you all for the incredibly generous leaving gift you gave me. I'm extremely excited about using the Airbnb voucher - I'm already planning a long weekend in Paris with my mum and daughter, and perhaps a trip to Poland to explore some places connected to my Polish heritage! I was also deeply touched by your many thoughtful messages. Thank you so much.

After 21 years, it has been a difficult decision to move on from a job that I truly love. I arrived at St Peter's in 2003 as a fresh-faced young class teacher. A few years later, I moved into teaching music across the school. Back then, music was taught in the Community Room, until our fantastic purpose-built music room was created!

I feel incredibly privileged to have done this job. Every day, I've witnessed how music has the power to connect, calm, excite, and inspire. It offers the chance to be part of something collaborative and bigger than ourselves. It brings us together in a shared experience, breaks down barriers, and brings so much joy! I've loved every moment of making music with your children - whether in the classroom, singing practices, liturgies and masses, concerts and performances, or school productions. Music has become rooted at the heart of life at St Peter's, and I feel truly proud of that.

I'm now moving on to work for Hampshire Music Service, where I'll be Lead for Schools and Curriculum. I am excited about the opportunity to share the experience I've built up at St Peter's with other schools, and to support schools in improving and enhancing their own music provision.

Thank you again for such a wonderful send-off. I will always cherish my time at St Peter's and will miss everyone - especially the children - very much.

Warmest wishes.  
Mrs P

## Behaviour Policy

As we start our new school year we revisit and remind the children of our Behaviour policy and our expectations. The policy is held on our 'policies' page on the website and has a quote from Proverbs 22:6 on its front cover, see <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/policies/>

**'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.'**

The policy's over-arching principle is that everyone in the school family is responsible for setting high expectations for behaviour. As the children grow we want them to develop emotional literacy and to be able to express their feelings, as well as be able to listen to others. We also want them to develop a sense that with 'rights' comes 'responsibility'.

At St Peter's we aim:

- to see Christ in everyone,
- to build a community where there is mutual respect and all feel valued, safe and secure,
- to develop skills of self-control and self-discipline,
- to create an environment that supports learning.

During the first two weeks of term in R.E. the children will be reviewing our Mission Statement, 'Christ at the Centre', and so will be looking at the Courtesy Code and the Golden Rules in our behaviour policy, as they draw up individual class charters. We will all be working on adding the 'St Peter's Polish' to all we do.



## Parking in OBRN

A lovely neighbour came to see me this week to tell me that one of our parents had parked across her driveway. Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking in the school road and do not park across any white lines. Thank you.

## 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/>

## Attendance and requests for time off during term time

At the beginning of another school year may I take this opportunity to remind you about the legislation regarding parents requesting time out of school for their children. The legislation makes it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is extremely unlikely time out of school for a family holiday will be considered exceptional circumstances. It will be the same for requests for time out to spend time with visiting relatives or for birthday celebrations. As a school we fully understand and support the government's drive to ensure pupils miss as little school time as possible. Parents who take their children out without permission may be liable to a financial penalty notice.

I regularly monitor attendance and I write to the parents of any child who falls under 90% (which is the equivalent of a morning off each week). The government views anyone under such a figure as a persistent absentee and I have to follow it up. Obviously some children do at times have more serious illness and time in hospital but some just have poor attendance often due to issues at home and it is my duty to follow this up.

Every year I receive holiday requests as parents say they didn't know the dates for school holidays. These are always on our website and can also be found on the Hampshire County Council website too. Please also inform anyone who is likely to be treating the family to a holiday of these dates - again it is often stated that a family member booked a holiday as a gift. These holidays must also adhere to the same rules. See website details below within inset dates section.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who ensure their children are in school on time every day, ready to learn and would only request time away from school for very exceptional circumstances.

## 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.

## Mass for the new school year – Year 2 to Year 6

Everyone is invited to Mass, **Tuesday 16th September, 2pm** at St Stephen's Church, for Years 2 to Year 6.

## 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.

## Prayer Diary

There is a Prayer Diary for September attached to this newsletter which you may like to share at home with your child.

## Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons will start this/next week. Children need to check the noticeboard to ensure that their name is on the correct list - let Miss Owens know if they have 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

Timetables and groupings will be confirmed this/next week. Lesson times will rotate each week and will be posted on the music noticeboard. Please ask your child to check their time each week.

