

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are soon to enter the beautiful time of Advent. The children have been learning many Advent songs ahead of our service and then this will turn to carols. We are maintaining a balance of planning for Christmas and all the exciting events that happen whilst focussing on learning and continuing to make progress in the classroom. We hope you will enjoy many of the different activities we have planned and this will add to your festive preparations and family time together.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

YOUNG VOICES & JUNIOR CHOIR SHINE AT FARNHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON



On Saturday 15th November, our Young Voices Choir and Junior Choir helped bring festive cheer to the Farnham Christmas Lights Switch-On with a wonderful performance. The children sang with warmth, confidence, and enthusiasm, delighting the large crowd gathered at Gostrey Meadow.

Each choir sang two songs which were upbeat and meaningful. Young voices were 'bumping along on their camels', whilst the Junior Choir were telling the real story of Christmas. These songs helped to create a magical atmosphere and set the perfect tone for the lights to be switched on.

We are incredibly proud of every pupil who took part. A huge thank you to them and to everyone who came along to support the children. It was a fantastic start to the festive season and a memorable event for all involved.

YOUNG CARERS FOREST SCHOOL



Our Young Carers from Y3 & Y4 enjoyed a special Forest School session in collaboration with the Young Carers from St Polycarps this month. They met Henry the hedgehog and then went down to Forest School to learn about the habitats of various native animals, decorate their own wooden plaque, plant some bulbs and make their own hedgehogs out of natural materials. Our Young Carers set a wonderful example to our visiting friends, and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Mrs Webzell for running the session!



REMEMBRANCE DAY



Two of our Y6 children joined representatives from all the Farnham schools, the mayor and army veterans to mark Remembrance Day in Gostrey Meadows. We stood next to a 99-year old veteran who told us so many interesting stories. It really made it real to us and we were moved.

PCSO SUPPORT FOR POOR PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL



I appreciate that if you are reading this newsletter, you are a family that like to follow the highway code and look after our surrounding community with considerate parking. As you are aware, many neighbours have been complaining about poor parking and dangerous driving. We asked our neighbourhood support team for some assistance. On 11.11.25 they spent the morning patrolling and did indeed see some antisocial behaviour. He warned the drivers that next time this will incur a £50 fine.

Thank you to our families who support our school and neighbours with considerate driving.

CHESS IN SCHOOL



We have had a very successful Chess Club this term, running on a Wednesday lunch-time for all KS2 children.

If interested, please contact the school office.

THE ECO ACTIVISTS

The Eco Activists have been busy bees this term. We have helped Gardening club with their fruit sale, stripped lavender ready for turning into lavender bags and decorated bird houses ready for sale. As Eco Activists we have had a book sale, organised Just One Tree day, planted bulbs and made Guys for Farnham Bonfire Night. We still monitor the classrooms every week for their Eco Habits and have re started monitoring the schools energy use. The recycling boxes are emptied and plants are watered. Then there is the form filling for our next Green Flag Award. Phew! What a lot we have packed in during part of our lunch times!

Y4 VIKING DAY



Viking Day was amazing. I learnt a lot of amazing facts about the Vikings like the best weapon on the battlefield were spears. There were awesome artifacts like old weighing scales and weapons like spears, saws, and even an axe. We had a quiz and a Viking game to play. It was so much fun to dress up. I had a great time all day!

Ava



On the 18th of November we had Viking day. We did all sorts of cool things like... spear wrestling, a quiz, we learnt about the everyday life of a Viking, we learnt about the saga of the End of the World, and we made an actual Viking formation. That was just some of what we did. I learnt so much, for example I didn't know that Vikings thought their alphabet was a gift from Odin, one of their gods.

Leo

TRICK BOX

Confidence
Confident - thinking
body-language
self-beliefs
actions

Communication
Positive - communication
choices
behaviour

Calm
Mindful - emotional management
relaxation
solution thinking

Creativity
Creative - mindset
interests
opportunities

Please ask your child which Trick Box cards they have covered this term and what they might be able to use them for. There are 24 cards in total, and they are introduced at different stages in the child’s development. This is a research based personal development programme which gives children the skills to navigate their way through situations which they may find challenging, both in school and at home. The strategies that children learn with these simple cards will help them in different ways. You will see below that each colour addresses different areas which are important for positive wellbeing.

