



St Peter's CE Junior School

Learning and living life in all its fullness

THE SCHOOL BELL

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had three meetings with staff from Guildford diocese this week, with the majority of the focus being on how we support pupils to understand and experience a feeling of spirituality. This is a huge topic, and one that even those of us who have worked in schools, let alone church schools, for a long time often struggle to define.

The meeting yesterday focussed on the way that being spiritual is considering the bigger picture— a sense of self, or others and of what is beyond just our daily lives.

For us in school, our vision of *learning and living life in all its fullness* is a mission to do just that— go beyond lessons and try to give children time to wonder, think and relate to themselves and each other. It was therefore wonderful while writing the introduction to this week's newsletter to see two children ask about raising awareness for a cause close to their hearts as part of their time with the Guides, before receiving photos of all the fun the members of Year 4 who stayed at school last week had building a Viking village, all while Year 5 are out today, marvelling at the wonder of Neasden Temple!

Alongside this, we have been working with our colleagues at Skillsbuilder and MyHappyMind this week to plan next steps for these parts of school life which the curriculum doesn't cover, allowing us to stop and give time to our own personal development. All this before reflecting on two worship sessions about 'everyday courage' and a fantastic worship from Rev. Tim on Wednesday.

Giving time for self and spirit is a journey that never stops, as I am sure you will appreciate in your many and varied lives, but I am really pleased to see so many different opportunities happening here, big and small, for our children to have those moments!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hogan-Fleming

Dates for your Diary

- Tues 3rd Feb: Y5+6 Choir—We Will Rock You—Wavell 9am-12.30pm
- Weds 11th Feb: Y4 Celebration of Learning—3-3.30
- Fri 13th Feb: Y6 Celebration of Learning—3-3.30pm
- Fri 13th Feb: Valentine Sweets for Sale at Lunchtime
- **Mon 16th Feb-Fri 20th Feb: HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**
- **Mon 23rd Feb: Term Starts for Children**
- Mon 23rd Feb: Young Voices at O2
- Fri 27th Feb: Rotary Young Photographer/ Artist Deadline
- Tues 3rd Mar: Parents Evening
- Weds 4th Mar: Parents Evening
- Thurs 5th Mar: World Book Day—Details to Follow
- Mon 9th Mar: Y6 guitar workshop
- Weds 11th Mar: Y3 Trip—Ufton Court
- Thurs 19th Mar: Whole School Indian Dance workshop
- Mon 23rd Mar: iRock Concert—9-9.30—Parents Invited
- Tues 24th Mar: Y5—Bikeability
- Weds 25th Mar: Y5—Bikeability
- **Fri 27th March: last day of term - 1.45pm finish for all children**

INSET DAYS 25/26: Fri 22nd May, Mon 1st June

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

From the office: important medical and absence notices:



As advised earlier in the week, we currently have 4 cases of chicken pox in school. Please see this [guidance](#) from the NHS if you are concerned.



If you are leaving a message to report your child's absence, please be specific about the reason/symptoms rather than just saying they are 'unwell.'

This is to help us track any patterns of illness and to fill in the registers correctly. Thank you for your support in this very important area.

Attendance Matters!

Weekly Attendance for Spring Week 3

Class	Attendance
3 Baden-Powell	97.9%
3 Holmes	100%
4 Mary Seacole	99.1%
4 Shackleton	97.1%
5 Newton	95.3%
5 Turing	92.8%
6 Churchill	96.8%
6 Pankhurst	95.8%
Whole School	96.6%

The trophy is journeying from one side of school to the other today—congratulations to 3H for a perfect week last week!

Year 3 Charity Request

Year 3 are holding a charity event on Thursday 12th February for pupils to attend. The money raised will be going to the 'Save the Children' charity. It will be £1 for 5 tokens to play the games.

If you have any unwanted teddies, please can you bring them in to donate to our charity event. Please can these be brought up to Year 3 by Tuesday 10th February.



Stargazing with Year 5

Some of Year 5 had the amazing opportunity to visit Salesian College as part of the Ogden Trust for an evening of stargazing activities this week. Despite all our blowing, we couldn't shift the clouds until the last group went to use the telescopes with the Cody Astronomical society! Fun was had by both children and parents - with parents becoming experts in balloon rockets and children getting to visit a planetarium. Many thanks go out to Salesian for hosting this wonderful event. We hope all the children to look up and realise the amazing science all around us!

Here's what three of our junior astronomers had to say:

"Yesterday was amazing! We got to look through telescopes at the moon. There was one where we could connect a phone to it and it then shows whatever the telescope is looking at, live."

"Yesterday, some of the class went stargazing. We looked through telescopes and visited a planetarium and we even got hot chocolate! It was an amazing experience to see some planets and look at the stars."

"Stargazing was amazing! Even though it was a bit cloudy we still got to see lots of fascinating things, including a room with a big black dome where we got to see sped up footage of the sun and a black hole. Then we got to see stars and constellations which sped up and started to spin- that was my favourite part!"



A spot of 'classy' science in Year 6! The children had to don animal masks as part of their science work this week before using their knowledge of keys and classifying (hence 'classy' if you hadn't got the pun by now!) to suggest questions which would allow the various animals to be sorted into groups. An excellent way of seeing our knowledge in action, live!



Year 4's Viking Fun!

More from last week, as the children who stayed behind had plenty of fun and learning themselves!

Have a look at this amazing Viking-style jewellery and their Viking village, constructed by the whole team of children. They also had a Viking feast and we have to admit that even some of the Ufton Court staff could take lessons from Mrs Saunders' and Mrs Collins' epic costumes!



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Volunteers needed!

This year's topic is *What's your question?* We are looking for people to come and talk to children during the week about how they use science in their job then, on the Friday 13th March, we will have our science fayre.

Can you help us? We are looking to see how many St Peter's children can fit into a car, and how long we can continuously crochet for! We need many different skills- or if you can think of an amazing question to help our children to answer we would love to hear from you. Please email the office or speak to Mrs Burgess.



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