



## Newsletter

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

26<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Last Sunday was the Solemnity of Christ the King  
Luke 23:35-43

Dear Parents

### Be Bright: Be Seen

Throughout our RHSE curriculum work this half term, we have been encouraging our children to stay safe on the roads by wearing something fluorescent and reflective. This has been especially important since the clocks went back in October. Our wonderful JRSOs held a poster competition recently with children producing posters to remind everyone of the importance of being bright to be seen by wearing bright/fluorescent and reflective materials. There were 43 entries with 4 lucky winners. Congratulations to these four children who received certificates and prizes during our whole school Celebration of the Word on Monday.



### 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.

## St Stephen's Travelling Nativity

This Advent, Mary and Joseph are travelling with the little donkey to Bethlehem. On their way they are hoping to find a different inn to stay at every night. Could they come to stay at your house? The Travelling Nativity will come to you for a night and then you are expected to pass them on to the next family. This is a good opportunity to meet other families and pray together this Advent.

Please let me know if you would like to participate and I will add your family to the rota. Please can you share your address and your contact details (these will be shared on the group rota). The first Sunday of advent is November 30<sup>th</sup> so please do email me as soon as you can if you would like to take part. You can contact me on [emily.lee150@gmail.com](mailto:emily.lee150@gmail.com)

Thank you.

Emily Yong



## Book Look invite to parents Year 1-6 (not Reception)

Parents of children in Years 1-6 are invited into class from **3.30pm next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** to look at their children's work.

Due to the Reception children primarily having their learning recorded and shared on the See-saw platform this session is for parents of Year 1 and above only.

We hope you enjoy their work. Parents of Reception children may like to look at their work on See-saw with their child.

## Online Safety

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography). It may be helpful to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult. Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link:

[Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#)

Parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.

## Smartphone-free Childhood

### Harmful content



Smartphones act as a gateway to pornography, violent and extreme content. Often children don't seek them out but are exposed to them via algorithms and messaging apps. Once seen, these things can never be unseen. **90% of girls and 50% of boys say they're sent explicit content they didn't want to see.**

## **Nativity – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am**

Please note our Reception will be performing the Nativity with Year 1 and 2 children supporting them on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am** in St Stephen's Church. All parents are invited.



## **Music Notices**

### **Busking Wednesday**

Our next busking Wednesday will take place next week on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Miss Owens will confirm the busking children today and will email you with details. Please come along and support the children as they play, and remember your small change for the hat!

### **Beginner Trombone lessons from January**

Have you been inspired, listening to our amazing trombone players in Worship band? If so, then you're in luck. There are a couple of spaces remaining for beginner trombone lessons from January. Email [music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk](mailto:music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk) for more information.

### **Ensemble rehearsals**

Please make sure you attend all the rehearsals as we have a busy programme ahead, preparing for the Advent Liturgy. All rehearsals will run as usual this Thursday before the WASO rehearsal/concert. Reminder of times below:

St Peter's Singers: Thursdays 8.15 - 8.45am

School Band: Thursdays 3.30 - 4.15pm

Worship Band: Thursdays 3.30 - 5.00pm (please bring a small healthy snack).

Any questions at all related to music at St Peter's, please email [music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk](mailto:music@st-peters.hants.sch.uk).

Miss Owens

## **PTA New Website**

The PTA has a new website at the following link:

<https://stpetersschoolpta.my.canva.site/stpeterspta>

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you for your generosity to this worthwhile cause.



Southern Region  
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### 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](mailto:luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org)

Chaplain: Mr Gregory Hogan Tel. 07963 345 618 Email: [gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org](mailto:gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org)

STELLA MARIS SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS AROUND THE WORLD

National Office, 39 Eccleston Square, London. SW1V 1BK. Tel. 020 7901 1991 Email: [info@stellamarismail.org](mailto:info@stellamarismail.org) www.stellamaris.org.uk  
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## 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.



## 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

**What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?**

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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

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### In the news this week

McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

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

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Share your thoughts – do you think it's a good idea? Share what you might draw on the box.
- One of the aims of the campaign is to encourage children to express themselves. Do you believe it achieves this aim? Can you think of any other ideas?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

## School Photos Deadline

Proofs of the individual and sibling photos went home with your child last week. Details of how to order are shown on the proof card. **The deadline for ordering with free postage back to school has been extended to Friday 28th November.** Any orders received by Fraser Portraits after this date will incur a postage charge. Any queries regarding orders should be to Fraser Portraits on 01202 692433 or [orderphotos.co.uk](http://orderphotos.co.uk).

## 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/>

**MAKE YOUR MONEY GO FURTHER** FREE WORKSHOP

*Practical skills for everyday life*

**Mon 1 December, 9.30am-11am, The Carroll Centre**

A **FREE** workshop to help you make smart decisions about **your** money.

- £ Understanding energy use and utility bills/tariffs
- £ Shopping smartly, including comparison sites & switching
- £ Locating lost pensions
- £ Dealing with debt
- £ Coping with emergencies

Sign up here

citizens advice Winchester District

Funded by UK Government Hampshire County Council

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS** You are invited to... **NHS**

**MHST**

**Coffee morning**

A face-to-face presentation, followed by informal chat with the experts for parents and carers

Please scan the QR below to book your **FREE** spot

**WHEN:** 2nd December 9:00-10:30  
**WHERE:** Stanmore Primary School  
**WHAT:** Managing emotional dysregulation presentation  
**WHO:** All parents of St Peters and Stanmore Primary schools

**What to Expect:**  
Experienced mental health practitioners from your school's Mental Health Support Team will cover key topics and share strategies to support you to support your child to manage their emotions.

