

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



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Newsletter — Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our next newsletter, on the eve of World Peace Day tomorrow, marked on 21 September each year.

Collective Worship

This term, we are reflecting on some of Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount, containing the statements known as the *'Beatitudes'*. Over the next few weeks, we will be considering how these ideas might help to shape our school community in the way that we try to treat one another. We have introduced these statements as the *'How-to-be-Attitudes'* including key themes of loving and forgiving one another, being peacemakers and trying to put other people before ourselves.

The *'how-to-be-attitudes'* also line up with significant calendar events in this term, including Harvest and Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Service, taking place on Thursday 3rd October, 2.30pm at St. Peter's Church.

Welcome Year 3

Last week, our Year 3 children and parents joined a special welcome service at St Peter's Church. Every child was gifted with a keepsake Bible and bookmark, as a way of welcoming them to our church school family. Thank you to our Year 6 children, who also created welcoming posters for every child in Year 3. A warm welcome to you all.

Rushmoor in Bloom

Yesterday afternoon, representatives of our gardening club joined the *'Rushmoor in Bloom'* awards ceremony. We are proud to offer a lunchtime gardening club, that is invitational of every child. Over the year, our children have grown a range of flowers and vegetables—actively demonstrating our Value of Service through their care and commitment to our gardening area. We were delighted to receive a highly commended award for *'Best School Garden'*.

Congratulations to all our children and special thanks to Miss Roberts, our gardening club leader.



'Life in all Fullness' Enrichment

At St. Peter's, we are proud to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including school trips and special visitors, that bring the curriculum to life and enhance children's personal development. This week, Year 6 visited Runway's End for a day of team building and outdoor activity - a lovely example of our Values of Celebration and Collaboration.

This term, Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm, as part of their History project based on the Stone Age to Iron Age. As part of their space themed Science project, Year 5 will be visiting Winchester Science Museum - including the opportunity to experience the awe and wonder of the planetarium. Meanwhile, our Year 4 children will be preparing for their two night residential visit to Stubbington Study Centre, which is taking place in the spring term.



Roald Dahl Story Day

Last Friday marked Roald Dahl Story Day! To celebrate our favourite Roald Dahl stories and characters, our school librarian has created a special display in our school library - we love the golden ticket decorations! We hope this might inspire you to dig out some of your favourite books and enjoy them as a family.



Creative for Climate Change

This week, the whole school has been particularly busy in their Art and Religious Education (RE) lessons with Mrs Rowlandson and Mrs Wrighton. Each year group has worked collaboratively to create posters in response to issues of climate justice.

These posters will form a special exhibition this term, to which the children will invite leaders in our community - calling on them to play their part in protecting the world's most vulnerable communities from the disproportionate effects of climate change. Our posters will then be submitted to the Creative for Climate Justice exhibition in Parliament in the early spring.

This project marks the start of our journey towards being a 'Global Neighbours' accredited school; a national award scheme where children experience the power they have to be courageous advocates, speaking out for unheard voices in our world.



To keep up to date with life and learning in our school, please visit the ['latest news'](#) page on our school website.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Reece and the Team

