



St. Peter's CE Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful and Always Aiming High!

Week 1 – Spring Term 2026 - Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and to this week's newsflash, which has had a bit of a revamp over the Christmas holidays! The snow on our first day back certainly took everyone by surprise, but it was heartening to see how calmly and confidently our children settled back into the routines of school life with such a big distraction. It was lovely to see them enjoying time outdoors at playtime, making the most of being together — even if we would have welcomed a little more snow for them to play in!

The spring term is significantly shorter than the autumn term — by four weeks in fact — so the weeks ahead will pass very quickly. Please do take time to check the dates in this newsflash and on the school calendar on our website, so that we can continue to journey through the term together, well prepared for what lies ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful weekend.

Mrs Maurice

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS: NEWS AND LEARNING

Homework

All children in KS2 were given a plastic 'zippy' homework folder today to store their homework sheets and reading books in. This is following a suggestion made by your Class Reps. We do hope this will keep worksheets and books in better condition and will support our children to be more organised.



A reminder that the homework we set focuses on **Reading, Spelling and Maths fluency** and is set every Friday to be handed in on the following Friday. More details on our homework expectations and timings can be found on our website [here](#).

What will your children be learning about this term?

This term all of our pupils' learning journeys will be led by a Science topic, with many of them beginning with a 'Space' themed topic.

You can find out what your child is learning about by looking at their Medium Term Plan for this half term. These can be viewed from the [Year Group pages of our website](#). We hope that you will find them informative.



Personalised Subject: English, Art and Geography

Topic:

- Describe the composition of the Earth's atmosphere and explain how it affects the climate.
- Describe the different layers of the atmosphere and explain their functions.
- Describe the different types of clouds and explain how they are formed.
- Describe the different types of weather and explain how they are caused.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the structure of the Earth's atmosphere.
- Understand the different layers of the atmosphere and their functions.
- Understand the different types of clouds and how they are formed.
- Understand the different types of weather and how they are caused.

Resources:

- Textbook: Science for Kids: The Earth and Space.
- Worksheet: The Earth's Atmosphere.
- Video: The Earth's Atmosphere.
- Video: The Earth's Weather.

FROM THE PITCH TO THE PLAYGROUND: OUR SPORTING NEWS AND SUCCESSES

Y4 Basketball Report – 16/12/25 - The Y4 basketball teams represented the school brilliantly in the Area Finals. St Peter's Black team played amazingly well and finished in 5th place after an exciting final match against Sompting which ended in an 8–6 victory.

St Peter's Green team had an impressive run, finishing runners-up in their group and progressing to the semi-final against a strong Thomas A. Beckett side. Despite a determined performance they were beaten 8–4 but bounced back superbly in the 3rd/4th place play-off, defeating St Margaret's 6–4 to claim 3rd place overall.



A special recognition to Aaron who was awarded Player of the Tournament medal by Angmering's Young Leaders — a fantastic achievement!

Street Cricket is a fast-paced game lasting 20 balls per team, taking 20 minutes to complete. The game needs very little equipment and is ideal for inner-city venues. For further information on Sussex Cricket Foundation's Chance to Shine Street Cricket please follow: <https://sussexcricket.co.uk/sussex-cricket-foundation/kids-cricket/chance-shine-street>.

PTA POST! NEWS, EVENTS AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The PTA committee will be meeting again soon, and we've got some plans in the pipeline - so watch this space for updates on what's coming up this year.

Support St Peter's While You Shop – Easy Fundraising

If you're browsing the January sales, please consider using Easyfundraising. It doesn't cost you anything, and every time you shop through the app, your favourite brands donate to the school. It's a simple way to help us raise funds while you shop.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Tesco Stronger Start

A quick reminder that our Tesco Stronger Starts blue-token collection is still running in the Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill stores until mid-January. If you spot our box, please pop your token in - every vote really does help.

Join Our School Lottery

You can also support St Peter's by joining our School Lottery. There are weekly cash prizes and bonus draws throughout the year, and every ticket helps raise money for the school. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

If you already play our school lottery - Did you know you can refer a friend and be in with a chance of winning a £200 Amazon voucher?

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/refer-a-friend

Thank you as always for your support - we're looking forward to a great year ahead!

St Peter's Primary School PTA

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MIDDAY MEAL SUPERVISOR – We are looking for a Midday Meal Supervisor to join our team. Working 11.30am – 1.10pm Monday to Friday, term-time only. For further details please visit <https://stpetershenfield.org.uk/staff-vacancies/>

HENFIELD HAPPENINGS: NEWS FROM OUR VILLAGE COMMUNITY

Coffee on the Kerb' – this Saturday (10th January), 11.00am – 1.00pm at Hacketts Cottage, Church Lane, Henfield. All families are welcome to pop along.



DATES FOR THE DIARY (NEW ENTRIES/CHANGES IN RED)

JANUARY

Mon 12th: Y6 Pelicans Forest School
Tues 13th: Y6 Polar Bears Forest School
Thur 15th: Primary School Application Deadline for starting school 26/27
Wed 21st: Y6 Young Voices Concert at the O2

FEBRUARY

Thur 5th: YR stargazing, 5.30pm
w/b 9th: Y6 Bikeability
Fri 13th: Celebration of Work, 2.30pm
w/b 16th: Half-Term
Fri 27th: Y5 HET Performing Arts Day – details to follow



TO BOOK PLACES ON OUR WRAP AROUND PROVISION – TOUKIES AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. PLEASE VISIT:

<https://stpetershenfield.org.uk/toukies-wrap-around-care/>