

# ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

January 2026



Dear parents and carers,

The children have worked very hard this half term. This term is always a 'knuckle down' term with very few distractions. Children have enjoyed some great workshops and our athletes have been out representing the school admirably. We are missing our relationship with St Peter's Church and continue to pray for their next chapter with a new vicar. The church is in a difficult position where they have to raise money in order to sustain a vicar in the parish. You will receive a letter shortly with more details of their current situation and the ability to donate if you so desire. Thank you to the PTFA for your recent events – the cinema was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who give up their valuable time to fundraise for the school. We can't wait for the new running track – the mud really is a blocker currently for getting the children out and exercising.

*SJ Dunning*

Sarah Dunning  
Head Teacher

## Y2 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP



Earlier this month, Yar 2 had a visit from Florence Nightingale. We found out what it was like for Florence to grow up as a Victorian child in a wealthy family and how determined she was to become a nurse. She shared her experiences of what it was like arriving at Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War. We learnt about the improvements she made to the hospital and know why she is still remembered today.

## FOREST SCHOOL NEWS



Y1 are preparing for the RSPB big bird watch, making clay birds, weaving willow birds nests, learning bird sounds and mostly getting very messy.

Y4 junior foresters are using bow saws to cut up poles, cutting low level branches, brambles and woodland general tasks, While learning life skills they are ticking off from their evidence booklets.





### **VIOLIN LESSONS**

We have a violin teacher who is looking for pupils both new and experienced in years 3 to 6. The lessons will happen in school time. If your child is interested in learning the violin please come to the school office and pick up the teacher's welcome letter and details. You can then contact Sonja direct and make arrangements.

### **FARNHAM SCHOOLS INDOOR ATHLETICS**



A mixed team of Y5/Y6 pupils attended the indoor athletics event at Heath End School this week. It was an exciting event where pupils are challenged in both track and field events. Everyone's achievement goes into the final score for the school. Five schools participated and our team came in 3rd . It was run superbly by Heath End's young leaders.

### **YOUNG BUSINESS SHOWCASE**

The next Young Business Showcase (formally known as the Children's Business Fair) will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Following the success of our previous pupils' stalls we are sure many other children will want to apply to take part. Closing date is 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. Apply on line here: <https://youngbusinessshowcase.co.uk/>

### **NEW YOUTH CLUB FOR Y5&6**

Jade Biggs, the youth and children's minister at St James's Church in Rowledge has started a new youth club on Mondays. Details and booking available here: <https://stjamesrowledge.churchsuite.com/events/f7s9ca1w>

### **REQUEST**



Mrs Webzell is on the look-out for any oddment balls of wool and any leftover wall-paper. If you have any you would like to donate, please hand them in to the school office, thank you.

### **GIRLS' FOOTBALL**



Last Friday Girls attended indoor football tournament at Farnham Leisure Centre. They've played 4 games and won every single one.

### **ILLNESS AND MEDICATION**

A gentle reminder that, if your child suffers from vomiting or diarrhoea, they will need to stay off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

If your child has a temperature in the morning or is ill and needs medication to function, they are not well enough to be in school.

We are only able to administer non-prescribed medication for pain management resulting from broken bones, thank you.

### **TOYS IN SCHOOL**

An increasing number of children are bringing in toys from home. These are often described as 'fidget' toys or 'stress' toys. While we appreciate that there is a small number of children, whose needs suggest they will benefit from this kind of object, for many children they become a distraction not only for the child but also for other children in the class. We have had cases of one child bringing in a whole bag to share out with other pupils. If you wish to discuss this, please see your child's teacher in the first instance. Mrs Mesney, our school SENCo works closely with the classroom staff and will liaise with parents if there is a case for a fidget object.

## 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/carers 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/carers 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/carers 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 5<sup>th</sup> February: Y4 Sikh Gurdwara visit
- 9<sup>th</sup> February: Swimming Gala
- 11<sup>th</sup> February: Y4 School of Noise workshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> February: PTFA cake sale
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February: half term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February: inset day
- 24<sup>th</sup> February: children back at school
- 25<sup>th</sup> February: Y1 Gilbert White Trip  
3LC feet first training
- 26<sup>th</sup> February: 3E feet first training

