

St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Junior School



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Newsletter — Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents,

We welcome you to join us for the next Action for Happiness calendar, 'Meaningful May'. Today, we are encouraged to consider: *What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today.* A copy of this calendar can be found on the next page of our newsletter.

80th Anniversary of VE Day

Yesterday, Thursday 8 May marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Throughout the week, we have been sharing family stories, linked to WWII and VE Day - it has been a special time hearing from children and staff. During our collective worship, we've reflected on the words of surviving veterans, guiding us to remember, *'Few of us who fought in that war are still with us today. But those of us who are ask only one thing. That you remember.'*

To support the children in remembering, we have celebrated personal recounts and considered how we might be peacemakers in our world today. We have joined together in reflection and celebration, including a whole school silence and our playground party.

VE Day Playground Party

Inspired by the street parties from 1945, our playground party was a real success and an event to remember! Our playground celebrations featured music and dancing, bubbles and face painting. The children enjoyed the opportunity to purchase milkshakes, ice pops and aeroplane models, while also having the chance to trial out the maypole! Our school cooks created spitfire themed biscuits, sponge cakes and picnic 'ration' packs.

Thank you to all the staff for making it such a special and memorable event - a lovely example of our Value of Celebration. Please visit the ['latest news'](#) page on our school website for more pictures!



VE 80
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8th MAY 1945



'Meet and Eat' VE Day Memories

It was a joy to join elderly members from our church community for a shared lunch and to hear about their VE Day experiences. One lady shared her special memory as a 13 year old child, joining the VE Day celebrations at Trafalgar Square. Our school choir performed 'somewhere over the rainbow' - bringing us together in a poignant time of reflection. We were delighted to receive the following feedback.

"A very big thank you for the beautiful singing that 'meet and eat' guests heard from your choir. It really was such a joy to hear and must have taken a long time to practise. We are so thankful too for those who came to help set up and those who chatted to our guests about VE Day. You are such a wonderful school".

Humphrey Remembers

Humphrey, our school dog, also joined in with our VE Day celebrations and our pause for reflection. We loved his outfit, hand crafted by Mrs Mynott, helping us all to remember.

A lovely example of our Value of Collaboration. We will remember.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Reece and the Team



Meaningful May 2025

MONDAY



5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

TUESDAY



6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

WEDNESDAY



7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

THURSDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

FRIDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

SATURDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

SUNDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

18 Send a handwritten note to someone you care about

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

