



St Peter's CE Junior School

Learning and living life in all its fullness

THE SCHOOL BELL

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Carlsberg don't make busy weeks... but if they did...

That reference might be a little old for some of you, but basically it means we've had a very busy, but very fulfilling week! It was great to see so many of you at parents and carers' appointments this week. Thank you for the bulging box of surveys and vision forms, which we are looking forward to going through—there is still a week or so to return them so do take a chance to complete your copy if you took it home.

The vision form is no less important than your views on the present. Our values are what we frame our time in school through, as we celebrate our successes, care for those around us and build or mend relationships. We want to make sure that those values we choose as a community accurately reflect what we want to achieve now, and in the future. Your thoughts and, later this term those of the children too, are a vital part of this process as we are one whole community of which we, as staff, are always just custodians for a time.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day with plenty of fun activities, lots of discussion about reading, and the all important donning of very amazing and sometimes very silly costumes. (Mr Hudson— we're looking at you here!) Alongside the silliness and the queue of 100+ children wanting to try out the life-size chokey (a truly amazing Mrs Collinson creation) there is also an important message. We may only dress up once a year, but reading is probably the most important gift we can give our children and it lasts a lifetime. I was asked by a parent this week for a local project to select three books which have influenced me and, while I haven't finalised my choice yet, it really made me think about books I have read, over many years, and the huge impact I have felt from them. Long may we read!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hogan-Fleming

Make sure you have a look at the British Science Week info on Page 2 - and encourage children to have a read and take part in the different competitions and activities too. Next week is also the book fair - it's going to be another busy one!

Term Dates: note changes and important additions in red!

- Mon 9th Mar—Fri 13th Mar: British Science Week—events and challenges to look forward to all week!
- Mon 9th Mar: Y6 Guitar Workshop
- Weds 11th Mar: Y3 Trip—Ufton Court
- Weds 11th to Mon 16th Mar: Book Fair after School in Library
- Thurs 19th Mar: Whole School Indian Dance workshop
- **Mon 23rd Mar: iRock Concert—Moved to Mon 16th March at 9.00am**
- Mon 23rd Mar: Y6 to London Zoo
- Tues 24th Mar: Y5—Bikeability
- Weds 25th Mar: Y5—Bikeability
- **Fri 27th Mar: PROVISIONAL: Easter Service in Church at 9.15am**
- **Fri 27th Mar: LAST DAY OF TERM—1.45PM FINISH**
- Mon 30th Mar: EASTER BREAK—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
- Mon 13th Apr: SUMMER TERM STARTS - CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- Thurs 16th Apr: Y4 to Aldershot Military Museum
- Fri 1st May: Class Photos
- Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May: Y6 SATS
- Weds 20th May: Y4 to RAF Hendon
- **Fri 22nd May: INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**
- **Mon 1st June: INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

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

Uniform

Please note the request in this week's homework emails for all classes to check all jumpers carefully—we have had quite a few named items go missing and we wonder if anyone has accidentally picked up the wrong one after lunchtime as children are taking jumpers off on sunnier days.



Please make sure anything removable is clearly named to help us with this. Thank you.

Y6 parents—Reminder

SATS Info Meeting next Thursday at 3.30pm in Y6. Creche for big kids (and small!) available next door.

We will video it— we know the notice was shorter than we'd like and there is no one time which suits all. We are struggling to fit all our usual meetings and events into a five week half-term and available times are in short supply.

Attendance Matters!

Weekly Attendance for Spring 2, Week 3

Class	Attendance
3 Baden-Powell	97.7% ★★ ★
3 Holmes	96.0%
4 Mary Seacole	95.4%
4 Shackleton	97.1%
5 Newton	95.2%
5 Turing	95.3%
6 Churchill	95.4%
6 Pankhurst	96.9%
Whole School	95.9%



The theme of this year's British Science Week is 'What's Your Question?'

We will be covering lots of scientific ground as part of the theme, culminating in an amazing science fayre next Friday which each class will get the chance to visit.

Have a look at this playlist on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWxZBtZEMeZCnxi6WJSojlpYcgxOG8kT0> showing some examples from the organisers.

What are you curious about? Where will your question lead you? Submit your question to your class teacher. We wonder who will come up with the best question?!

