



# St Peter's CE Junior School

*Learning and living life in all its fullness*

## THE SCHOOL BELL

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A term packed full of learning and life has come to a close with a final week even more chock-full of everything we could possibly cram in! This week has featured several celebrations of learning with some astonishing examples of achievement and learning on display through the children's words and work. We have also enjoyed our charity Elf Run, packing the whole school into the hall for Christmas dinner and a Christmas Service which blew us all away with the quality of the children's singing and reading. Having the choir singing the descant parts to the carols alongside the whole school and congregation singing too was such a treat; we hope it got you in the festive mood too!



Today we have come together for our final Celebration Worship of the term. After the traditional certificates and awards, children chose willing (or otherwise) staff to join us at the front for a fully choreographed, mildly chaotic rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas. The hall was full of laughter and song, just as we would want it to be as we head out for the holidays. You can see a clip of the final verse (pixelated so we can share it with you) on our social media channels- we hope you enjoy this little taste of our morning!

A few bits of admin - please don't forget that the 5th of January is an INSET Day- children will return on Tuesday 6th January. When we return, and I will send out a separate email about this, we are going to try splitting year groups at pickup time to ease the crowding at the main gate. This system worked well in Covid so we would like to try it again.

As we finish, a huge thank you on behalf of the whole team for your kind words, encouragement and presents received this week - we are all, myself included - very grateful not just for gifts (although I am munching a yummy biscuit as I write!) but for the kindness and support we have been shown by you all.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday, whatever form this will take for you. I hope that you are all able to experience the joy of coming together as a family as well as the relative peace and calm of some downtime. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2026!

With best wishes for the holidays,  
Mr Hogan-Fleming

### Dates for your Diary

- **Fri 19th Dec: End of term at 1.45pm**
- **Mon 5th Jan: INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**
- **Tues 6th Jan—Start of Term—Children Return to School**
- Weds 21st Jan: Y3 Ufton Court
- Fri 23rd Jan: Y4 Return from Ufton Court
- Weds 28th Jan: Ogden Trust Star Gazing Evening—Invited Y5 Children
- Mon 16th Feb—Fri 20th Feb: HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
- Mon 23rd Feb: Young Voices at O2
- Tues 3rd Mar: Parents Evening
- Weds 4th Mar: Parents Evening

**INSET DAYS 25/26:** Mon 5th Jan, Fri 22nd May, Mon 1st Jun

### Website relaunch



Due to our website provider being taken over, we have had to overhaul the website and the new version will go live on Monday 5th January. The address is the same. Please note that some content still needs to be refreshed and uploaded—a huge job—so thank you for bearing with us while we make sure everything is in the right place! If you need something in particular and cannot find it on the new site, please do let us know.



Visit our school pages on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to see our version of the Twelve Days of Christmas!

### Attendance Matters!

Weekly Attendance for 24-28 Nov

Class	Attendance
3 Baden-Powell	95%
3 Holmes	94.5%
4 Mary Seacole	91.3%
4 Shackleton	95.8%
5 Newton	94.3%
5 Turing	95.2%
6 Churchill	86.7%
6 Pankhurst	97.7%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94%</b>

Looks like the winter lurgy finally caught up with us this week. However, our overall attendance percentage for the year to date is 96.1%, which is encouraging. Let's see how much we can raise it next term!

Photos this week come from Christmas Dinner, the Elf Run, Mayan projects and DT in Year 6, the African Drumming Workshop and Year 6's zoom call with Dr Diane—the UK's only Mayan archaeologist!



🌳 ✨ Writing Competition! ✨ 🌳

Do you enjoy writing stories or poems? We would love you to take part in our writing competition!

Your challenge is to write a story or poem called *'Happiness in Nature'*. You can write fiction or non-fiction, and your work can be handwritten or typed, as long as it is neat and easy to read.

📄 Important rules:

- Stories must be no more than 550 words
- Poems must be no more than 40 lines
- Please do not include pictures or drawings

😊 🌿 Think about how being outdoors, animals, plants, or special places in nature can make people feel happy — and let your imagination shine!

We can't wait to read your wonderful writing!

Entries to be handed in to Mr Hudson on Friday 13th February.





St. Peter's Church, Farnborough

# We Are Hiring!

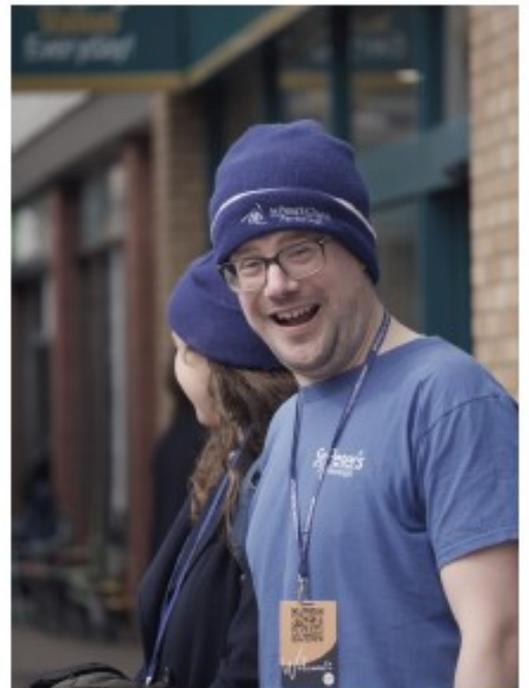
## CARETAKER

We are looking to appoint a Caretaker. The Caretaker will play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth running of the facilities at St. Peter's Church.

