

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

What a difference a dry day and sunshine makes to everyone here at school. It is wonderful to see the children learning and playing outside in fair weather. Y1 especially made our hearts sing seeing their purposeful exploring of learning and play in the afternoons.

May I apologise to the families who had signed up to some clubs and heard they couldn't continue next term. We have found some space suitable for a few clubs to continue and have communicated with the club providers. We appreciate how important enrichment is for children, whilst ensuring staff have the space they require after school to prepare their lessons.

We hope you have all managed to make a meeting with your child's teacher next week – again apologies for a few hiccups. If those days and times don't work for you, please contact your class teacher via the office or catch them at pick up to plan a 10 minute slot and another time.

The wonderful PTFA have many events coming up this half term which I hope you will all want to be a part of: disco, quiz night and Mad March Hay Day. Don't panic if you are a new family – we will explain all!

The children are learning about Lent and looking at ways they can give – their love, care, time, friendship, recycling and so much more. Some children have chosen to give up something that will be a challenge to them – some examples include sweets, devices and TV – we love their motivation and look forward to hearing about their success. Each class has a sheet of 40 acts of kindness they could have a go at.

Here's to a bright and enjoyable half term.

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Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health week ran from the 9th - 14th February with the theme 'This is My Place'. Led by Place2Be and the artist Ricky Martin, the initiative focused on fostering a sense of belonging for children. In assembly and class we discussed what made us feel safe and supported in school, in the community and at home. We then created maps that showed all the things that make us feel like we belong. Here are a few from across the school.



INFANT SPORTS BALL SKILLS EVENT



Earlier this month we hosted the Infant Sports Ball Skills event for Y2 children. Nearly 80 children from local schools attended and enjoyed participating in a variety of activities. The event was organised and led by 25 children from Y6. They did a great job, planning and setting up activities, welcoming our visitors and encouraging all the children to participate. The rain started as we were setting up and continued until the final whistle. That did not stop the children, who showed resilience as the rain came down. There were plenty of smiles to be seen despite the weather.

SWIMMING GALA

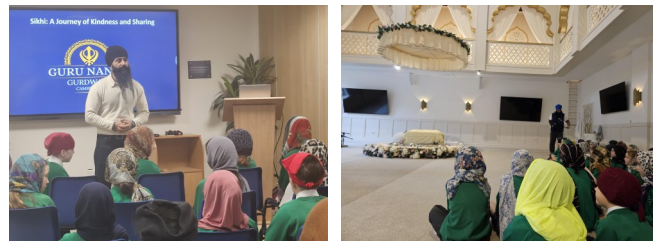


On Monday 9th February 20 children from KS2 attended the Farnham Schools District Swimming Gala. This was a fun event with 10 schools taking part. There were a range of races including 50m events, 25m events and relay races. We performed different strokes including front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. All of the St Peter's team did exceptionally well, with many children winning their races. Overall we can joint 3rd. All of the teachers that took the children were extremely proud of their excellent behaviour, team spirit and enthusiasm. What a fabulous afternoon!

GARDENING NEWS

if anyone would like to do a little gardening in our school garden, we'd love to hear from you!
You can either help assist with children in the garden or you can just do a bit of general gardening before pick up or after drop off on a flexible basis. For more information, please email Mrs Webzell:
forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

Y4 VISIT TO GURU NANAK GURDWARA



Earlier this month, our Y4 pupils had a fantastic visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Camberley to support the Sikhi unit of learning in RE. We visited the Divaan to learn how Sikhs worship and then listened to a presentation on the core beliefs of the faith and how it is practised by Sikhs in the UK today. We were then invited to the langar - the Sikh tradition where every visitor is offered a meal.



Children, staff and parents enjoyed the vegetable curry, dhal and freshly baked chapattis. This was a really enriching experience for our pupils, enabling them to understand more about the Sikh faith and the diversity of our community. It's the first time we have done this trip and we hope to be able to continue going forward.

NAVIGATING SMARTPHONES



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to find out more about the new idea from Orbiri to support parents navigating a world of children with smartphones – Friday 27th Feb 2.30pm. It's not too late to find out more. Once this meeting has happened there will be regular drop in sessions online and in the car park at drop off/pick up time for you to find out more. You can also watch this short and informative video on the home page: <https://www.orbiri.com/>





Saplings

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

Book now for our February and March sessions

Weekly Forest School Sessions for you and your toddler at St Peter's C of E Primary School, Farnham

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, mud kitchen mess, painting with natural materials, rope bridges and cooking

Nature investigation



Sessions available
Friday's
9.30-11.00

27th Feb, 13th, 20th, 27th March

Booking essential - places are limited (aged 18months-4 years)
Refreshments and campfire snacks



Mud kitchen fun



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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd & 4th March: parents' evening
- 4th March: Y4 local history workshop, Farnham Museum
- 5th March: world book day
- 6th March@ Y3E Celts forest school day
- 9th March: Y3LC Celts forest school day
- 10th March: PTFA disco
- 11th March: Y1 Finkley Down Farm trip
- 16th March: Y5 singing spree @ G-Live (6.30pm)
- 18th March: Y3 Chichester Novium Museum
- 20th March: Y6 Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Trip
PTFA quiz night
- 25th March: Easter service @ church
- 26th March: Y1-2 grandparents' gardening
- 27th March: end of term, 1.30pm finish



A helping hand for a healthier family

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.

The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

Sessions include

- Live cooking workshop
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Easy food swaps
- Managing screen time
- How to become an active family
- Importance of sleep

One-to-one sessions

- With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location
- Online group sessions for parents/carers
- Week days after school via Zoom
- Online physical activity sessions
- Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum

Find out more:



Waverley Singers
Saturday 21 March 2026, 7pm
Guildford Cathedral

Exaltation!
Vaughan Williams *Mass in G Minor*,
The Lark Ascending, and *Te Deum*
Programme includes Bach *Violin Sonata No.1 in G minor*
and Mazzoli *Vespers for Violin & Electronics*

Violin - Elizabeth Cooney
Organ - Philip Scriven
Conductor - Richard Pearce

Tickets: in advance/on the door
Premium £20/£22 General £18/£20
£5 Students U16 free subject to conditions

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