If you would like more information on what your child has covered, please speak to their teacher. You are also able to purchase a box of tricks for £5.

FLOORBALL TOURNAMENT



Fourteen Y5 & Y6 pupils attended an inter-school tournament at Farnham Leisure Centre this week. It is a really exciting game based on hockey but has very few rules and is played inside. For a few of our players it was the first time they’d played the game! Our teams were placed 3rd, 6th and 7th. Well done to everyone!

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

No internet?

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call 03456 009 009 to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

To request a paper application form or for all other enquiries, you can call us on 0300 200 2004.

surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Important dates

3 November 2025
You can apply online for a school place.

15 January 2026
Closing date for primary applications but we welcome early applications.

16 April 2026
Primary outcomes will be sent by post or email. If you applied online, you will receive an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online. If you registered for ParentCamms, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.

By 30 April 2026
You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

By 15 May 2026
If you wish to appeal for a community or voluntary controlled school listed on your form, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 18 July 2026. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place between 3 November 2025 and 15 January 2026.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Apply online
between 3 November 2025 and 15 January 2026

If you have a child starting school in September 2026, you will need to apply for a school place by **15 January 2026**.

If you have a child currently in Y2 in a different school, and you would like them to join St Peter’s in Y3, please note you will have to apply for a junior place via Surrey County Council by 15 January as well.

The office will be happy to assist if you need help with your application.

FOREST SCHOOL

Hat and gloves

Forest school winter kit

Sweater or jumper

Thermal base layer

Boot socks

Jogging pants

Boots / wellington boots

Fleece lined water proofs

As the weather is getting colder, please provide your child with plenty of extra layers for forest school. Layers are really important as they can be removed or added easily. No jeans and no single pairs of leggings please.

CHRISTMAS FAIR WEDS 10 DECEMBER 4.30PM TO 8.30PM

FREE ENTRY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JOIN US AT FRENESHAM HEIGHTS FOR A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS FAIR! Come and explore our indoor artisan market full of unique gifts and delicious treats in our beautiful Main House. Plus fairground rides and a high ropes glow trail. Perfect for the whole family!

FRENESHAM HEIGHTS

Frenesham Heights School | Farnham | Surrey GU10 4BA
www.freneshamheights.org.uk/events/christmas-fair

SOULFUL EVERYDAY
www.soulful-everyday.co.uk

ZIG ZAG LINES



We are still having parents park on the yellow zigzag lines waiting for pick up.

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).

Year 6 Forest School Christmas sale



Hanging Christmas decoration made by year 6 children using natural resources in our school woodland.

Christmas hanging swags

**Tuesday 9th
December
School playground
3.15pm**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd December: Advent Service at St Peter's Church (KS2 only)
- 4th December: Gardening/Forest school Christmas sale
- 9th December: KS1 Christmas performance at 9.15am
Y6 Christmas Sale
- 10th December: KS1 Christmas performance at 2.30pm
- 11th December: YR & Y6 national child measurement programme
- 12th December: Governors' Festive Mufti day (bring a bottle for the governors' tombola)
- 15th December: KS2 Carol Service at St Peter's Church, 6pm
- 17th December: EYFS/nursery Christmas performance at 9.15am
Christmas lunch
Y5 Carol singing at Ashton Manor at 2pm
- 18th December: EYFS & nursery Christmas performance at 9.15am
- 19th December: Christmas jumper day
last day of term, **1.30pm finish**
PTFA Christmas fair after school



Saplings

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

Forest School For Toddlers

Book now for our Saplings Christmas special Thursday 11th & Friday 12th December.

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 session for you and your toddler, includes - campfire snacks, Christmas crafts, Christmas themed activities.

Booking essential - (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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