

# ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

October 2025



Dear Families,

*As I write this, Y6 have left their residential for their homes and to start half term. They have had an amazing week with so many wonderful and exciting opportunities. They have behaved brilliantly and have strengthened friendships. The children used the school values all the time to support and encourage each other – especially having courage. There were also many Trickbox moments (including the staff!). We are so proud of them all and hope they enjoy telling you all about their special week.*

*I wish everyone a safe and happy half term doing what every you chose to do to take a break from routine. May I thank all our dedicated staff who work so hard and give over and beyond their time and care.*

*We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.*

*SJDunning*

Sarah Dunning  
Head Teacher



## CROSS COUNTRY @ FARNHAM PARK



Last Saturday St Peter's staff team were out in full force at Farnham Park as organisers of the District Cross Country Running competition for Y3 – Y6 pupils. There were over 500 pupils representing

13 schools. There is always a wonderful community atmosphere and children are cheered on by numerous family members and dogs!

The best part of the morning was that St Peter's won the Boys' Team Event, came second in the Girls' Team Event and won the overall team event. This meant we came home with two big cups. Although St Peter's has a strong track record in Athletics and Cross Country, this was the first time we've won overall since 2018. We thank all of our staff (some of whom are at the park from 7am setting up the course) for coming out on a Saturday to make this happen. We also thank the children who showed up as it's as much about achieving a personal best as about winning. Thank you to parents for encouraging your child to participate. This is a fully inclusive event and in May we'd like to see even more children up at the park representing Team St Peter's.

## HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



The Y5 & 6 mixed hockey team played exceptionally well at the recent tournament. They finished joint first with 13 points and didn't lose a single game. The umpires chose to go to goal difference to

find a winner and Potters Gate won with 4 more goals. However, we had a no score draw against them so we were both strong teams. Our children were a real credit to us with immaculate team play, fun and great manners.

## Y2 TRIP TO RURAL LIFE LIVING MUSEUM



As part of our History topic, Y2 enjoyed a visit to the Rural Life Living Museum. We found out what it was like to be a child growing up in this area in the Victorian period. The school room was very different to school now. Children had to sit in rows and stand up if they wanted to speak. The teacher was very strict. If you didn't sit up straight, you had to use the back straightener. We had a go at writing on slates and learnt some new sayings – "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Til your good is better and your better is best." We definitely have more fun at school now!

## WORLD FOOD DAY



We celebrated World Food Day this year by drawing attention to the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) which has been running for 80 years. It gave us an opportunity to think about better solutions against world hunger and to remind us that it is a global problem that we need to all play a small part of. Simply eating seasonal fruit and vegetables can help play our part.

The FAO are running a **global competition** to create a poster. Can you use your creative skills to show how better foods create a better future - and how together we can build a peaceful, sustainable, prosperous, and food-secure world where everyone has access to a healthy diet.

Three winners in each age category will be promoted by FAO offices around the world and receive a certificate and surprise gift bag.

*The deadline for entries is **7 November 2025** – Upload your poster using this link*

<https://www.fao.org/worldfoodday-campaign/contest/upload-your-poster/en/>

## HARVEST FESTIVAL IN NURSERY



During the celebration of Harvest Festival the nursery children enjoyed the story of The Little Red Hen. This provided the opportunity to use the language of the repeated refrains and make puppets to retell the story using the sequence of events.

Further to this the children enjoyed baking bread. They worked together in small groups to follow a recipe, enabling them to see how the ingredients came together and rolled their own bread roll.

## FARNHAM FOOD BANK



The School Council did an excellent job of organising, packing and then helping to load all of the donations when volunteers John and Guy came to collect them after our Harvest Services on Wednesday.

Together we donated an amazing 164kg of food. Your generosity really does make a difference. Thanks to your support, Farnham Foodbank are able to help local individuals and families who are going through tough times. The items you donated will go straight to those who need them most - and they will mean such a great deal.

It's incredibly uplifting to see your school community come together in such a caring and practical way. A heartfelt thanks from the Farnham Foodbank to everyone who helped make our harvest collection such a success.

## HARVEST SERVICES @ ST PETER'S CHURCH



Last week both KS1 and KS2 celebrated the joy of harvest with children leading both services. As well as expressing thanks for all the food that we have, we also reflected on where our food comes from, who produces it and the difficulties that some farmers face with extreme weather changes. This enabled us to think about those in our local Farnham community and those around the world who are impacted by the decisions we make. There is currently no vicar at St Peter's but we managed to create a spiritual and uplifting service which reminded us of our school values and our responsibilities to the world we all share. Many thanks to all the parents who walked to the church with us and to Mrs Palmblad for playing the organ.

## FOREST SCHOOL



Just a few of the many activities we have done in forest school this half term.

Please remember it's getting colder so please help your child pack warm and waterproof clothing, lots of layers and hats and gloves. If children are warm they have a lot of fun and enjoyment in forest school.

## TRICK BOX



Please ask your child which new trick they have looked at this term. If they can't tell you, we're not doing our job properly! Remember that Trick Box is a personal wellbeing programme designed to support children at all stages of development with **Communication, Confidence, Creativity and Calm** (self-regulation). There will be flyers available at Parents' Evening so that you can see exactly what your child should know already. It's about supporting your child to help themselves – to have a positive, resilient attitude towards life. This will go a long way to helping them thrive in the future.

