Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you" John 13v34

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Dear parents and carers

The children are having great fun today breaking the rules! Thank you for your support for all the fund raising events this half term. The PTFA really are superstars arranging so many fun events for your children. If you feel you can help support any events then do please speak to one of the committee members. The reactions from the children make all the hard work worth it.

We hope you have a wonderful half term – so well deserved as the eight weeks have felt long, especially for the year 6 residential children wo have worked so hard this week. Their behaviour must be commended as they had a fabulous week.

We look forward to seeing everyone back and refreshed, in winter uniform, on Monday 2nd November

Sarah Dunning
Head teacher

Y2 TRIP TO RURAL LIFE MUSEUM







As part of our History topic, Y2 enjoyed a visit to the Rural Life Living Museum. We found out what it was like to be a child growing up in this area in the Victorian period. The school room was very different to school now. Children had to sit in rows and stand up if they wanted to speak. We dressed up as Victorian children and had a go at writing on slates. The teacher was very strict. If you didn't sit up straight, you had to use the back straightener. We definitely have more fun at school now!



ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Bishop of Dorking & Acting Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Revd Paul Davies, is delighted to announce that Rev Joss Sanders has been appointed as Interim Priest in Charge at Wrecclesham and Associate Priest for Families Ministry at The Bourne.

Joss is currently Director of Music at Bedford School, alongside being a Self-Supporting Associate Minister at St Mary's Church Goldington in St Alban's Diocese.

FARNHAM CROSS COUNTRY



Our girls placed first and our boys placed second, securing an overall second place for St Peter's in the cross country. All of our runners were fantastic and did the school proud.

CHARITY AFTERNOON

Back in the heat of July, the School Council held one of the highlights of the year - Charity Afternoon. We were astounded by the length that children and families had gone to in order to make this such a successful afternoon. Thank you for all the creative efforts as well as all of those who came and spent their pennies.

A total of £1,339 was raised which will be split equally three ways. Cancer Research UK and Diabetes UK were charities chosen by the children and we will also be donating to Woodlarks, a local charity that provide camping adventures for both adults and children with disabilities.

Thank you again. We are already looking forward to next year!

ECO NEWS



Thank you to everyone who supported the Eco and Ocean Activists this half term. You have raised £440 through the raffle for a Polytunnel in our garden. We are sending £280 to Just One Tree to plant more trees around the world. This brings the total number of trees that St Peters has supported to nearly 2000, since we started supporting Just One Tree a few years ago. And finally we collected 407 kg of textiles to be taken to be recycled rather than go to landfill. Well done to everyone. All this supports our Eco Schools Green Flag credentials. We are a leading light in Surrey having the highest number of Eco Schools in the country.

PUPIL REPORTS

Effective immediately, there will be a £50 charge for each staff-prepared report required for a child's entry into an independent school.

FARNHAM FOOD BANK

Thank you for the very generous donations to the Farnham Food Bank. Our Ethos, Diversity and Values Committee sorted the food and helped transport it to the vehicle. They were of course, extremely grateful and will let us know how much was collected in due course. The main thing is that individuals and families who are struggling in our local area, will have access to food over the winter.



LUNCH IS SERVED!



Last week, three Y6 pupils prepared a delicious lunch for Mrs Dunning and four other staff members. It was a Greek Feast of Spanakopita Pie, hummus, tzatziki, baba ganoush, mediterranean salad, flatbreads and an apple cake. Three and a half hours full on!

TAIKO PERFORMANCE AT THE MALTINGS



Mark Alcock, who runs Japanese drumming workshops here at school every year, is performing at the Maltings with his professional group Taiko Meantime on Sunday 8th November. Get your tickets now!

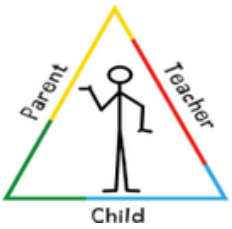
HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST PETER'S CHURCH





Thank you so much to the parents who accompanied us to our Harvest Services this week at St Peter's Church. The weather was not kind to us. But both services were wonderful. The children read beautifully, the singing was wonderful and we had many moments to reflect on the joys of the natural world and the privileges we have.
Ironically, there were many references to 'rain' and reflections upon how its absence has a devastating impact on many people's lives around the world. We came back feeling more 'thankful' for the rain and counting every drop as a blessing.

TRICK BOX



As you know, pupils' wellbeing is high on the agenda at St Peter's. We all know that if a child isn't regulated or feeling good about themselves, they are not going to make good progress in school.
We have had a lot of success with Trick Box (a personal development programme for children) over the years and this year, we are redoubling our efforts to ensure that every child has strategies to manage their emotions and develop resilience. We are aware that we haven't done any input for parents (new or old) for a while so we hope that as many parents as possible (YR -Y6) will be able to make one of the following times: Tuesday 24th November at 2:30pm or 6pm. We shall flag it again nearer the time. Meanwhile if you have any questions around Trick Box and how it can be used at home, please ask at parents' evening.

TIME TO CELEBRATE - REQM GOLD!

We are delighted to have been awarded the highest possible grading (GOLD) for the RE Quality Mark – awarded by the RE Council. To obtain the award, we submitted around 4000 words to showcase RE and Worldviews across the school. The evidence is split across: Learning. Teaching. Curriculum. Leadership. We didn't do anything additional to achieve the award because we were confident the curriculum met high standards in all areas. But 30 minutes of the two hour meeting involved the assessor meeting a group of 12 children, to seek their views about RE in school. They did so well and had so much to talk about!
But a key bit of our evidence came from the comments from parents in our June 26 RE/Worldviews survey. Thank you to everyone who replied (around half of our families). There was so much positive feedback both from families who practise a faith and those who don't. What we did take from it, is that 96% of those who replied were clear about the role that RE/Worldviews plays in helping pupils to engage with diversity and living in today's world. We shared our feedback with Guildford Diocese. This was their response:
"What a great parental response; you should be really proud of the numbers and the quality of the responses! Keep up the good work!!

"Getting such a high number of responses provides a very full picture, and as you say clearly shows the range of parental views and opinions and how they approach a conversation about RE with their children. There are some gems of responses that I am sure you are very proud of."

It was also shared with other schools in the Diocese and their responses made us even more aware of how lucky we are to have such a great parent body. Schools were impressed with the 'depth, thought and open mindedness' of our parents' responses. So THANK YOU!

HEAD INJURY AND CONCUSSION



If you are worried about your child's bumped head, please check NHS advice here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-injury-and-concussion/

Dates for sessions in November and December at Saplings.

Thursday
5/11, 12/11 and 17/12

Friday
6/11, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11 & 4/12, 11/12
Siblings discount available.
9.30-11
Booking essential.
forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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/carer 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/carer 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/carer 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.

DIARY DATES

2nd November: back to school in winter uniform
4th November: KS1 handwashing PSHE in hall
10th & 11th November: parents' evening
11th November: flu vaccinations
14th November: Christmas lights switch on at Gostrey Meadow
16th November: Y3 rock workshop
17th November: Y4 Viking workshop
18th November: Y1 Milestones Museum
19th November: Protect Our Planet day
25th November: panto Robin Hood
26th November: PTFA Elfridges

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



If your child is in Y6 (or Y5 OOC), you will need to apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2026.





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