



# St. Peter's CE Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

*Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful and Always Aiming High!*

**Week 6 – Spring Term 2026 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

So here we are at the last day of the half-term, and I'm not quite sure where the weeks have gone! They have certainly been a busy six weeks and the children have aimed high and been working very hard – I hope that you enjoyed seeing their wonderful work this afternoon!

I wish you all a lovely half- term break and pray the relentless rain abates so that your children can get outside and play and recharge!

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

### CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS: NEWS AND LEARNING

#### Reading Challenge

Well done to the following pupils who have completed our St. Peter's Reading challenge this week:

- ❖ YR – Rhodri D, Milo B, Indie P and Hunter M
- ❖ Y1 – Percy H
- ❖ Y3 – Arina K

That makes 56 children who have now completed the challenge. Stingrays class remains in the lead with the most books read. **Total books read = 1,276**

#### Number of books read by class

Octopus	108	Starfish	82
Puffins	90	Seahorses	85
Dolphins	121	Turtles	42
Sharks	99	<b>Stingrays</b>	<b>136</b>
Orcas	90	Swordfish	90
Penguins	92	Seals	109
Pelicans	79	Polar Bears	44



#### Times Tables Rock Stars

Most correct answers last week:

1. George D (Y4) – 4,061
2. Mason T (Y4) – 3,286
3. Sophia C (Y4) – 3,232
4. Evie C (Y4) -2,565
5. Nolan C (Y4)- 1, 958

Most coins since September 2025

1. George D (Y4)
2. Cassie L (Y4)
3. Nolan C (Y4)
4. Sophia C (Y2)
5. Evie (Y4)



**Languages matter: Celebration of International Mother Language Day**

**This year, we are celebrating the UNESCO Mother Language Day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

We would like to invite any parents or grandparents who speak another language to come into school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30 - 3pm to talk about some cultural traditions and/or read a short story in their mother language with their child's class.

Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Thank you for your support.



#### World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character** or in their **pyjamas/onesie**.

Please make sure they wear enough layers to stay warm throughout the day. If Thursday is usually a PE day then it will still take place so please bear this in mind when choosing an outfit. We look forward to celebrating World Book Day and our love of reading with the children.

### Indoor Athletics Success for Our School Teams

Our school indoor athletics teams had a fantastic day of competition, showing determination, teamwork and true sporting spirit throughout the event.

Both the Y3/4 team and the Y5/6 team set their sights high from the very beginning. Every pupil gave their absolute best in each event, whether running, jumping or throwing. It was wonderful to see the encouragement they gave one another, cheering teammates on and celebrating each success together.

The competition was extremely close, with schools performing to a very high standard. We are incredibly proud to share that both our Y3/4 team and our Y5/6 team finished in 2nd place, just a few points behind the winners. Their hard work, focus and positive attitudes truly paid off.

The children represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating resilience, excellent behaviour and outstanding teamwork. Although they narrowly missed out on first place, their achievements are something to celebrate and we could not be prouder of their effort and sportsmanship.



### Fantastic Netball Tournament Success!

Our school netball teams had an absolutely amazing tournament and represented the school with pride, determination, and outstanding teamwork throughout the day.

The B Team performed brilliantly, winning three of their matches, drawing one and narrowly losing one. They showed great resilience, improved with every game, and supported one another superbly both on and off the court.

The A Team was equally impressive, winning all their matches except one, which ended in a well-fought draw against our own B Team. Every match demonstrated their skill, focus and strong communication as a team.

Across both teams, every child showed fantastic determination, positive attitudes, and excellent sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see such great teamwork and encouragement throughout the tournament.

We are incredibly proud to announce that our A Team will now progress to the Southern Area Finals at the end of March — a fantastic achievement!



### Southern Area Cross Country Finals Success

Last week, our pupils travelled to Windlesham House School to compete in the Southern Area Cross Country Finals. It was a fantastic day of competition, with an impressive 17 schools entering the team event.

The course proved to be extremely challenging, with tough terrain, testing hills and long stretches that demanded both stamina and determination. Every runner showed resilience and a positive attitude throughout, tackling the course with great effort and determination.

We are incredibly proud of our team results. The Year 5 girls achieved a fantastic 2nd place, while the Year 5 boys secured an excellent 3rd place finish — a tremendous achievement in such a competitive field. The Year 6 girls also performed brilliantly, finishing in a very respectable 5th place.

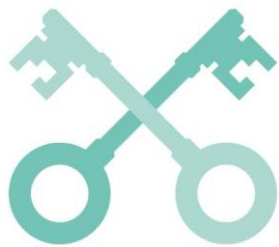


Overall, it was a great success for our school and a reflection of the hard work and commitment shown in training.



Even more excitingly, seven children from St Peter's (Casper, Izzy, Summer, Nell, Seb, Ollie, Noah) have qualified to go on to the Regional Finals at the end of March. They will represent the Southern Area as part of a squad of 20 runners — an outstanding accomplishment. Special mention to Lacey-Grace for her resilience in completing the course - a challenge I know she did not find easy.

Well done to all our cross-country runners for their determination, teamwork, and superb representation of the school!



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### PTA POST! NEWS, EVENTS AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

#### Happy Freaky Friday 13th!

Today is one of our favourite fundraisers - **Break The Rules Day!** We hope the children have thoroughly enjoyed bending a few school rules for one day only, as we celebrate the end of half term and Celebration of Work.

We've already seen some brilliant rule-breaking fun - if you've taken any photos and would like to share them, we'd love to see them on our social media pages!

#### World Book Day Costume & Uniform Sale

When we return after half term, we will be collecting pre-loved children's costumes for our upcoming **World Book Day Costume Sale**, along with any good quality branded school uniform.

If you're having a clear-out over the break, please consider setting items aside for us. It's a great way to recycle, save families money, and raise funds for the school at the same time. Please see the attached poster for full details.

#### Fund-Raisins Total - You Smashed It!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our first-ever **Fund-Raisins Challenge** raised an incredible **£679.85** - what a fantastic achievement!

Huge congratulations to **Dolphins Class (Year 2)**, who were super raisin-stars with a class total of **£71.18**, winning themselves a whole class treat. This will be chosen by the children and teaching staff, with PTA support - we can't wait to see what they decide!

Well done also to our runners-up:

🦉 **Pelicans (Year 6) - £69.55**

🐟 **Swordfish (Year 4) - £67.37**

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped us "raisin" such a fabulous amount towards the next phase of playground upgrades.



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

#### FEBRUARY

w/b 16<sup>th</sup>: Half-Term

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: Y1 Seahorses Forest School starts (5 weeks)

Tues 24<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Puffins Forest School starts (5 weeks)

Thur 26<sup>th</sup>: UNESCO International Mother Language Day

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: Y5 HET Performing Arts Day – details to follow

#### MARCH

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>: Y5 Class Assembly for Parents, 2.45pm

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: Y1/Y2 Sports Enrichment morning (PE kits)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: Y3 – Y6 Sports Enrichment morning (PE kits)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: St. Peter's After School Clubs ending

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>: YR visiting Henfield Library

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Production, 2.30pm – details to follow

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Production, 2.30pm – details to follow

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>: Comic Relief 'Red Nose' Day

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>: Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: Rock Steady Music Concert, 2.30pm

Tue 24<sup>th</sup>: Rock Steady Music Concert, 2.30pm

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>: Easter Service, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>: The Nest Coffee Morning, 10.30 – 11.30am

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>: Last day of term

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: INSET day – St. Peter's closed for staff training



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

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

