

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a successful half term so far with our Y5 band winning Farnham's Got Talent, a really fabulous Y4 residential and a wonderful mini-marathon event where collectively we ran 651.4 miles! Thank you to everyone who gave their time to make Monday's mini marathon such a success. Everyone had a great day, kept fit and raised more money for such an important project. We are supporting Y6 to prepare for their upcoming national tests called SATS. We are not putting any stress onto the children but helping them to do their best and keeping them chilled. They have so much to look forward to after the tests including their end of year production.

Enjoy the long weekend next week!

Sarah Dunning

Head Teacher

NEW DAILY MILE RUNNING TRACK



St Peter's PTFA proudly unveiled the new Daily Mile Running Track ahead of our "Mini Marathon" on Monday 27th April. The whole school joined the celebration alongside major donors, community users and volunteers. All pupils ran over 675 miles with sunshine, smiles and determination. The children showed such passion and dedication - thanks go to all the staff and volunteers who cheered us on!

We are grateful to all our major donors including: Farnham Institute, Harmony Energy, Farnham Lions, Sport England, Megans, Cala Homes, The Garfield Weston Foundation, Farnham Town Council amongst other organisations.

The Daily Mile is a core part of every pupil's week and our new all-weather facility will continue to promote our commitment to movement and wellbeing! We are excited that our new facility will host inter-school events and local community and sports groups out of school hours, by prior arrangement. Please enquire at the school office.

Happy Running!



LONDON MINI MARATHON



On Saturday 24th April a group of Y5 & Y6 pupils went to London to run the last 2.6km of the London Marathon. It was a great experience and the atmosphere of the crowd was electric. All different kinds of people were there, and some were dressed up as characters to raise money for charities. During the run we ran past Buckingham Palace and finished at the actual finish of the London Marathon. Thank you to the PTFA and other groups for taking and organising this memorable event.

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ST PETER'S ROCKS THE STAGE: A HISTORIC WIN!



We are incredibly proud to share some great news from the spotlight! On 23rd April, a group of talented Year 5 boys, Kiran Dymond, Finley Morrish, Hector Willis, Henry Gilbert, and Jack Telfer, took to the stage at Weydon's Medici Theatre, for the grand final of Farnham's Got Talent. Performing a soulful rendition of The Beatles' classic, *Let It Be*, the band, DR1FT, blew the audience away. It was no small feat; they were up against tough competition, with over 70 children from 12 different schools showcasing an array of incredible talents.

The judges offered glowing feedback on their musicality and confidence, and our boys were named the **Winners of Farnham's Got Talent 2026!** This is the first time St Peter's has ever won this prestigious award. The band's dedication, rehearsals and relentless practice sessions truly paid off, and we can't wait to see what's next for St Peter's newest rock stars!

Y4 RESIDENTIAL @ JUNIPER HALL



Y4 had a great time at Juniper Hall last week. The sun was shining; birds were singing and there was plenty of laughter. The children took part in a number of team challenges; getting each other across a lava field, building towers, solving tangram puzzles and many more. We set mammal traps and caught five mice and five moles – all successfully released after a nice meal and a quiet night tucked in a safe bed. Shelters were built and fire building skills were learnt, ready for singing round the camp fire in the evening. The children marched to the top of the hill to find a folly and made their way back down again. A busy and fun time.



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.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL REPORTS—CHARGE

Just a reminder we need to charge an administration fee of £20 for reports requested by parents for Independent schools. The money will be paid into school fund. It can take a class teacher a great deal of time collating information for the varying report formats and often there are more than one requested per pupil. Once the £20 has been received the school will process the report and send to the appropriate school.

PACKED LUNCHES

a friendly reminder that we are a NUT FREE School. Please do not put any food containing nuts in children's packed lunches or snacks. We have several children with severe nut allergies. Many thanks for your cooperation to keep our children safe.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 4th May: Bank Holiday
- 7th May: Y4T trip to Farnham Pottery
- 11th – 14th May: Y6 SATS
- 13th May: Y5S Robin Hood forest school
- 14th May: Y5B Robin Hood forest school
Y4R trip to Farnham Pottery
- 16th May: Farnham Cross Country
- 21st May: competitive sports morning
- 22nd May: French Day
- 25th – 29th May: May half term holiday
- 1st June: INSET day

ART GALLERY



We so enjoyed having lots of art works on display for our Easter competition that we decided to have a permanent art gallery in reception. The theme for this month will be nature (think bees, birds, ducklings etc.). Please hand in any art works to the office and we'll put them on display.