## Music Ensembles and Clubs

We will be gradually starting up our School Band, Worship Band and Choir (Years 5 and 6) over the next few weeks. Look out for information detailing rehearsal information, days and times. All details will be posted on the music noticeboard (outside the music classroom) or emailed to you if relevant.

**Worship Band introductory rehearsal:** Thursday 11th September 3.30 – 4.30pm in the music room (we will email you if you are involved in this initial rehearsal).

## 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

## The Daily Mile

The Daily Mile, otherwise known as the Quick Kilometre, is up and running. Every class is aiming to be out there at least twice a week and, so far, the children seem to be enjoying their daily exercise.

Please can I remind all parents that the school P.E. kit is blue shorts, white t-shirts, navy joggers and jumper. These can be bought in almost any supermarket, often part of the value range. I expect the children to have their P.E. kit labelled with their names and in on the P.E. day. Letters will be sent home if a child regularly forgets their kit. Trainers are required for outside games. Football shirts or any kit with logos/pictures are not school uniform. Please can all uniform be named. I have asked teachers to do regular name checks this year of both uniform and P.E. Kit.

## Outgrown or spare PE kit and trainers?

Has your child grown out of their PE kit and trainers this year? We are always in need of spare trainers for children who forget their kit. If you have a pair which are in good condition and you would be happy to donate to us to use, we would be very grateful indeed.

## Class teachers this year

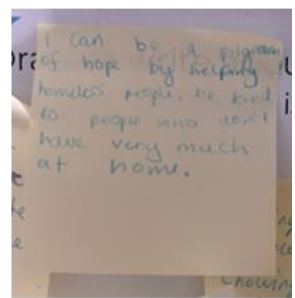
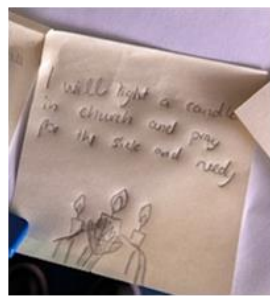
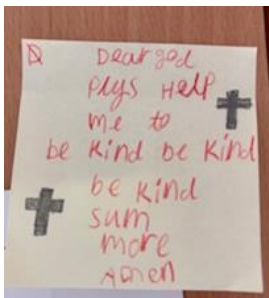
| Year Group | Teacher   | Teacher  |
|------------|---|--|
| R/1        | Mr Matt Read  | Mrs Megan Bradbury   |
| R/1        | Mrs Naomi Tuft  |  |
| 2          | Mrs Evie Wright (Tuesday-Friday)<br>Mrs Reena Khatun (Monday) | Mrs Esther Keymer  |
| 3          | Miss Beth Welsby  | Miss Grace Dougan  |
| 4          | Mrs Becky Ruddick-Smith                                       | Mrs Joyce Griffin (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)<br>Mrs Reena Khatun (Thursday/Fridays)      |
| 5          | Mr Alan Heys  | Mrs Nadine Donnelly (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)<br>Mrs Pippa Lightfoot (Monday, Tuesday) |
| 6          | Mrs Shauna Kelly  | Miss Charlotte Jordan  |

## School Leadership Team

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Miss L Buxton  | Head Teacher, DSL,                         |
| Mrs N Donnelly | Assistant Head Teacher, Key Stage 2 Leader |
| Mrs L Blake    | Assistant Head Teacher, DSL                |
| Mrs G Foster   | SENDCo, DSL                                |
| Mr M Read      | Key Stage 1 Leader, Computing Leader       |
| Mrs N Tuft     | EYFS Leader, Phonics Leader                |

## Pilgrims of Hope – Our Jubilee Pledges

During our class worship this week, each class took part in a special liturgy to reflect on the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, as part of Jubilee Year learning. Together, we explored what it means to go on a journey with God - bringing light, joy, and love to others, just as Jesus did. After listening to Scripture and spending time in prayer and reflection, the children each made their own personal *pledge* - a promise to live with hope, kindness, and courage this year. These pledges are small but meaningful steps in walking with Jesus and bringing His message of love to our school, families, and world. Some of the pledges from each class will be shared and gathered together to form our whole-school commitment as Pilgrims of Hope. We're proud of the thoughtful and heartfelt promises the children made, and we look forward to living them out as a school community.