Ogden Trust Science Selfie Competition!

For this year's competition the Ogden Trust would like children to take a selfie doing, experiencing or witnessing something scientific. You could be:

- *in nature taking images of wildlife/ plant life.*
- *showing your shadow;*
- *experiencing science within the kitchen (with adult supervision);*
- *showing forces in action (gravity or friction); or*
- *your own science idea!*

The deadline is 16th March 2026–get snapping!

Please send any entries to the office marked for Mrs Burgess' attention with the subject line 'Science Selfie.'

The BIG Plastic Count!

Count your plastic for one week from 9 to 15 March.

Thousands of people from households, schools and communities across the country will take part in the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste – including, with your help, us!

By taking part in The Big Plastic Count, we'll help gather important evidence to show the government we need them to produce less plastic. Please help by using your special class link below to join in at home.

Class submission links– Big Plastic Count

3H <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/3h-5>

3BP <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/3bp-4>

4S <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/4s-4>

4MS <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/4ms-1>

5N <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/5n-1>

5T <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/5t-4>

6P <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/6p-2>

6C <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12806/6c-3>

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

Find out more at <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

DATE:
WEDS 11TH TO MON 16TH MARCH

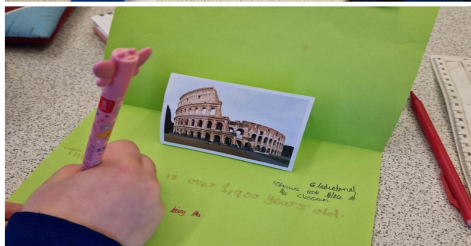
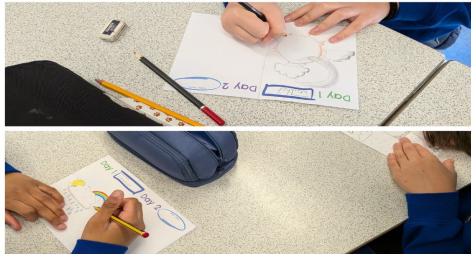
TIME:
3.30—4.00pm

LOCATION:
SCHOOL LIBRARY



A very busy week in photos!

- World Book Day fun with staff, children, Humphrey the Tank Engine and a very realistic chokey!
 - AWESOME finished Dragon Eyes in Art
 - Exploring bridge strength and pop-up coliseums in DT
 - Year 5 off to see Oliver! At Farnborough Hill—it was incredible.
 - Daily 'Go Draw' activities over the coming two weeks
- Absolutely loving life, loving learning and feeling very happy– what a fab week!



Easter Fun



1st April - Goat Movie - Aldershot - 11am - £4.50

1st April - High Score Farnborough - 2pm - £6.50

1st April - Bowling and Laser Tag Andover - 6pm £6.50

2nd April - High Score Newbury 1pm - £6.50

2nd April - Family Swim Basingstoke - 2pm - £4.50

2nd April - Soft Play Oxygen Reading - 2pm - £4

3rd April - Jungle Mania Soft Play Reading 6pm- £4

3rd April - Bowling Basingstoke - 6pm - £3.50

4th April - Family Swim Basingstoke - 1pm - £4.50

4th April - Ice Skating Basingstoke - 3pm - £6

For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org

Easter Fun



7th April - High Score Arcade Farnborough - 1pm - 6.50

7th April - Bowling & laser Tag Camberley - 6pm - £6.50

7th April - Bowling in Reading - 6pm - £3.50

8th April - Flip Out Basingstoke - 5pm - £6.50

8th April - Soft Play Camberley - 4.45pm - £3.50

8th April - Atmosphere Trampoline - 6-8pm - £4.50

9th April - High Score Arcade Andover - 2.30pm - £6.50

9th April - Ice Skating Basingstoke - 3pm - £6.50

9th April - Soft Play Reading - 1pm - £4

9th April - Bowling in Basingstoke - 6pm - £3.50

9th April - Bowling in Andover - 6pm - £3.50

9th April - Bowling in Aldershot - 6.15pm - £2.50

10th April - 360 Play Farnborough - 6.60pm - £4.50

11th April - Family Swim Basingstoke - 1pm - £3.50

11th April - High Score Newbury - 2pm - £6.50

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