**Topics covered:**

- What is Emotional Regulation?
- What makes Emotional Regulation challenging?
- Maintenance of Emotional Dysregulation
- Recognising Emotional Dysregulation
- Emotional Regulation Strategies & Tools
- Useful resources to support you
- Time for questions and discussion throughout

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS** **NHS**  
Service delivered in partnership with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System. [hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk](https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)

## Future School Dates

Event	Date
Book Look – all parents invited into classes after school – Year 1- 6 parents	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 3.30pm onwards
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Advent Liturgy	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am
Show Around 7	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am
Last day for Stella Maris chocolate gifts	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Advent Liturgy	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm and 6pm
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Christmas Lunch	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	
Everyone returns to school	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Everyone invited to Mass for the Epiphany	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January, 2pm
Bikeability – Year 5	w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Multiplication Test Check – parents information session	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January, 3pm
Year 6 SATs - parents information session	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 3pm
Year 6 Mass – Year 6 parents invited	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2pm
Parish – School Mass, St Peter's Church	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February, 10.30am
Year 6 residential trip - Avon Tyrell	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Half term – 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Inset Day 3 – school closed to children	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February

## Inset Days 2025-26

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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

## Attendance

In 2018/19 just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.

Year R/1	91.66%
Year 2	94.77%
Year 3	94.93%
Year 4	94.74%
Year 5	95.58%
Year 6	96.47%
Overall school Attendance	94.60%

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](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu).

Alternatively, if you decide you **do not** wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please complete the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

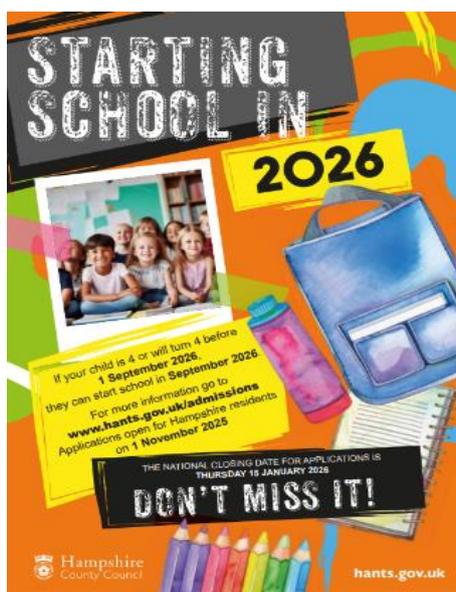
From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

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



## 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	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

## Nurturing Programme Spring Term 2026

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents will be running during the Spring term at **Winchester Salvation Army**, Parchment Street, SO23 8AZ on Thursday mornings 9.30 am - 11.30 am from January 15th - March 26th (excluding half term). The programme is free, however we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £10 towards the costs of the very helpful book for parents, covering all the topics and tools. One parent attending the programme felt they were "Building a toolkit to give me plenty of strategies to try and explore".



Come and Find Out

HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF  
FAMILY LIFE



The 10-week Nurturing Programme for Parents  
will be running during the Spring Term at:  
Winchester Salvation Army, Parchment Street

To find out more or to book a place,  
please email [nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:nurturingprogramme@ccwinch.org.uk)  
or phone 07942 284611

We look forward to hearing from you.

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WEBSITE: WWW.TPAACADEMY.CO.UK

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**STREET DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
St Peter's Primary School  
Mondays 3.30-4.30pm  
Years 2 - 6

No dance experience necessary!  
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BOOKING DETAILS  
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**ACTIVITY & RELAXATION CLASSES FOR KIDS**

Relax Kids classes improve:

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- concentration
- self-esteem
- confidence
- focus, creativity
- listening skills

Your child will enjoy:

- Games and songs
- Storytelling
- Movement
- Stretching
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- Hand/foot massage
- Informations
- Relaxations

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**SESSIONS INCLUDE**

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- Positive Environment
- Fun and Engaging

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Where: Ganger Farm 4G (SO51 0EE)

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**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.

hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk

7 May 3 September  
4 June 1 October  
2 July 5 November  
6 August 3 December

STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME

Weeke Community Centre

**Christmas MARKET**

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
10AM - 3PM  
WEEKE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
WINCHESTER  
SO22 6HG

TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE CONTACT  
INFO@WEEKECOMMUNITYCENTRE.CO.UK

**Christmas Cracker**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

Start: 4.30pm  
End: 6.30pm  
Main School Hall

Mulled Wine  
Mince Pies  
Hot Chocolate  
Raffle Prizes  
Stalls

Celebrating 40 years of Kings' School

Otterbourne Theatre Company  
PRESENTS OUR FAVORITE PLAY: 2025

**Jack and the Beanstalk**

Tickets from £10  
9<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Otterbourne Village Hall, SO21 2ES  
www.otterbournetheatre.com or  
call 07544 581331

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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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**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	Integr8 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			