## 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>

Thank you very much.

Hampshire CAMHS are running a whole week of workshops from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September at the United Reform Church in Jewry Street. Please see flyers below for further details.

**8 - 12 September 2025**  
 Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services  
**Mental Health Focus Week**  
 A week of training days for Parent/Carers and Professionals provided by Hampshire CAMHS on a variety of subjects.

- 8th Eating Disorders and Difficulties
- 9th Anxiety - understanding and strategies to support young people
- 10th Trauma - The profound impact on young people
- 11th Understanding ADHD
- 12th Embracing Autism

**Mental Health bite size sessions**  
 All bite-size sessions are £5

We are also running a whole week of bitesized workshops to run alongside these days. The sessions all last one hour and cover topics including: Introduction to mental health, anxiety, low mood, sleep hygiene, trauma and much more.

**8 - 12 September 2025**  
 United Reform Church Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ  
 For more information scan the QR codes or visit:  
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

**Mental Health** bite size sessions  
**8-12 September 2025**  
 United Reform Church Hall  
 Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ

| Time             | Monday 8th                    | Tuesday 9th  | Wednesday 10th                                    | Thursday 11th                      | Friday 12th  |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 9.30am - 10.30am | Introduction to mental health | Supporting your child to transition to a new school                                  | Introduction to mental health                     | tbc                                | Supporting parents to manage children's anxieties                                    |
| 11am - 12 midday | Introduction to anxiety       | Sleep hygiene  | Trauma  | tbc                                | Exam stress  |
| 12.30pm - 1.30pm | Introduction to low mood      | Understanding suicidal language in children and young people and how to support them | Sleep hygiene                                     | tbc                                | Understanding suicidal language in children and young people and how to support them |
| 2pm - 3pm        | Tics & Tourettes              | Teenage turmoil  | Supporting parents to manage children's anxieties | Emotionally based school avoidance | Introduction to low mood   |

All bite size sessions are £5  
 Part of Hampshire CAMHS Mental Health Focus Week

## Future School Dates

| Event  | Date   |
|--|--|
| Show Around 1  | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am   |
| Mass for the start of the new school year Years 2 to 6 – all invited                     | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2pm      |
| Nurturing programme for parents begins – until December                                  | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September, 9-11am |
| Year R/1 parents phonics session   | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 3pm     |
| 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 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     |
| <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     |
| 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 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                  | 98.10% |
| Year 2                    | 93.38% |
| Year 3                    | 95.94% |
| Year 4                    | 97.02% |
| Year 5                    | 98.18% |
| Year 6                    | 95.67% |
| Overall school Attendance | 96.40% |



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/>

## 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:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am  
 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.

## Nurturing Programme

The Nurturing Programme will again be running in the church on Wednesday mornings from 24<sup>th</sup> September onwards. Staff from the Nurturing Programme will be available to speak to parents at the front of school next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at drop off if you would like to know more or to book a space on the programme.

### 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 bit 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](http://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  
including half term  
9.00 am - 11.00 am

Contact details:  
To book a place, please email:  
[nurturingprogramme@covinch.org.uk](mailto:nurturingprogramme@covinch.org.uk)  
or phone: 07942 294611  
Free crèche available

**FAMILY LINKS**  
The Centre for Emotional Health  
[familylinks.org.uk](http://familylinks.org.uk)  
Registered charity 1054514

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Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



## Class Assemblies 2025-26

All class parents and family are welcome to attend these. Please wait outside church door for 3pm.

| Month    | Friday (class/teacher Assembly) |                     |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| October  | 24th                            | 6CJ Class           |
| November | 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           |
| January  | 9 <sup>th</sup>                 | Epiphany Mass       |
|          | 16 <sup>th</sup>                | 2EK Class           |
| March    | 6 <sup>th</sup>                 | 6SK Class           |
|          | 13 <sup>th</sup>                | KS1 Liturgy         |
|          | 20 <sup>th</sup>                | INSET               |
|          | 27 <sup>th</sup>                | Holy Week Liturgy   |
| April    | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                 | Easter Holiday      |
|          | 10 <sup>th</sup>                | Easter Holiday      |
|          | 17 <sup>th</sup>                | 5AH Class           |
|          | 24 <sup>th</sup>                | 4RS Class           |
| May      | 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           |
| June     | 5 <sup>th</sup>                 | Corpus Christi Mass |
|          | 12 <sup>th</sup>                | R/1MB Class         |
|          | 19 <sup>th</sup>                | R/1NT Class         |
| July     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                 | Peter and Paul Mass |

