St Peter's CE Junior School

Learning and living life in all its fullness

THE SCHOOL BELL

Issue 12: Friday 27th November, 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Let's start with the important stuff… we need your help!

- **Help number 1)** Keep signing up for volunteering slots for the fair. Parent link in your emails; Year 6 link to the right →. Let's make it a great one!
- **Help number 2)** The choir have signed up for 'The Big Sing' competition. You can't vote until Tuesday, but from Tuesday we need your WHOLE family, friends, the person you meet in the street… to vote for us. More info and the voting link on Page 2.
- **Help number 3)** We have been given a slot for the annual Santa Float collection again by Farnborough Rotary. This usually raises around £500, which WE receive! However, we are short of volunteers. If you would be willing to walk the route (four miles or so) with us and knock on a few doors, please let the office know. There is an important safety briefing on Monday at 12.15pm in school (but we could send a Teams link if needed) and the walk itself is on Monday 7th December from about 6pm to 8pm. Adults only.

Ok. Now for the other stuff (still important but I needed you to read the first bit first!) School Council were privileged to be visited by Alex Baker, our local MP, this morning to talk about what they do, and learn about her role representing us in Parliament. Find out more on Page 3 about the questions we asked and what else we've got up to in 'UK Parliament Week' this week. We would like to thank Alex for giving up the time to see us – there are a lot of Farnborough and Aldershot schools but only five days in Parliament Week so the school council know we are very lucky! Thanks also to Mrs Burgess for organising the activities.

Sunday sees the beginning of the season of Advent. For Christians, this is a time of waiting and of hope. Amid all the busy bustle and slight chaos of this time of year, it is sometimes easy to miss that message of hope and peace. As the trees go up and the lists get made, bear the following prayer in mind when it all gets too busy. Whether Christian or not, there is a message for us all in these words.

Have a great weekend.
Mr Hogan-Fleming

Lord Jesus, fill our quiet spaces with your peace as we prepare for Christmas. Steady our anxious hearts, renew our hope, and help us welcome your presence with joy.

Term Dates: note changes and important additions in red.

- Tues 1st Dec: Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm
- Thurs 3rd Dec: Hot Chocolate on sale at lunchtime – bring max £2 – scroll for info.
- Fri 4th Dec: FOSP Non-Uniform Day – Bring cakes/ chocs/ sweets
- **Saturday 5th December: FOSP Christmas Fair 12-3pm**
- Mon 7th Dec: iRock Christmas Performance – iRock parents welcome (9.00)
- Mon 7th Dec: **Rotary Club Santa Walk – Adult Volunteers needed!**
- Friday 11th Dec at 2.00pm: Christmas Service #1 at St Peter's Church
- Mon 14th Dec at 9.15am: Christmas Service #2 at St Peter's Church
- Thurs 17th Dec: Christmas Lunch – **Christmas Jumpers may be worn today!**
- Thurs 17th Dec: Reindeer Run for Phyllis Tuckwell
- Thurs 17th Dec: Year 6 Celebration of Learning – 3.00pm – Parents invited
- Fri 18th Dec: **Last Day of Term – Finish at 1.45pm**
- Mon 4th Jan 2027: INSET Day
- Tues 5th Jan: **Start of Spring term 2027**
- Weds 13th Jan – Fri 15th Jan: Year 4 Res Trip - Stubbington

More term dates available at https://www.stpeterscofejuniorschool.co.uk/term-dates

Remaining INSET dates: 4th Jan, 7th June, 21st July
(Planning ahead? Provisional INSET Days for 27-28 are now available on the website)

FOSP still need YEAR 6 pupils to sign up to help run the games stalls at the Christmas Fair.

Please visit https://signup.com/go/rCGyWcc to sign up for a slot – children are welcome to sign up for more than one slot if they are keen!

Christmas Service Update

Christmas Service tickets are being sent out every few days. To clarify as we have had a couple of queries – the limit is **one** ticket per family **overall** to cope with the capacity limit in church. See emails sent out for the booking link.

We will issue another form with a week to go if there are spare tickets- you may **then** apply for a second ticket and these will be allocated via a random draw. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance Matters!

