

Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you" John 13v34

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

As we break up for the Christmas holidays may I encourage you to think of the hope, joy, love and peace that the Christmas message brings. The children and staff have had some special moments of togetherness reflecting on the Christian story. We hope that you enjoyed the nativity plays and the KS2 Carol Service. It has been a busy term, so I wish you all a restful break doing the things that bring you joy. May I say a huge thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work this term and all the staff who work tirelessly with love to teach and support your children.

Happy Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year.

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Sarah Dunning

Head Teacher

JAPANESE CLUB

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Japanese club have made some oishii ramen and rolled their own norimaki this term to complete their learning of Japanese Culture.

We have also sent Christmas cards to our partner school Keio International Elementary, Yokohama.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND WEYDON CAROLLERS



On Tuesday, the Weydon choir came to our school to brighten up lunchtime with their beautifully sung Christmas carols. And on Wednesday the entire school tucked into a delicious Christmas lunch, prepared by Becky and her kitchen elves, and served by the governors and lunchtime staff in festive attire.





A SPECIAL VISIT



In November our local MP, Gregg Stafford ran a competition inviting students from local schools to design a Christmas card for his office.

We are very pleased to announce that Isabelle in 3E won the competition! She was presented with a signed card and a parliamentary notebook by Gregg Stafford last Friday, and signed the Christmas card that will be sent to his Majesty the King. Also featured inside the official card is George's Nativity design. George in 2LB received a letter and small present from the House of Commons.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUILDFORD DIOCESE



Dear Teachers and Children,
Thank you so much for bringing joy to Guildford Cathedral this Advent. The artwork that you have created is wonderful, you have been so creative and produced such thoughtful work. The cathedral team have told me that plenty of people are visiting the cathedral just because they want to see your artwork and read your ideas, I hope that you and your families will be able to visit to see your work on display and to admire the work done by other schools. The works will remain on display until the end of January.

We have created a [video](#) of all of the artwork, so that you can enjoy some Christmas

music and seeing what others have created, as well as looking to spot your own.

We hope that you have a joyful time celebrating Christmas in your school and with your families at home.

KS1 NATIVITY



With a cast of over 100 children plus plenty of tinsel and tea towels, KS1 were excited to perform 'A Miracle in Town' to families. Our narrators spoke clearly and confidently to remind us why we celebrate Christmas. The children sang beautifully, accompanied by some enthusiastic percussionists. We loved using the new stage, microphones and sound system and we hope our audiences enjoyed it as much as the children!



EARLY YEARS AND GREEN SHOOTS NATIVITY

The children performed brilliantly and with confidence at both nativity performances. We are extremely proud of how they learned the songs and sang these with such enthusiasm. Thank you to the parents for their wonderful comments and for coming to share this lovely time with us all.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE @ ST PETER'S CHURCH



Thank you to all the families who joined us at the church. It was a wonderful community gathering of carols, readings, poems and reflection. We collected £119 for The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Palmblad for their wonderful: Three Kings' recital. We all felt very privileged to hear this performance in our local church.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Surrey County Council recommend online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. If there is a valid reason why parents cannot apply online, they can obtain a paper application by calling 0300 200 1004. Completed paper application forms must be emailed to schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk or posted to the team with a postmark **no later than 14 January 2026**. Surrey CC strongly recommend that parents send postal applications by recorded delivery as they are unable to confirm receipt. Parents can also call 0300 200 1004 for impartial help in completing an application. Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. They will **only** consider an application as on time if it has been made late if there is a genuine reason why the application could not reasonably have been made before the closing date.

If the child lives in another local authority, the parent must apply to **that** authority, ie their home local authority, even if they wish to name Surrey schools. If they know they will be moving in the future, they should still apply by 15 January to their home local authority at that time and then notify that authority of the move.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 5th January: INSET day
- 6th January: children back at school
- 14th January: Y2 Florence Nightingale workshop (in school)
- 23rd January: PTFA cinema event

ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance target is 97% (national target is 94%). This term's attendance per year group:

YR	97.7%
Y1	96.5%
Y2	96.4%
Y3	95.8%
Y4	97.3%
Y5	96.5%
Y6	95.7%

Please check NHS advice here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>, infectious conditions advice here: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/UKHS-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf> and find our school's attendance policy here: <https://www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6342>

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. You can apply between **3 November 2025 and 15 January 2026**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on 0300 200 1004.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online between 3 November 2025 and 15 January 2026

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12 Top Tips for Children & Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like ping-pong notifications, the lure of games consoles and online shopping, it can be more difficult than it seems. Round up your phones, laptops and tablets however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season – it will be good you did Merry Christmas!

- CHRISTMAS CRAFTING**: Get out the paper, glue and scissors and make your own personalised Christmas cards or gift tags. Use them to wrap your presents and to add a personal touch to your Christmas tree.
- NATURE QUEST**: This is a challenge that is fun for all ages. You can find a list of nature quest cards on the Wake Up Wednesday website. The cards contain questions that are symbolic of this time of year – the birds or the snow, for example.
- CAROL KARAOKE**: Sing your favourite carols with your family. It's a great way to enjoy the festive season and to create memories that will last a lifetime.
- WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND**: Delight in the great outdoors with your family. Go for a walk in the park or woods and enjoy the winter weather. You can also try to spot different types of trees and plants.
- BE A SEASONAL CHEF**: Get the whole family working together in the kitchen to make a special Christmas dinner. You can find recipes for festive dishes on the Wake Up Wednesday website.
- ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY**: Christmas is a perfect time for reading books. You can find a list of Christmas stories on the Wake Up Wednesday website.
- SNOWY SCULPTURES**: If you're fortunate enough to get a little snow, you can make the most of it by making snow globes or snow globes. You can find instructions on how to make snow globes on the Wake Up Wednesday website.
- GAMES NIGHT GALA**: Dive into some old-school board games and card games. You can find a list of board games and card games on the Wake Up Wednesday website.
- GOODWILL TO ALL**: You and your family could spend a day volunteering at a local charity. You can find information about volunteering on the Wake Up Wednesday website.

Meet Our Expert: **M3**

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