## BUDDING CHEFS



This week, five Y6 pupils spent a morning in the school kitchen preparing lunch for four staff members. They set out the table in Mrs Dunning's office and joined the staff to enjoy the meal they'd prepared. The menu was: spanakopita, lemon and herb hummus, baba ghanoush, mediterranean salad, raita and homemade flatbreads. The dessert was an apple fool made with apples from the school orchard. They then baked later in the week making apple muffins and an apple cake - in all, over the week, we used around 4kg of school-grown apples!

## Y5 TRIP TO WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE



On 1<sup>st</sup> October, Y5 went to the Winchester Science Centre as part of their science learning about Earth and Space. They watched a Planetarium show about our Solar System, took part in a rocket building workshop and explored a variety of hands-on science activities. The children enjoyed every minute, learnt a lot of science and were a credit to St Peter's.

## SURREY ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2025



Jennifer Dalcie, one of our school parents, was awarded second prize in a competition organised by the New Ashgate Gallery and Surrey Artits Open Studios. Well done Jennifer!

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX**

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**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

Roblox is one of the most popular online games among children. In 2025, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the kids' content had parents. As a result, Roblox has taken steps to ensure that parents can better understand their child's gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

**ONLINE PLAY RISKS**

Because Roblox is an online game, it has risks associated with online play. These risks include: exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and exposure to inappropriate behavior. Roblox has implemented measures to reduce these risks, but parents should still be aware of the potential dangers of online play.

**ANONYMOUS PLAYERS**

Roblox is an online game, and as such, it has risks associated with anonymous play. These risks include: exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and exposure to inappropriate behavior. Roblox has implemented measures to reduce these risks, but parents should still be aware of the potential dangers of online play.

**MATURE CONTENT**

Roblox is an online game, and as such, it has risks associated with mature content. These risks include: exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and exposure to inappropriate behavior. Roblox has implemented measures to reduce these risks, but parents should still be aware of the potential dangers of online play.

**RISK OF ADDICTION**

Roblox is an online game, and as such, it has risks associated with addiction. These risks include: exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and exposure to inappropriate behavior. Roblox has implemented measures to reduce these risks, but parents should still be aware of the potential dangers of online play.

**IN-GAME SPENDING**

Roblox is an online game, and as such, it has risks associated with in-game spending. These risks include: exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and exposure to inappropriate behavior. Roblox has implemented measures to reduce these risks, but parents should still be aware of the potential dangers of online play.

**SCAMS**

Roblox is an online game, and as such, it has risks associated with scams. These risks include: exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and exposure to inappropriate behavior. Roblox has implemented measures to reduce these risks, but parents should still be aware of the potential dangers of online play.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

**MONITOR THE CONTENT**

Use the parental controls within the game to monitor your child's content. This includes monitoring their chat, their avatar, and their interactions with other players. You can also use third-party monitoring tools to help you keep track of your child's activity.

**PLAY TOGETHER**

Encourage your child to play with friends and family. This can help to reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content and behavior. You can also use parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain features of the game.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS**

Use the parental controls within the game to help you manage your child's experience. This includes monitoring their chat, their avatar, and their interactions with other players. You can also use third-party monitoring tools to help you keep track of your child's activity.

**TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS**

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**Meet Our Expert**

Jack Dunning is a experienced educational consultant with over 10 years of experience in the field of education. He has worked with schools and universities across the UK and is a regular speaker at educational conferences. He is passionate about helping schools and universities to improve their performance and is always happy to offer advice and support.

**Wake Up Wednesday**

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE—TERMLY REMINDER**

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

- 1.If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

**AUTUMN CRAFT FUN AT BASE**



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> November: Y1 Milestones Museum trip
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November: parents’ evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> November: whole school flu vaccinations
- 14<sup>th</sup> November: PTFA laser & fireworks
- 15<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Lights Switch-On
- 18<sup>th</sup> November: Y4 Viking workshop



## Saplings

At St Peter's C of E Primary School, Little Green Lane, Farnham GU9 8TF

### Forest School For Toddlers

**Book now for our Bonfire bonanza at Saplings! Thursday 6th & Friday 7th November**

Nurture through nature with your pre school child. Encourage creativity, resilience and exploration through play, in our woodland environment. Sessions include: nature crafts, bug hunting, gardening, exploring pond life, painting with natural materials, rope bridges and cooking on an open fire.

**£10 taster session for you and your toddler, includes - campfire snacks, bonfire crafts, bonfire themed activities.**

Booking essential - special price for siblings places are limited (aged 18months-4 years) 9.30-11.00am Refreshments and campfire snacks




Sessions are led by a level 3 Forest School Practitioner with Outdoor First Aid Training. All activities are risk assessed to a high standard whilst allowing freedom for your little ones. Sessions will take place in all weathers (with the exception of lightning storms and high winds) so outdoor clothing is essential. For further information or to book a place, contact forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk






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**Mud kitchen fun**



**Nature investigation**



**Sessions available**  
Friday's 9:30-11.00  
**14/11, 21/11, 28/11, 5/12**  
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