Weekly Class attendance for week of 16th Nov

Class	Attendance
3 Baden-Powell	97.0% ★ ★ ★
3 Holmes	94.5%
4 Mary Seacole	96.0%
4 Shackleton	95.9%
5 Newton	94.8%
5 Turing	96.7%
6 Churchill	93.9%
6 Pankhurst	96.1%

Overall School Attendance so far this year is: 95.3%

Current national percentage: 95.6%.

LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! SEE THE QR ON THE GATE!

FOSP: THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

IF YOU ARE, OR KNOW, ANY EXTERNAL STALLHOLDERS EMAIL FOSP VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW FOR MORE INFO!

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2026 - 12PM TO 3PM

STILL ACCEPTING BOTTLES IF YOU HAVE THEM TO DONATE

LAST NON-UNIFORM NEXT FRIDAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CAKES AND CHOCOLATE



ALSO NEEDED: DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY TOYS AND GAMES FOR THE KIDS' TOMBOLA

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFSTPETERSFARNBOROUGH

FRIENDS@STPETERSJUN.CO.UK





Last week, we took part in the 'England Rocks' TTRS competition. Our top 3 classes were 4MS, 6P and 6C. Not necessarily because of age- more because Mr Hudson and Mrs Wrighton were determined to try and beat each other!

With brilliant efforts from so many students, we can't name everyone here, but particular shout-outs go to Emily, Evelynn, Magnusz, Tiksh and Reyon, who as well as being our top 5 pupils, were in the top 3% of pupils across the whole country over the three days. Wow!



The choir need YOUR help!

The choir are taking part in the Brackenwood **'Big Sing'** this year. They have recorded a video of their beautiful singing and submitted it for a chance to win the school £5000.

For this to happen, we need YOU to visit the link below and vote for us.

Please also post the link to Facebook, Instagram, through your neighbour's chimney… anything to help us rack up those votes!

Voting opens on TUESDAY and closes on the last day of term.

Watch the video and VOTE HERE
from this Wednesday!



The **Christmas artwork** created by schools is one of **Guildford Cathedral's** most popular annual exhibitions. This year, we were invited to create artwork inspired by the theme 'Angels—God's Messengers!'

The art club have spent the last few weeks preparing our contribution with input from the whole school, and, this week, it has been delivered to the cathedral ready for the exhibition, which features work from many schools across the wider diocese.

Evelynn says: *"The designs on the angel are from the whole school. They all have a message on them of hopes for the future and for the world. The halo means glory, or the light of the world. The earth represents that everyone can join in and everyone is different."*

Thank you to the school, the art club and especially Miss Pople for co-ordinating the project and delivering the angel to the Cathedral this week.

The exhibition is on display from this Sunday until the end of January. If you have never visited Guildford Cathedral, it is the most amazing building and the exhibition is always amazing. The café and shop are rather good too!

















A very busy UK Parliament Week for our very own parliament- the School Council! On Tuesday, they visited Rushmoor Council to learn all about local democracy, meet the Mayor, and see what it's like to sit in the council chamber. This morning, they hosted Alex Baker, MP, for a Q&A session and a tour of the school. The whole school were able to pose questions which the council then asked on their behalf- another example of democracy and representation in action.

The council asked about Ms Baker's job first. She said that the Houses of Parliament is a bit like Hogwarts and steeped in history. The children were amazed to learn that she has had 17,000 requests for help so far in her time as an MP! Some of the very thoughtful questions from the wider school included how we could arrange more community litter picks; what will happen in the empty spaces where the leisure centre was; and whether we could introduce more community flower gardens. What a brilliant week!

St Peter's C of E (Aided) Junior School
in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

Phyllis® Tuckwell Hospice Care
...because every day is precious

We are taking part in a sponsored

Reindeer Run



Thursday 17th December 2026

Every pupil will get a reindeer antlers to keep.

Please try and collect sponsorship as **100% of the money will go to Phyllis Tuckwell**. We ask for a minimum donation of £2 to cover the cost of the antlers.

Thank you!

