

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

May I wish you all a peaceful Eastertide with special time with your family and friends. It is a time for recharging and refreshing. Thank you all for your support this term with your children's attendance, learning, reading, parents meetings and many trips. We look forward to the Summer term with more exciting opportunities and great fund raising events. May I also thank the staff and governors for all their hard work and dedication to the team.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning

Head Teacher



DUCKLINGS



There was great excitement in Y2 this month when we took delivery of five duck eggs and an incubator. After a lot of activity during the first night, we came to school the following morning to find four ducklings had hatched. The fifth duckling hatched early the next day. We named the ducklings Marshmallow, Quackers, Squiggles, Gizmo and Luna. The children had plenty of opportunities to handle the ducklings and were fascinated to watch how quickly they grew, both in size and courage. Their daily swimming sessions were a highlight of the day. The ducklings had lots of visitors from Green Shoots, Reception and Year 1. Mrs Fassett is now taking care of the ducklings at home for the next few weeks until they have grown their feathers. They will then be rehomed locally, staying together as a brood. We have been promised updates on how they are growing. What an incredible experience and a great life lesson.



YR TRIP TO FINKLEY DOWN FARM



Reception had a fantastic time on their first ever school trip to Finkley Down Farm. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. The children had a wonderful time grooming Bobby the pony, stroking the rabbits Belle and Betty, feeding the goats, exploring the reptile house, meeting all the animals on the farm and finally ending the day in the soft play area! Lots of fantastic memories were made!

Y3 TRIP TO CHICHESTER



On Wednesday 18th March year 3 enjoyed a trip to Chichester. They spent time looking at the artefacts and mosaics at the Novium museum as

well as a walk around the historic Roman town.

The children learnt about what life was like as a Roman soldier and the legacy the Roman Empire left on Britain. A great day out for all.



FARNHAM SCHOOLS FLOORBALL TOURNAMENT



Last week, two teams from Y5 & Y6 played brilliantly in the Floorball tournament at Farnham Leisure Centre. It is played inside and is a fast and furious 5-a-side game with very few rules. One of our teams came third and the other was very close. Any KS2 children interested in giving this sport a try can go along to a taster session with Farnham Floorball Club.

Y5 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT WAVERLEY ABBEY



Heroic effort and huge team spirit captained by Theo, but we didn't get through to the final stages.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD



We are really proud to announce that our healthy schools award has been renewed again. We are in a small minority of schools to achieve this award for

the third time in a row. The assessors commented *that 'it has been inspiring to hear how your school has responded to meeting children's needs in a variety of practical and accessible ways, ensuring all children are included in ways that work well for them.* Well done and thank you to all the pupils, families and staff that made this award possible.

EASTER VISIT FROM SIGNPOSTS



Last week Signposts (Churches together in Farnham) came in to lead Easter workshops for Y2 and Y5. The children moved around stations and looked different aspects of The Easter Story. These workshops are very hands-on and interactive. We are so grateful to have such a talented team of volunteers in our local community. Their sessions really help to bring alive the Joy of Easter.

RE



Y2 and Y5 were fortunate to have Dura Haroon (parent/teacher) to support their RE units on the Islamic faith. It is wonderful to be able to round up their learning with an opportunity to ask questions and a short quiz to ensure that knowledge is secure. We were even privileged to hear a short verse from the Quran in Arabic. Face to face visits like this really help to bring the learning to life. Many thanks to Dura.

Y3 CELTS FOREST SCHOOL



Y3 spent a wonderful day in forest school making bread knots, weaving, getting creative with clay and natural dye.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T!



All our pupils can articulate the meaning of respect (in an age appropriate way). They all know that they should show respect not only to every person they encounter but also to the environment and other people's property. We are sure that all families would agree that this is

a basic expectation which will take our children a long way in life. However, in spite of being able to articulate the meaning of respect, staff have noticed a bit of slip this term. Examples include:

- Damaged property in the outdoor environment (water butts, the willow tunnel, the emerging bulbs, a sandpit)
- Damage in the library - (books left on the floor, a shelf broken, a cushion torn)
- Damaged play equipment (used incorrectly – tennis racket used as a hammer, frisbee hurled into the staff carpark)
- Other children's equipment (lunch boxes, water bottles chucked)
- Lack of respect for nature in Forest School and the wider environment
- Lapses in manners in externally- run school clubs and occasionally to lunch time staff.
- Fewer children saying 'thank you' when given something such as the Headteacher's Award or even their school meal.
- Fewer children standing back for an adult or a visitor at a door.

It is disappointing to have to report this as we work hard to teach our school values and rules and aim to teach by example. When staff have worked hard to create a pleasant environment with quality equipment, it is very frustrating to see what is sometimes, intentional and wanton damage. Many of these incidents involve additional costs and replacement takes funds away from other curriculum areas. **Please** can we ask all families to talk to their children about the relative privileges they have and the impact that disrespect can have on others. In our assemblies, we often reflect on the sad fact that in many parts of the world, there is no free education, meaning many children go without. Children get this and show empathy but it is important that it starts in school.

Thank you

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please if your child is off ill during the school day, do not send them to the school evening event. We have had children attend the school disco recently who weren't in school on the day and then off again sick the next day. This isn't fair on the energy of the child as they won't get better as quick and their germs are being spread. It doesn't give a positive message about education either. Thank you for your support.

BLUE BADGE HOLDERS



We have an increasing number of blue badge holders now using our staff car park. On the whole it works well as everyone works around each other. May I remind all parents that the car park is for staff and the use of the disabled bay is a bonus. Please can we ask that no parent parks in the unmarked bays. Finally, the blue badge is only relevant if the holder is leaving the car.

KEYBOARDS!

If you have portable piano keyboard that you would like to donate to the school we would be so grateful. Maybe your child has progressed to a larger keyboard? In Year 5 we teach keyboard skills and we compose music using keyboards. Currently we have 12 but ideally we would love 15 so that it can be one between two. They do need to be carried by one person and fit onto the school desk. Thank you in advance.

LUNCHBOXES



Every day, we have quite a few lunchboxes left on the trolleys. These often contain decomposed food. Like any large site with over 500 people, rodents will find easy pickings! Please can you make sure that your child has their lunchbox at pick up each day. Any lunchboxes left after school this Friday evening will be disposed of. Thank you for your support on this.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

<https://www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6342&type=pdf>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13th April: children back in school
 - 15th April: Y2 singing spree
 - 17th April: 2H Great Fire of London all day forest school
 - 20th April: 2LB Great Fire of London all day forest school
 - 22nd – 24th April: Y4 residential at Juniper Hall
 - 23rd April: FGT final at Weydon
 - 25th April: mini-marathon London (by invitation only)
 - 27th April: Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
- in-school London marathon
Grand opening new Daily Mile track



Saplings

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

Forest School For Toddlers

Book now for our April and May sessions
Thursday's and Friday's
 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



Mud kitchen fun



Nature investigation

Sessions available
 9.30-11.00
 Thursday
 23/4, 7/5 & 21/5
 Friday
 24/4, 1/5, 8/5, 15/5 & 22/5
Booking essential - places are limited (aged 18months-4 years)
 Refreshments and campfire snacks



Pond exploration

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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