



WEEKLY NEWSFLASH



Week 4 - Autumn Term 2025 - Friday 3rd October

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been another exciting week at school, with lots of opportunities for our children to take their learning beyond the classroom. Our school field has hosted some lively historic re-enactments - namely the Battle of Bosworth and a dramatic Viking raid on Lindisfarne. As well as being a lot of fun the experiences have ignited learning and curiosity!

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace, where they stepped back in time to explore the world of Henry VIII and discovered what life was really like in a Tudor court. Year 2 also travelled back in history with their visit to the Weald and Downland Museum. They were surprised (and a little horrified!) to find out that Victorian families had no electricity, no running water and, to much amazement, only an outside toilet!

We are so proud of the way our pupils are embracing these opportunities with curiosity and excitement. These memorable experiences help deepen their understanding and bring learning to life in ways a classroom alone never could.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mrs Maurice, Headteacher

HARVEST FESTIVAL - TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 9.30am

All Parents/carers are welcome to join us for our harvest service next Tuesday at St. Peter's Church. If you are able to walk with your child's year group please let the School Office know. Children are invited to bring a harvest gift, which the children will be carrying up to Church themselves. These gifts will then be distributed by the Church to two local charities – Family Support Work and Horsham Matters who run local food banks.

YEAR 3 VISIT HAMPTON COURT PALACE

On Tuesday, Y3 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace. They were a credit to St Peter's, showing exemplary behaviour throughout the day.

As part of the visit, the children took part in an engaging workshop exploring the many different jobs in the Tudor court, bringing their classroom learning vividly to life and they look forward to sharing more of this with you at the upcoming assembly.

The weather was beautiful, and we made the most of it with a lovely picnic in the formal gardens—an ideal setting for a well-earned break and a chance to enjoy the historic surroundings and beautiful plants.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who joined us on the trip and helped make it a success.

CHRISTMAS ARTWORK

This week your child should have brought home their Christmas Artwork. Please remember that if you decide to place an order then the artwork needs to be returned to us by Monday. All orders placed will raise much needed funds for the PTA and St. Peter's.

Do you have a child who will be starting school next September (2026)?



YEAR 2 VISIT THE WEALD AND DOWNLAND LIVING MUSEUM

Y2 had a fantastic trip to the Weald and Downland Living Museum. We all took part in a workshop called 'Toys Throughout Time', where the children learned about toys from the past, how they have changed over the years, and even had the chance to play with a variety of Victorian toys. Throughout the day, the children explored the museum's historic buildings. Some watched fascinating demonstrations at the blacksmith's forge, while others visited the working watermill and bakehouse, where they discovered how flour was made and bread was baked in the past. The children particularly enjoyed stepping back in time as they explored a Victorian cottage and experienced what school life was like in the Victorian schoolhouse. We also had the chance to meet some of the museum's animals, including ducks, geese, pigs and horses. It was a fun and educational day that brought history to life. Finally, a big thank you to our parent helpers who helped make the day a success!



Reporting an absence?, or change in collection arrangements? - Please use absence@stpetershenfield.org.uk

Respectful, resilient, resourceful and always aiming high!



SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all the children in **Y3/4/5&6** who took part in the **Stoolball** festivals over the last couple of weeks. It was great to see so many children from, not just St Peter's, but our locality schools, taking part in the festivals. Not many of the children had heard of Stoolball, let alone played the game. It was a great opportunity to practice their bowling, batting, and catching skills.



Congratulations to the **Y1 & Y2 Cross Country Team** who went to Steyning Primary yesterday to take part in a cross-country event. I am so proud of all the children, some of whom showed remarkable resilience in finishing a tough race. We had some incredible results which shows our Y1 & 2's are using their track time to the max! Special mention to Y1 girls Amelia (1st) and Georgie (2nd), Y1 boy Elijah (1st), Y2 girl Willow (1st), and Y2 boys Max (1st) and Ezra (3rd) for some amazing running.



PTA CORNER

Christmas Fundraiser – Deadline Monday!

How to order: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7ACsObwqI4>

PTA Meeting – Thursday 9th October - 7:30pm

We're meeting at the White Hart and would love to see you there! Whether you'd like to share ideas, hear how funds are spent, or just find out what we're up to, everyone is welcome.

Fireworks Night – Friday 7th November

Tickets are selling fast for our biggest community event of the year! Join us for an evening of sparkle, food, fun, and fundraising for a new climbing frame.

Buy tickets at Stokes of Henfield, Swains Farm Shop, or online :

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-primary-school-pta/t-ojnrrxm>



Dates for the diary... (New entries/changes in red)

October

- Mon 6th: Christmas Artwork Return to School Deadline
- Tues 7th: Harvest Festival Service at St. Peter's Church, 9.30am
- Wed 8th: Individual Photo's - JP Photographic
- Wed 8th: YR Reading Workshop
- Thurs 9th: Y5 trip to Bignor Roman Villa
- Mon 13th: Sustainable Henfield's Bike Bus - details to follow
- Thurs 16th: Y4 Residential Meeting for Parents, 3.30pm
- Fri 17th: Y3 Class Assembly for Parents, 2.45pm - details to follow
- Mon 20th: Flu Vaccine Day (all year groups)
- Mon 20th: St. Peter's Football Tournament
- Tues 21st: No Y5 swimming
- Tues 21st: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.40 - 6.40pm - details to follow
- Wed 22nd: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.40 - 6.40pm, Y5 Penguins only - details to follow
- Thurs 23rd: Y4 Viking Day - details to follow
- Thurs 23rd: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.40 - 6.40pm, (not Y5 Penguins) - details to follow
- Fri 24th: INSET Day - St. Peter's closed

November

- Fri 7th: Y6 Poppy Cross Event - details to follow
- Fri 7th: PTA Fireworks Night
- Sat 8th: St. Peter's Open Morning - YR 26/27. 10.00am - 12.00pm
- Wed 12th: St. Peter's Tour - YR 26/27, 9.30 - 10.30am
- Thurs 13th: The Nest Open Hour (Children who have English/Maths support) 9.00 - 10.00am
- Fri 14th: St. Peter's Tour - YR 26/27, 2.00 - 3.00pm