



St Peter's CE Junior School

Learning and living life in all its fullness



Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Science is awesome! That's the message from this week's activities, which have seen exciting lessons, competitions and outdoor experiments, culminating in today's amazing Science Fair in the hall. Every class had a chance to visit the stands set up by our visiting scientists. Activities and exhibits encompassed every branch of science, including skeletons galore and an exciting chicken virus activity involving swabs and a very realistic bird. There was also physics in the form of lolly catapults, circuits and microscopes; and chemistry experiments to discover the dyes which form the colours in our felt tips. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Burgess who has put so much effort into bringing the week and the fair together, and to her friends from local Ogden Trust organisations for coming along to give the children such an exciting experience.

Next week we begin to look forward to Easter with all the renewed hope that both the reason, and the season, brings. Friday will be our Easter Pause Day when we use drama, activities and craft to bring the events of 2000 years ago to life. We look forward to seeing the children's reflections and how they inspire their creativity. Friday will also be a FOSP 'Break the Rules' Day to continue our drive to raise funds for those little 'extras' beyond the curriculum basics. Please see the attached poster—Miss Taylor is already thinking about what colour her hair should be; we have yet to hear Humphrey's plans for the day but I have every confidence Mrs Mynott is working on something suitable!

Easter Pause Day will feed into an Easter Service to be held on the last day of term. We do not yet know if this will be an event at which parents can attend—the church have had their total capacity set at 325 which, if every child and staff member is taken out, leaves a very small amount of spaces. We are working on how we approach this challenge while still being able to do the most important thing of helping our children to mark this most important date in the Christian calendar.

Have a great weekend and, if you are marking Mothering Sunday, we hope that mothers, grandmothers and indeed all the female role models in our lives are suitably spoiled!

Mr Hogan-Fleming

Term Dates: note changes and important additions in red!

- Mon 16th Mar: iRock Concert—9am—Parents Invited
- Thurs 19th Mar: Whole School Indian Dance workshop
- **Fri 20th Mar: Easter Pause Day / FOSP Break the Rules Day (see poster for details)**
- Mon 23rd Mar: Y6 to London Zoo
- Tues 24th Mar: Y5—Bikeability
- Weds 25th Mar: Y5—Bikeability
- Fri 27th Mar: Easter Service in Church at 9.15am—parent invite TBC
- **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**
- **Weds 24th June: SPORTS DAY—DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

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

Pencil Cases... and Cases... and Cases!

We are seeing an increase in children with multiple pencil cases (some of which are also very large individually) in class, and there just isn't enough room on the desks to work with all the extras! We also have an increasing number of children with lots of novelty stationery, but without the **basics** we really need them to have.

Children need to have:

- HB pencil(s)
- A glue stick

...and that's it! They may also have a set of colouring pencils.



Children may have these too, but we do provide them:

- Blue handwriting pen if used (no 'biro' style ballpoints please)
- A purple pen
- A ruler
- A whiteboard pen

Any personal items should be **clearly named**.

Attendance Matters!

Weekly Attendance for Spring 2, Week 4

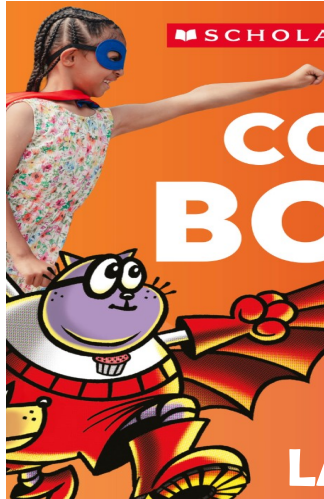
Class	Attendance
3 Baden-Powell	99.6% ★★★
3 Holmes	98.8%
4 Mary Seacole	95.7%
4 Shackleton	96.3%
5 Newton	94.8%
5 Turing	97.2%
6 Churchill	94.7%
6 Pankhurst	94.4%
Whole School	95.9%



MAGAZINES WANTED!

We'd love to include educational magazines as part of the reading material we offer the children in school and as such we're asking for donations. If you support any charities such as RSPCA, RNLI, Friends of the Earth, WWF, or have a stash of children's magazines such as The Week or Eco Kids sitting at home, please bring them to school when you're finished with them as they are full of interesting and inspiring stories which the children love to read. Anything that is science or nature is of interest.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS



COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!
LAST DAY MONDAY!

GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

There's still time to send in your 'Science Selfies' for Mrs Burgess's competition together with the Ogden Trust.

Children could be doing activities in nature (biology); science in the kitchen (chemistry); showing forces in action (physics; or their own science idea! The deadline is Monday 16th March and there are prizes for the winning entry!



Got a message, query or worry for a teacher?

Teachers are on the gate at the end of every day and are also happy to pop down at the start of the day too. The morning gate team are also happy to pass messages.

While we love to talk in person, if you do need to use email because of work, all teachers can be contacted via adminoffice@stpetersjun.co.uk and will reply within 48 hours Mon-Fri.

FOSP PRESENTS AN END OF TERM TREAT!

BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

For one day only, you can choose how many rules you want to break from the list below. A **50p donation** is requested for **each** rule you want to break- cash on the day please. *(you don't have to break all the rules!)*

List of rules you can break:

- No nail varnish in school
- You must wear uniform
- No enormous squishmallows in school
- No hats or caps
- You can't wear coats in class
- No tattoos allowed
- No coloured hairspray/chalk/crazy hair
- No squash in your water bottle
- You must eat your main before eating dessert
- Socks and tights must be plain and boring



HUMPHREY IS READY... ARE YOU?!



Photos this week come from Year 6's guitar workshop, where each class spent half a day learning how to play different notes on the guitar, and even played some popular tunes such as 'Batman' and 'Dance Monkey'. Year 6 also took time to help for the Cancer Research coffee morning in church (which raised £2000– wow!)

We've also got Year 3's fantastic day at Upton Court, where they immersed themselves in the world of the Roman Army, including some very realistic (albeit very safe) battles!

Finally, science week, and the science fair today, have been enjoyed by all, with lots of fascination, questions and knowledge on show.



FAMILIES MATTER GROUP

FARNBOROUGH

15th April - 1st July 2026

Connecting parents in the local community to:

- Make new friends
- Support you & your children's wellbeing
- Increase parenting confidence
- Try new activities each week
- Babies & preschoolers welcome

* Open to families with children under the age of 5. Priority given to VIVID customers

Wednesday, 10am - 11:30am

Farnborough Grange Infant Community School,
Moor Rd, Farnborough, GU14 8HW.

Register here, or contact us
using the details below for
more information!



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Hampshire

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VIVID
plus+



Referrals to Mustard Seed

Our online referral process will be available to access on **Monday 13th April at 8pm.**

We will share the link on our website and social media.

We will be able to take on **40 families** and places will be allocated randomly. If successful, you will be emailed a referral form the following day.

If you are unsuccessful you will be offered alternative sources of support.

We will aim to open to new referrals again in about 6 months (autumn 2026).

Please note we will not be able to start working with all families immediately, you will be offered support when we have capacity.

Mustard Seed Autism Trust is a registered Charity providing support to autistic children, their parents and siblings. Our mission is to equip children, empower parents and educate society so that together we can build a more understanding world.

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

For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org