## 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.



## Extra-curricular clubs

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<br>Theatre Kids   | Wednesday<br>Friday                               | Y4         | Comic Club<br>Intergr8<br>Relax Kids<br>Sportskool<br>Theatre Kids             | Monday<br>Monday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday<br>Friday              |
| Y1         | Sportskool<br>Relax Kids<br>Theatre Kids                           | Wednesday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday                  | Y5         | Football<br>Intergr8<br>Comic Club<br>Relax Kids<br>Sportskool<br>Theatre Kids | Monday<br>Monday<br>Wednesday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday<br>Friday |
| Y2         | Integr8<br>Sportskool<br>Relax Kids<br>Theatre Kids                | Monday<br>Wednesday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday        | Y6         | Intergr8<br>Football<br>Comic Club<br>Relax Kids<br>Sportskool<br>Theatre Kids | Monday<br>Monday<br>Wednesday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday<br>Friday |
| Y3         | Comic Club<br>Intergr8<br>Relax Kids<br>Sportskool<br>Theatre Kids | Monday<br>Monday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday<br>Friday |            |  |  |

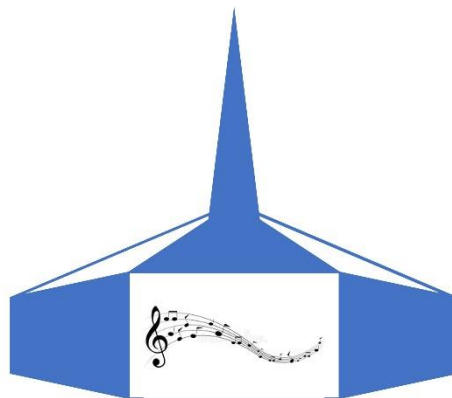
## An invitation to St Peter's School young musicians

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)



**St. Stephen's Players**

## Weekly E-safety Top Tips



Safe use of technology, on-line safety and the safe, respectful use of phone technology is an area of daily life that we all need to be aware of and talk about with our children. Teachers in school regularly discuss the topic with pupils. It is very important that similar conversations are being had at home too.

Please talk to your child about safe, respectful phone and internet usage. Information and further support is also available on the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keepingchildren-safe/>

**When did you last check your child's online history?**

### 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](http://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](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### Applications are still open for the 2026 First Holy Communion Program

Children who are in Year 4 (or above) may apply, however if your child is presently in Year 3 and you are a regular parishioner and feel they may be ready this year, please do get in touch.

The compulsory parents session will be this coming Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Pastoral Centre adjoining St Peter's Church, Jewry Street.

If you have any queries before completing the form, please email Rosanne Walker at: [rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Please find the link (or QR code) to register below.

[FHC - 2026](#)

<https://stpeterswinchester.churchsuite.com/-/forms/jkdin17d>



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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.

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Mondays 3.30-4.30pm  
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Relax Kids classes improve:

- improved sleep
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- listening skills

Your child will enjoy:

- Games and songs
- Storytelling
- Movement
- Stretching
- Breathing exercises
- Paper/foam message
- Relaxations

**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
**Sport SKOOL**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
7:30am - 8:40am  
Year R - Year 6

**PRICES**  
7:30am - 8:40am - £6.70  
7:45am - 8:40am - £6.40

**INFORMATION**  
Join us before the start of school for a nutritious breakfast to start the day right!  
With child lead games and activities from the get go!  
To book visit our website.

**MORE INFO: SPORTSKOOL.CO.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 8 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 8 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**

Wanting to do the best for your child?

and join us on the 10 week Nurture Programme and find out how to be the best out of family life

24th Sept - 3rd Dec (Wednesdays), 9:05 AM - 11:25 AM excluding half term

St Stephen's Church, Overk, Basingstoke

For parents of children aged between 2-12 years not out more or to book a place, please email: outoftheprogramme@ststephenschurch.org or phone: 07842 284463. We hope to see you there!

**WE NEED YOU!**

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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.

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Best wishes for the new school year

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>