



ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

July 2026

Dear parents and carers

As another year draws to a close may I thank you all for supporting our school and the staff to give your children the best educational experience that we can. A school cannot run without your support both with parenting and fund raising. The behaviour of our children continues to be very positive and when it isn't, we thank you for your support to work with us. Do continue to use the Trickbox cards over the summer holidays to help support their resilience, creative thinking, communication skills and keeping calm when needed.

Thank you to all our staff team – 85 of us – for their dedication to the children and the high standards that we aim for.

The Year 6 have done themselves proud with their SATS results which are well above national expectations. They are all in a good position for their transition to secondary school and we wish them all the very best.

I hope you have a relaxing break doing things that you all enjoy and we look forward to your return on Wednesday 2nd September.

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Sarah Dunning

Head Teacher

OCEAN FRIENDLY SCHOOL AWARD



For the third year running, St Peter's have been awarded an Ocean Friendly School award by the Marine Conservation Society. This year, our Ocean Ambassadors were looking at ways to clean up our seas. After exploring the problems of plastic pollution, they explained to the school why we should refuse and rethink our use of plastic instead of just relying on reduce, reuse, recycle. They challenged everyone to reduce the amount of plastic in their shopping and we held a Big Blue Day on World Ocean Day.

JAPANESE CLUB



Members of Japanese Club have been busy this term. They have recently made oishii yakisoba (delicious fried noodles). They have learned a range of aisatsu (greetings), demonstrated brilliant art skills and a keen focus to learn some tricky hiragana and katakana (Japanese letters). Their passion for all things Japanese is remarkable!

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Y5 TRIP TO GILBERT WHITE



Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous day at the Gilbert White Education Centre as part of their investigation of the River Wey. The children had the opportunity to take measurements of the profile of the river, observe its ecosystems and measure the current. The children took part in an orienteering activity within the grounds and built rivers out of natural resources to identify their features.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



Congratulations to all the children and staff who participated in the Sunflower Competition 2026. You should all be very proud of your efforts. Don't be disheartened if your sunflower didn't grow this year due to the lack of rain. Taking part is what matters.

HEART START



Once again, Y5 and Y6 pupils learnt valuable life saving skills in workshops led by Heart-start. Jo Michaelides is a former parent and works as a Paramedic so we feel privileged to have this contact and make sure our pupils know what to do in an emergency.

EXCITING YR VISIT



Reception had a fantastic visit from Blue Watch at Farnham Fire Station. We learnt lots about the role of a fire-fighter, looked at all the different parts of a fire engine and even got to spray the extremely powerful hose! It was a really fun way to end our topic 'People Who Help Us'.

Y2 TRIP TO SIR HAROLD HILLIER GARDENS



Y2 had a wonderful day at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey. We spent the day exploring the beautiful gardens and learning about the plants and animals that live there. We played a butterfly game, dissected a plant, used sweep nets to discover the inhabitants of the meadow, and found newts when pond dipping. Thank you to the leaders at Hilliers, and all the parent helpers who supported us during the day.

CHARITY AFTERNOON



Last Friday the whole school enjoyed our annual Charity Afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many creative ideas, and children working together to raise money for charitable causes. This year the

school council representatives short-listed five charities and then each class voted on which two charities should benefit. We are still counting the coins but the total will be spilt equally between Cancer Research UK and Diabetes UK. Thank you to everyone who set up stalls, brought in money to spend and supported children with preparations!

TAIKO WORKSHOP



We were delighted to welcome Taiko Meantime to St Peter's again. This year Mark Alcock was joined by former pupil Elsa who played alongside him. The children thoroughly enjoyed their workshops and performed with enthusiasm. We hope they will join other St Peter's alumni in the Weydon Taiko group.

WHOLE SCHOOL NON-COMPETITIVE SPORTS MORNING



As always, this was a great event with the older pupils leading the activities with teams made up from all year groups. It's fantastic to see Y6 pupils taking responsibilities and younger pupils becoming more independent as they learn to work alongside children from other year groups.