Please call 01252 729446 for information about Phyllis Tuckwell or visit www.pth.org.uk

Find us on:

Phyllis Tuckwell, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BL

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THURSDAY 3RD DECEMEBER 2026

DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN
9:30AM-11:00AM BUY YOURSELF
A HOT DRINK AND CONNECT WITH
OTHER PARENTS

AT ARDEN AND SCOTT
23 CAMP ROAD, NORTH CAMP,
FARNBOROUGH, GU14 6AQ

Christmas at

ST PETER'S

2026

For all the family

SUN 20 DEC

CAROLS ON THE LAWN

5PM

A short outdoor service for all ages, with carols, refreshments and fireworks! Bring a torch and your own chair.

THU 24 DEC

FAMILY CAROLS

2PM & 4PM

A chance to explore the Christmas story with the whole family. A fun, loud and action-packed service!

FRI 25 DEC

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

10AM

A joyful and fun service for all ages, as we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.



Everyone welcome!

St Peter's Church, 60 Church Avenue, Farnborough GU14 7AP

stpetersfarnborough.org.uk/christmas

Advent and Christmas events at St Peter's Church – full calendar

Christmas 2026 at St Peter's

Wed 2nd December	12.30pm	**Meet and Eat followed by Christmas Carols**
Sun 6th December		**Normal Service Times (9.15, 11.15, 2.30 & 6.00)**
Thurs 10th December	10am	**Toddler Nativity***
Sun 13th December		**NO 11.15am OR 2.30pm OR 6pm SERVICES**
	9.15am	**Contemporary service with children's groups**
	4 & 6pm	**Carols by Candlelight**** A beautiful traditional service. Join us to sing your favourite carols with seasonal refreshments.
Wed 16th December	10.30am	**Holiday at Home**
Sun 20th December		**NO 9.15 OR 6.00 SERVICES**
	11.15am	**Morning Worship**
	2.30pm	**Community Worship**
	5pm	**Carols on the Lawn*** A short outdoor service for all ages to celebrate Christmas carols, refreshments and fireworks! Bring a torch and your own chair.
Thurs 24th December	2 & 4pm	**Family Carols*** A chance to explore the Christmas story with the whole family A fun, loud and action packed service! SAME SERVICE REPEATED.
	11.15pm	**Midnight Communion** Carols and Communion as we welcome in Christmas Day.
Fri 25th December	8.30am	**Carols and Communion**** A traditional communion service with carols and festive joy!
	10am	**Family Celebration*** A fun service for all ages, as we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.
Sun 27th December		**NO 2.30 OR 6.00 SERVICES**
	9.15am	**All Age Family Service**
	11.15am	**Classical Service**
Sun 3rd January 2026		**Normal Services resume (9.15, 11.15, 2.30 & 6.00)**

Particularly suitable for children
****Livestreamed on YouTube***

St Peter's Farnborough

Rotary YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION



Rotary YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION



Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION



OPEN TO ALL ST PETER'S CHILDREN!

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Information for 2026-27 Competitions

THEME – 'Friendship'

The 'Friendship' theme can be interpreted as broadly as the Young Photographer/Artist/Writer wishes and does not need to conform to a dictionary definition. Young people are encouraged to use their creativity to show what this theme means to them.

How to enter:

All competitions- we need a copy of the entry form, and a **digital** copy of the photo/artwork/writing. You cannot use AI for any part of any entry.
Entries should be emailed to the school, who will pass them on to the judges. The deadline is the last day before February half-term.

Photography

The entry can be either a single photograph or a collage of photographs. Any collage must be made up only of photographs taken by the entrant and must be submitted as one entry. Mobile devices or cameras may be used.
Each entrant MUST include a brief sentence explaining how their photograph relates to the theme. This sentence must be added to the appropriate section of the entry form. Entries without this explanation will be disqualified.
If you take a photo of anyone under 18, we need a signed consent form giving permission for them to be in the photo.

Artist

Create one finished **two-dimensional** unframed, piece of artwork based upon the theme, '**Friendship'**.
Artwork may be created in any medium or mediums for example pen and ink, paint, collage, printmaking or digital formats.
Each entrant MUST include a brief sentence explaining how their artwork relates to the theme. This sentence must be added to the appropriate section of the entry form. Entries without this explanation will be disqualified.

Writing

Produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled **'Friendship'**. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme, and all entries must be legible.
Please note:

- Prose (story) entries should be up to a maximum 550 words
- Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines
- No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry.