



St Peter's CE Junior School

Learning and living life in all its fullness



Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Collective Worship on Monday, I spoke about the power of music to change our mood. We compared *'For the First Time in Forever'* from Frozen, to *'Nimrod'* by Sir Edward Elgar to show how music can make us dance and sing, or stop and breathe. The idea for the assembly came from the day before. I arrived at church hot and out of breath having cycled a few miles there because my road was shut by roadworks. As I arrived, thinking of all the jobs I needed to do to set up our equipment, the choir were rehearsing *'May the Lord Bless You and Keep You'* by Sir John Rutter. With just me in our vast church, and our choir and organ, it was the most beautiful sound and I immediately felt much calmer!

The piece is based on this verse from the book of Numbers, which tells the final part of the story of Moses: *"May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace."* Whatever beliefs you hold, these are wonderful words and it is a beautiful peace of music.

If you need a moment of peace this weekend, try this recording conducted by Sir John Rutter himself:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICpxgEHqjFA>

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hogan-Fleming

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FOSP COMMITTEE!

At the Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) AGM this week we welcomed a new committee following the previous committee stepping down due to their children leaving the school in July.

We are so pleased to welcome Gemma Woolford and Annabel Hoyle to the FOSP team as Chair and Treasurer respectively, and we look forward to working together on events across the year that support and enrich the children's learning while raising much needed funds for the school.

The school also bids a fond farewell with much gratitude to the outgoing committee and parents who have helped organise and run events over the years.



Dates for your Diary

- **Tues 30th Sept—NO RUNNING CLUB TONIGHT**
- **Weds 8th Oct—Harvest Service St Peter's Church—2.30-3.30pm—Parents Invited**
- **Thurs 9th Oct— Y6 NHS Height & Weight—in school**
- **Fri 10th Oct—World Mental Health Day**
- **Weds 15th Oct—Year 4 Celebration of Learning—Parents Invited—3pm**
- **Tues 21st Oct—Parents' Evening**
- **Weds 22nd Oct—Year 6 Calshot Assembly to Parents—2.45-3.15pm**
- **Thurs 23rd Oct—Parents' Evening**
- **Fri 24th Oct—Last Day of Half term**
- **27th—31st Oct—HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**
- **Mon 3rd Nov—INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**
- **Tues 4th Nov— Children return to school**
- **Mon 10th Nov - Choir concert at the church with guest French pupils- 4.30pm**
- **Tues 11th Nov—Remembrance Day**
- **Mon 24th Nov—Y3 Butser Ancient Farm**
- **Weds 17th Dec—Christmas Service—St Peter's Church—Parents Invited**

INSET DAYS 25/26: Mon 3rd Nov, Mon 5th Jan Fri 22nd May, Mon 1st Jun

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

Attendance Matters!

Weekly Attendance for 14th-19th Sept

Class	Attendance
3 Baden-Powell	98% ★★★
3 Holmes	97%
4 Mary Seacole	95%
4 Shackleton	95%
5 Newton	93%
5 Turing	96%
6 Churchill	97%
6 Pankhurst	97%
Whole School	96%

Our target for the whole school is to be well above the minimum of 95% attendance because every day makes a difference to our children. Can we reach even higher?!

Celebrating Science in Action!

Our reporters in the field... the school field... have spied lots of budding scientists going about their work this week. Year 3 took the opportunity of some warm September sun to start a long-term study all about light and shadows, measuring the length of their shadow at 3pm with metre rulers. They then talked about what differences they might see in December, and why they think there may be changes. Reasons for changes included the seasons, it being cold, and that they might have grown! There was some great thinking on display and we look forward to hearing their conclusions when they have taken a year's worth of careful measurements.

Meanwhile, in Year 5, it was still sunny... but this time the science involved umbrellas! Children used different pieces of equipment, including boxes, whiteboards and the good old British broly, to see what effect the air resistance experienced from holding the object would have on them running across the playground.

Max says: *"The umbrella made a much bigger difference because as you push through you feel more of the air force coming towards you."*

Emily says *"The bigger the object the slower you can run because the bigger object is trying to push the air out of the way."*



Year 6 at St Peter's Macmillan Coffee Morning

Some of our Year 6 children have been putting our values into action today, truly 'learning to lead by example and living to serve others' with the responsibility and respect they showed to members of the community who had come to enjoy coffee and raise money for Macmillan over at the church.

We had warm welcomes and smiles on the door, offering to carry cups of tea or cake, lots of talking with people of all ages, and generally representing our school, and our values, wonderfully. Thank you children!



More Responsibility!



There are too many to list, but congratulations to all those who received badges as members of Eco-Council, School Council, Science Ambassadors and Junior Road Safety Officers today. We can't wait to see how we can work together to make St Peter's an even more special place with all your amazing ideas! Look out for children wearing a badge, and why not ask them for their thoughts on what they can do this year - or give them some ideas to bring to the table!



NAME IT!!!

Humphrey is spending his morning walks this week barking at all the lost property on the playground, much of which isn't named so can't be returned (apart from to those children who seem to be able to tell whose jumper it is by smell. Never ceases to amaze us that children can do this!)

Please **NAME EVERYTHING** so that we can return lost items to children, especially jumpers and food containers. Thank you!

Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Last year we were able to donate over 3500 Christmas presents across Hampshire and Berkshire to children who are referred to us from schools and social workers and we hope to be able to do the same again this year.

To help us on our way, we are launching our Christmas raffle to raise money for this Christmas Toy Appeal. Tickets are £3 each.
JUST SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

OVER 30 PRIZES INCLUDING

A four night caravan break to Somerset, A family trip to 4 Kingdoms christmas Experience, Tickets to a number of our activities including Ninja Warrior, Donutting and more.

Registered Charity 1129258

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

JUNGLE FEST

16th October

Crocodile Crunch Beef Chilli Nachos
with Wedges
and Sweetcorn

Or

Crocodile Crunch Veggie Chilli
Nachos with Wedges and Sweetcorn

And

Monkey Fingers Banana Flapjacks

Top 14 Allergen Free Menu

16th October

ALLERGY FREE MENU

Tangled Vine Spaghetti Meatballs
with Sweetcorn

Or

Tangled Vine Spaghetti Beans
with Sweetcorn

And

Monkeys Banana
Topped Cookie

All children welcome—just book online via your SwiftKitchen account!



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OPEN EVENTS FOR ADMISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday 13th October at 6pm: Open Evening, including Headteacher presentation followed by tours of the school with current pupils.

Group tours of the school during the school day, led by a member of our leadership team, are also available on the following dates:

- Tues 14th October, 9.30am
- Thurs 16th October, 9.15am
- Tues 21st October, 9.30am
- Thurs 23rd October, 9.15am

- Thurs 6th November, 9.15am
- Tues 18th November, 9.30am
- Thurs 20th November, 9.15am



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To book a tour, please scan the QR or visit:
<https://signup.com/go/pSFvBHb>

(Booking is not required for the Open Evening)