



WEEKLY NEWSFLASH



Week 13 - Autumn Term 2025 - Friday 5th December

Dear Parents/carers,

There was a real buzz of excitement around school on Monday morning thanks to the antics of the many mischievous elves on shelves popping up all over Henfield!

The countdown to Christmas is now in full swing, and we're looking forward to enjoying all the festive fun with the children over the next two weeks. Don't forget to check your email for our separate Christmas letter with all the details!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mrs Maurice, Headteacher

CLARE LUTHER - PARENT EDUCATOR

We were delighted to welcome Clare Luther—parent educator, wellbeing advocate, and author—to our school this week. Clare led a packed programme of events, including a parent talk, class workshops, and a whole-school assembly.

The children were captivated by her readings from The Little Paws Hotel series and The Animorals, and they thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the characters and the important messages behind the stories.

Year 2 and Year 4 took part in special workshops focused on kindness and respect, where they explored what these values look like in everyday school life.

It was a truly inspiring day for pupils, staff, and parents alike.



ROCKSTEADY CONCERTS

We are looking forward to our Rocksteady concerts next Monday and Tuesday at 2.30pm. If your child has their lesson on a Monday, then please come to the concert on Monday, and similarly if your child has their lesson on a Tuesday, then you are invited to join us at 2.30pm on Tuesday.

For any children who are interested in joining a band while having lessons on a musical instrument then please visit

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents/>

NUT ALLERGIES

We have a number of children (and staff) in school who have nut allergies. Please can we remind families that no food products containing nuts should be coming into school. This includes pesto which is made with pine nuts.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We have had a fantastic response to our reverse advent calendar and give appreciative thanks to all our families who have kindly donated food items.

Roger, from Horsham Matters collected the array of donations this afternoon and asked us to also send their thanks. The items will now be taken to the Horsham District Foodbank to be distributed to local families who are in need of support this Christmas.



STAFF NEWS

Sadly Ms Pullin, one of our YR Teaching Assistants will be leaving us at the end of term. Ms Pullin started with us in December 2019 and has been a much valued staff member in EYFS & KS1. She will be greatly missed.

To replace Ms Pullin, Mrs Snow who is our current Toukies Manager will be joining the YR team on a Monday to Wednesday each week and over the coming weeks will spend time in the YR unit to familiarise herself with their daily routines.

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

Respectful, resilient, resourceful and always aiming high!

SPORTS NEWS



Y6 Area Football Finals – Match Report

Our Y6 squad put in a brave and spirited performance at this year's Area Football Finals, showing determination, teamwork and real heart throughout the tournament.

Despite narrow defeats in three of our matches, including one against the eventual champions Thomas A Beckett, the team continued to give everything right to the final whistle. We managed to win one game against Storrington and then drew 0-0 in a hard-fought battle with West Park.

With two of our Y6 pupils unwell, the team rallied together with the help of the Y5 football team and the boys responded brilliantly to the change. A huge thank you goes to Elliott and Seb, who stepped up to support the squad when we needed them most.

We finished in a very respectable 10th place, though the final standings did not truly reflect the quality of our play, effort, or attitude. Special mention must go to Rory, who made a string of outstanding saves in goal, keeping us in several tight matches. Our Man of the Match was Alfie, who quite literally played his socks off—tireless, committed, and fearless in every challenge. Well done to the whole team for representing the school with pride, resilience, and sportsmanship. A fantastic effort all round!

PTA CORNER

Christmas Discos - We had a wonderful time at the Christmas Discos on Friday. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, helped on the night, or supported in any way. Your involvement made the event a huge success and the children had a brilliant time!

Festive Pre-Loved Sale - A big thank you to everyone who donated items and came along to shop at our festive pre-loved sale. We still have a few bits left, so if you're in need of anything, please drop us a message. We'll try to post remaining items on our Facebook page soon.

AGM Reminder – Monday 15th December - A reminder that our AGM will take place on Monday 15th December at 7:30pm in The White Hart. We'll be officially changing from a PTA to a PTFA, which means we warmly welcome all members of the wider school community to get involved, including grandparents, extended family, and friends. We'd love to see you there!

Volunteers Needed – Christmas Lunch (17th December) - We're looking for volunteers to help with the school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December. It's always great fun and offers a lovely peek inside the school day. If you can spare some time, we'd be very grateful for the help!

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

December

Tues 9th: Y5 Penguins swimming

Tues 9th: YR Nativity, 9.30 - 10.30am

Wed 10th: YR Nativity, 9.30 - 10.30am

Fri 12th: Singing Club at Upper Mead

W/c 15th: Christmas Jumper Week – all week!

Wed 17th, Thur 18th, Fri 19th: Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children

Mon 15th: RockSteady Concert for Parents/carers, 2.30pm

Mon 15th: PTA AGM, The White Hart Pub, 7.30pm

Tues 16th: EYFS/KS1 Christingle at St. Peter's Church, 9.30am

Tues 16th: KS2 Lessons & Carols at St. Peter's Church, 10.30am

Tues 16th: RockSteady Concert for Parents/carers, 2.30pm

Wed 17th: Christmas Lunch by Chartwells

Wed 17th: YR & Y2 Christmas Party

Thur 18th: Y1 Christmas Party

Thur 18th: KS2 'St. Peter's Got Talent' show

Fri 19th: Last day of term