

# ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

June 2025



Dear parents and carers

*Can you believe we are at the end of term almost? The children have been great this term and embraced all the learning opportunities that the staff have provided them with. I hope they enjoy coming home to tell you about their days. We have been welcoming new children recently and more will join us in September. We extend a warm welcome to you all. Do come and speak to us, anyone, if you have a concern or a worry. It is best to talk about things early so we can put support in for your child/family.*

*May I take this opportunity to thank our amazing PTFA for all their volunteering to make so much money for the school, to put on great events and to support the school staff. We really appreciate everything you do.*

*Also, a big thank you to all the staff for their constant hard work and dedication to all our children. We love our job and strive to get it right as best we can.*

*SJDunning*

Sarah Dunning

Head Teacher

## Y3 TRIP TO WINDSOR GREAT PARK



This month Y3 enjoyed a day at Great Windsor Park. The children spent the morning in the amazing woodland, learning about the importance of plants and trees. They spent the afternoon in the meadow identifying flowers and learning about pollination. Each child planted a sunflower seed which they took home in a paper pot to grow in their own gardens.

## BEES



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Mrs Cobb and her husband visited the nursery class with an 'observation hive'. The children were able to learn about bees, how they pollinate, where honey comes from etc. The nursery children were very engaged in the activity and enjoyed watching the bees in the observation hive, and searching for the 'Queen bee'. Green Shoots would like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Cobb for taking the time to offer us this wonderful experience.

## Y2 LIFECYCLES—BUTTERFLIES



After the excitement of having ducklings in the classroom, Y2 continued their research of life cycles and watched caterpillars evolve into butterflies.

## INFANT ATHLETICS FESTIVAL



This month St Peter's hosted an Infant Athletics festival for around 70 Y1 children from a number of local schools. The event gave our Y6 Sports Crew, Young Leaders and House Captains the opportunity to plan, organise and lead the activities. It was wonderful to see them develop their leadership skills and confidence in running the event for the younger children. They welcomed our visitors to school and offered many encouraging words to ensure all joined in. What great ambassadors for our school!



## Y5-6 GIRLS' CRICKET TOURNAMENT



Also this month, a selection of Y5 & Y6 girls participated in a cricket tournament at the Rowledge Cricket club. The girls were brilliant, played every game with passion and were very supportive of each other (we didn't win but they were amazing).

## Y5 GILBERT WHITE TRIP



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Y5 visited Selbourne, the home of naturalist Gilbert White. As part of our geography unit on rivers, the children took measurements of the profile of the river; timed its flow and observed and identified its inhabitants. We climbed the Zig Zag path to look at the perspective of the landscape and to identify the source of the river. The children used their knowledge of the features of rivers to construct their own rivers from natural materials.

## WATER FUN AT BASE



**TRICK BOX - WIN WIN**



This is one of the blue cards (communication) and it is first introduced in the summer term of YR. The neuroscience behind this card is that effective communication skills require an ability to be aware of how things might be from another person’s point of view, as well as our own. Learning to negotiate from an early age helps us to develop confident and resourceful behaviour patterns around conflict and compromise and to build respectful relationships.

Children will learn think through scenarios where both people can end up happy (sharing a toy/game would be an example. *“We might not always agree with someone about everything, but we can try to find a way for us both to be happy. We can find a way for us both to ‘win’.”*

**CREATION PAUSE DAY**



Last week the whole school came off curriculum for Creation Pause Day. The content progresses up through the school so that in Y6, children are discussing different views on creation. Throughout the day, children engage in different creative activities including art and drama. There is also a Creation Reflection room which children visit in their classes throughout the day. This has stations where children can wonder at the beauty of the natural world and its people.



They are also prompted to think and reflect about the effects of climate change and the impact that this is



having on different communities around the world.



**St Peter's Day Service @ St Peter's Church**



On Wednesday, pupils from Y3 - Y6 led the St Peter's Day service in church. It was a thought-provoking service looking at St Peter's life; the way that he learnt from his mistakes and went on to start the Christian Church. There was time for reflection; to think about people who support us in our St Peter's community and to remember that we all have a part to play in making the world a better place. We are blessed to have Mrs Palmblad playing the organ to accompany the singing. This service was particularly moving as it was the last time that Rev'd

**Staying Safe Online**

**Hints and Tips #6 – Setting up Parent Controls**

All devices have ways to allow parents to keep control on their child’s use of gaming devices and set limits. Each different gaming device has their own parent control app that are available for free on



This issue, we are going to focus on



These controls allow you to

- Keep an eye on play time
- Customise online features
- Restrict video chat
- Check what your child is playing
- Choice what games your child can play

More information can be found direct on the Nintendo Switch website

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub> There is a detailed video on the X-Box webpage of how to set up the different controls.

**Alternatively, watch the video below for a quick ‘how to’ guide.**



**A MESSAGE FROM MRS AFONSO**

Dear Parents and Children,  
As I prepare to leave the school and embrace a new adventure in Portugal, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt goodbye. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of the St Peter's community — watching your children grow, learn, and shine has brought me so much joy. Though I'm excited for what lies ahead, I will miss you all dearly. Thank you for the memories, the kindness, and the trust.  
Wishing you all the best.  
With love and warmest wishes,  
Mrs Afonso



**CAN YOUR CHILD SWIM?**



Last week was *Drowning Prevention Week* in the UK. Sadly, in the UK each year around 50 children die from drowning either in swimming pools or open water. It is actually a government expectation that every child should be able to swim at least 50 m by the time they leave primary school. It is much harder to start learning at secondary school when most of a child's peers can already swim. St Peter's has a swimming club running at Farnham Leisure Centre each Friday from 7:30am. There are lessons available for beginners and improvers of all ages. If your child can't swim and you have no plans to put them in lessons outside school, please consider signing up for the school swimming club. It's a great confidence booster to learn among friends and it's a life skill which could end up saving theirs or someone else's life at some point in the future. Please get details from the school office - new courses start in the Autumn. In certain cases, we are able to support with costs. Please ask.

**JULY DIARY DATES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Weydon induction
- 1<sup>st</sup> July: whole school move-up morning  
Y4 recorder concert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Y2 trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
- 4<sup>th</sup> July: Y2 Singing Spree at Farnham Maltings
- 7<sup>th</sup> July: 1T forest school Medieval Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 production
- 9<sup>th</sup> July: 1P forest school Medieval Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> July: end of term, **3.15pm** finish

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