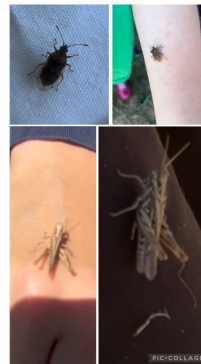
VIRTUAL SYNAGOGUE VISIT

Y5 pupils enjoyed a virtual tour of Wimbledon Reform Synagogue. It was led by Mike Freedman who the children had already met when he came in to lead sessions in school. It was a perfect opportunity to ask questions and round up the unit on Judaism.

WATER SAFETY SESSION

KS1 should now know what they have to do to keep themselves safe around water. Staff from Farnham Leisure Centre came in to lead a session. KS2 had the same last term. Please parents, make sure that you reinforce water safety and ensure that your child learns to swim. If you would like to discuss this further, we do have places at the Friday morning Swim Club. If money is the issue, again, please approach us.

BIODIVERSITY AT SCHOOL



Our biodiversity has improved! The wildflower meadow may not look so great but it is having the desired effect at creating a habitat we did not have a few years ago.

Our junior foresters enjoyed sweeping the area and we are pleased to say we have many grasshoppers and other long named insects now on site. Yippee!

ST PETER'S CHURCH FAIR



The school had a stall at St Peter's Church last week, selling books, Fairtrade goodies and plants. It was wonderful to be represented within the com-

munity and for visitors to find out more about the school. Many thanks to the children and families who attended.



PARENTS' VIEWS ON RE / WORLDVIEWS PROVISION IN SCHOOL



Thank you so much to all of the parents who responded. We had 145 replies in the three days - which is a very high percentage. Thank you for taking the time not only to tick boxes, but also to record sometimes, very thoughtful comments which will help us hugely in evaluating what we do. The feedback overall was overwhelmingly positive. Many parents value the depth of the provision, stating that learning about different worldviews/religions will help their child to appreciate diversity. It was also great to hear that some children go home and tell their parents what they've been learning. You can see all the responses by following the link below:

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PTFA

You are all welcome to join our next PTFA meeting on Tues 8th September and our PTFA Annual General Meeting on Tues 13th October, where we will share finalised fundraising and spending. See Classlist for more info!

WHY JOIN?



8 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTFA

1. YOUR CHILD BENEFITS

The PTFA is an important part of the school, and helps to enrich your child's experience. We support the school by providing books, school equipment and much more.

5. IT'S FUN

Be part of a team which organises the best events around! Laugh, cry, and share in the mishaps that come hand in hand with fundraising opportunities.

2. TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The PTFA also organises events which often enhance your child's school journey. We organise the School Disco, the Laser and Fireworks Events, as well as Cake sales and the Circus.

6. MEET SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A huge benefit is you learn more about the parents, carers and also staff of the school. The PTFA is an excellent way to learn more about the school and become part of the community.

3. FEEL INVOLVED

Every parent, teacher and carer is ALREADY a member of the PTFA. Every member is welcome to our meetings, and we love meeting new people. Please consider joining us at a meeting, or volunteering at an event.

7. IT'S FLEXIBLE

Most of our volunteers work full time outside the PTFA - anyone can get involved. We realise everyone has busy lives, and you can contribute in various ways, such as volunteering at events or helping to sort donated Uniform!

4. TIME FLIES

Could you spare some time to support your school community this year? Why wait? We want to make fun memories for all children and we need parents & carer input from all years!

8. KEEP THE PTFA GOING

As parents move on from the school, new parents are always needed to fill the gaps. Without the PTFA, the school is in real danger of losing vital enrichment for the children. Please consider joining us.

St Peter's Primary School PTFA UK Charity Number 1151103

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st September: INSET day

uniform collection PM only please

2nd September: children back at school

9th September: Y2 parents' welcome meeting in Y2 class rooms at 14.45

10th September: YR children in full-time

16th September: individual photographs

Y1 parents' welcome meeting in Y1 classrooms at 14.45

Weydon open evening for Y6 children

23rd September: Y3 Butser Ancient Farm

YR welcome meeting at 14.30

30th September: Y2 Rural Life Museum