To find out more, go to [St Peter's Vacancies](https://www.stpetersfarnborough.org.uk/vacancies)

**SUBMISSION DATE UNTIL:  
SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
2026**

 [www.stpetersfarnborough.org.uk/vacancies](https://www.stpetersfarnborough.org.uk/vacancies)



## Make Christmas Green!

Hampshire County Council's waste minimising initiative, Smart Living, has launched its annual campaign to help people save money and reduce their waste during the festive season. Follow the Smart Living Christmas character, Holly, during December, as she gives out lots of hints and tips to help families have fun, save money and reduce waste.

Find festive hacks and the Green Gift Guide 

on their webpage: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/smartliving/festivesavings>

Join Holly on her journey on Smart Living's social media channels: X, Facebook, Instagram



# The green gift guide

Sustainable and low waste gift ideas



 Hampshire County Council

[hants.gov.uk/festivesavings](https://www.hants.gov.uk/festivesavings)

## RUSHMOOR WINTER HAF SCHEMES



### ACE Kids

Parsonage Farm Infant School (GU14 9TT)  
South Farnborough Infant School (GU14 6JU)



### CM Sports

St Bernadette's Primary School (GU14 8LS)  
Guillemont Primary School (GU14 9ES)  
Wavell Secondary School (GU14 6BH)



### KOOSA Kids

Alderwood Infant School (GU12 4RZ)



### Magna Camps

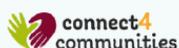
The Cambridge Primary School (GU11 4AA)



### Our Parks

Grange Junior School (GU14 8TA)

Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly updated with available HAF schemes: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk>



Do you have a child aged between 2 and 12 years old? Do you live in Hampshire?

Do bedtimes feel like a battle?

Is your child a fussy eater?

Do you struggle to get your child to brush their teeth?

Would you like to know more budget friendly healthy recipes?

Hampshire Healthy Steps free family sessions are here for you!

Across 6 sessions, we focus on the whole family's health and wellbeing by looking at eating well, sleeping well, getting active, having healthy teeth and connecting you to your local community.

Scan the QR code to find out more!





# DECEMBER FUNDED ACTIVITY CLUB

## St Bernadette's Primary School

### Tile Barn Close GU14 8LS

**8:30AM - 4:30PM**  
**22/12/25, 23/12/25 & 2/1/26**

Our holiday courses give children from Year 1 to Year 9 the ideal blend of play and structure. With safety and enjoyment always in mind, every day is designed to keep children active and engaged.

**AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN ENTITLED TO BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**
- QUALIFIED PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID**
- DBS CERTIFICATED**
- REGISTERED BY OFSTED**
- CHILD PROTECTION TRAINED**

[www.cm-sports.co.uk](http://www.cm-sports.co.uk)



**OUR CAMPS**

# SNOW MUCH FUN CAMP 2025

ARTS & CRAFTS | PARTY GAMES | SPORTS & TEAM CHALLENGES  
 CHRISTMAS BISCUIT DECORATING | DRESS-UP DAYS | FESTIVE SURPRISES!




### CAMP DETAILS:

- ❄️ **Grange Community Junior School**, Wren Way, Farnborough, GU14 8TA
- ❄️ 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> of December
- ❄️ 9AM - 3PM
- ❄️ AGES 5 - 11

Paid & Funded Spaces -  
Book online at: [OurCamps](http://OurCamps)

Funded: If your child is eligible for Benefit-Related Free School Meals, email us your **HAF** code.

We will provide you with a coupon code to use on our website to complete your booking.

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL**

**AWARD WINNING HAF PROVIDER**

07306297789 [SCHOOLCAMPINFO@OURPARKS.ORG.UK](mailto:SCHOOLCAMPINFO@OURPARKS.ORG.UK)

[WWW.OURCAMPS.ORG](http://WWW.OURCAMPS.ORG)

# Christmas

2025 at St Peter's

## CAROLS ON THE LAWN

SUN 21 DEC 5PM

A short outdoor service for all ages to celebrate Christmas. Carols, refreshments and fireworks!  
Bring a torch and your own chair.

---

## FAMILY CAROLS

WED 24 DEC 2PM OR 4PM

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

---

## CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

THURS 25 DEC 10AM

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

For more info: [stpetersfarnborough.org.uk/christmas](http://stpetersfarnborough.org.uk/christmas)

