

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



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Newsletter — Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent's evening last week.

World Book Day

Last week saw our celebration of World Book Day. World Book Day is the reading for fun charity, that *'encourages more children and families to find the fun and enjoyment in reading, because reading for pleasure changes lives'*.

Inspired by this mission, the staff team united in a dressing up theme - bringing together the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We had two starring 'caterpillar' roles - bringing fun and enjoyment. Humphrey, our school dog, joined by Mr Hudson, our English leader, both represented the caterpillar at various stages of the story. Meanwhile, the staff team came as different food items that feature in the book. We all introduced ourselves at the start of singing assembly - with the whole school erupting into an applause when Humphrey entered the school hall.

We were so impressed with the children's creative outfits; it was a joyful celebration of our favourite book characters and much-loved stories.

British Science Week

This week marks British Science Week; a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. The theme for 2025 is 'Change and Adapt'. Earlier in the week, our student Science Ambassadors led a launch assembly, introducing the school to this year's theme. Over the week, our Science Ambassadors have been leading lunchtime experiments - bringing science fun to the playground. We are all looking forward to the Science Fair, taking place today. Thank you to Mrs Burgess, our Science Leader, for bringing this week together. A shining example of our Value of Celebration.



Curriculum Enrichment

This week, Year 3 had a fun-filled time at Ufton Court, as part of their history project. This half term, they are learning about the Ancient Romans and this trip gave them a drama based experience, helping them to engage with life in the Roman times. One activity included the opportunity to experience Roman army military manoeuvres! At the end of the month, Year 6 will be visiting London Zoo as part of their evolution project.

Student Leadership

'Relationships are rooted in the school vision and its call to serve others' (SIAMS Inspection report).

Last week, our Wellbeing Ambassadors, new to role, led an assembly to each class - helping to raise the profile of wellbeing. The children did an excellent job and they are really committed to this role. Thank you to Mrs Collisson, our school ELSA, for training the children and inspiring them to lead this important job.

During the week, we also had two groups of children from across the school, modelling our Value of Service at the church. Our younger children joined elderly members for lunch, sharing their work and engaging in conversation. Meanwhile, our older children helped with the Macmillan Coffee Morning, welcoming guests and helping to clear tables. All of the children were commended for their polite and friendly approach.

Art Celebration

We are so proud of this beautiful artwork, created by our Year 6 children as part of their mountain project. In small groups, the children designed and crafted these stunning landscapes, while also considering: *can a mountain ever be too big to climb?* For more pictures, please visit the 'Latest News' page on our school website.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Reece and the Team

