



St. Peter's CE Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful and Always Aiming High!

Week 8 – Spring Term 2026 - Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see all the children wearing their World Book Day costumes yesterday. I had a lovely time walking around the classes working out what characters everyone had chosen. Thank you for all your costume making and purchasing - it contributed to creating a wonderful 'buzz' about books around the school.

Thank you also to all our young musicians and singers who entertained us at Tuesday evening's Spring Concert. It is always a real treat to listen to our pupil's performance. I am always so impressed with their confidence at performing on stage and the dedication and perseverance in learning a musical instrument. A big 'shout out' to Mrs Powell for organising this event.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS: NEWS AND LEARNING

Y5 Class Assembly

'Well done' to Y5 for their brilliant space assembly today. The children enjoyed sharing their learning, artwork and music compositions to their Parents and school. They worked really hard in learning their lines and songs and we hope everyone enjoyed the show.



Y3 & Y5 Tie-Dye Workshop

On Tuesday Y3 and Y5 welcomed artist Elizabeth Duncan to teach them how to tie-dye. The children learnt how to create a spiral design, discussed what happens when mixing different colours together and also used fractions to work out which parts to colour. They then created and designed their own tie-dye t-shirts. We thank Elizabeth for visiting and share with you her advice on washing the t-shirts with dark colours and on a 30° wash. It is also advised not to tumble dry the t-shirts.



Reading Challenge

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

- ❖ YR – Ronnie A, Ella A, Harrison C, Ffion C, Percy G, Percy L, Bailey N, William S, Elliot B, Reuben H, Penelope K, Amber W and Hunter M
- ❖ Y2 – Theo P, Arthur P and Olive T
- ❖ Y5 – Rosie S

That makes 91 children who have now completed the challenge. Stingrays class remains in the lead with the most books read. **Total books read = 1,508**

Number of books read by class

Octopus	131	Starfish	106
Puffins	90	Seahorses	98
Dolphins	124	Turtles	133
Sharks	125	Stingrays	154
Orcas	96	Swordfish	96
Penguins	94	Seals	115
Pelicans	81	Polar Bears	63

Times Tables Rock Stars

Most coins in the last 7 days:

1. George D – 9020
2. Rio P – 7327
3. Hudson C – 3677
4. Nolan C – 3145
5. Jack P – 3054
6. Mason T – 2988
7. Grayson G – 2717
8. Timea C – 2670
9. Hugo C – 2539
10. Esme J - 2359



Most accurate over the last 7 days:

1. Joey M - Y4
2. Alfie W - Y6
3. Amelia R - Y3
4. Freddie H - Y3
5. Ares S - Y2
6. Imogen W - Y6
7. Albie H - Y3
8. Frankie P - Y4
9. Hugo B - Y4
10. Kit H - Y4

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

Both our **Y5 boy's football team** and our **Y5/6 Girl's football team** enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of competitive action, teamwork and determination in their latest fixtures.

The boys set the tone with a confident and disciplined performance, securing a well-deserved 2–0 victory. From the first whistle, they showed excellent organisation and communication, moving the ball quickly and supporting one another across the pitch. Solid defending kept the opposition at bay, while sharp attacking play resulted in two well-taken goals. It was a complete team performance, with every player contributing to a thoroughly deserved win.

Meanwhile, the girls faced an additional challenge — an extremely muddy pitch that tested balance, stamina and resilience. Despite the slippery conditions, they rose superbly to the occasion, earning an impressive 3–1 victory. Passing through thick mud was no easy task, but the team adapted brilliantly, showing determination and great teamwork throughout.

A special mention must go to Jess in goal, who delivered an exceptional performance. She made a series of crucial saves to keep her team in control of the game. By the final whistle, she looked like she had enjoyed a full mud spa experience, but her bravery and skill between the posts were instrumental in securing the win.

Overall, it was a fantastic display of teamwork, effort and sportsmanship from both teams — a proud day for Year 5/6 football.



Year 3 Benchball competition

Some of our Y3's took part in an exciting Benchball tournament and showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. The team demonstrated great teamwork in every match, encouraging one another and working together to keep possession of the ball. Their excellent passing helped them move the ball quickly across the court and create scoring opportunities.

At times, we found it challenging to move into space and sometimes forgot that we needed to go towards the ball to receive a pass. However, as the tournament progressed, the children improved their positioning and began supporting their teammates much more effectively.

We played three matches in total, winning two games against Upper Beeding and Jolesfield, showing strong attacking play and solid defence. We also drew a competitive match against Steyning, where both teams played extremely well.

Overall, the team finished the tournament in 1st place, which is a fantastic achievement. Both the Y5 Dodgeball and the Y3 Basketball Festival that were cancelled, will be rearranged after Easter.





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PTA POST! NEWS, EVENTS AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

St Peter's PTA - Easy Ways to Support your Children's School - There are lots of simple ways to support St Peter's PTA and the work we do for the school, even if you only have a few minutes to spare.

Join our PTA Helper WhatsApp Group - Our helper group is a great way to stay in the loop and lend a hand when you can. From sharing messages in class groups to small volunteering tasks, helping at events, or offering useful contacts, every little bit helps. We are always careful not to bombard you! If you would like to join, please use this link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/JbuSJTBYUAdI42YXLfn8J?mode=gi_t

Support us through 'Your School Lottery' - Your School Lottery is an easy way to support the school while being in with a chance of winning weekly prizes. Every ticket helps raise funds for projects that benefit the children. If you're already participating, you can also refer a friend and anyone can play even if they're not part of the school community. Great for grandparents and wider family and friends!

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-peters-henfield?fbclid=IwB21eAQX1wxjbGNrBBfXCWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydGMGYXBwX2IkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHpXrik5WVzYpL9CCU-UcvVBu_fkYqhOImYMigloVp59aCaPT7dj05c0pHJOL_aem_iulgp2YXTBdpikaC-ebVyw

Shop through the EasyFundraising App - If you shop online, please consider using the EasyFundraising app or website. It allows retailers to donate to the school at no extra cost to you. It only takes a minute to sign up and can make a real difference over time.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=7193&invite=08g7jq&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest&fbclid=IwdGRjCqAQX1qBjBGNrBBfWmmV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydGMGYXBwX2IkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHiQCxwmjq6jUXHL7zgLkm1TS3YSUK8ObqS0NWHYSK6yXKfX5SQjZ1CHd4ev-_aem_wSIY9EpTaJ7GncS2OND4FA

Thank you to everyone who continues to support St Peter's PTA and the opportunities we help create for the children.

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION

Chartwells have shared a new menu for the Summer Term <https://stpetershenfield.org.uk/parent-information/>

Toukies are in need of cardboard and small glass jars (without lids). Please drop them off at the school office.

Parent/Teacher Consultations – appointments can now be booked to see your child's teacher for an update on their learning. Please log into <https://spceps.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> to confirm a day and time. If any Parent/carer experiences difficulty then please contact the school office.

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

MARCH

Wed 11th: Y1/Y2 Sports Enrichment morning (PE kits)
Fri 13th: Y3 – Y6 Sports Enrichment morning (PE kits)
Fri 13th: St. Peter's After School Clubs ending
Mon 16th: YR visiting Henfield Library
Tue 17th: Parent/Teacher Consultations – All Classes
Wed 18th: Y1 Production, 2.30pm
Thurs 19th: Y1 Production, 2.30pm
Thurs 19th: Y4 Residential Meeting for Parents, 3.30pm
Fri 20th: Comic Relief 'Red Nose' Day
Fri 20th: Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm
Mon 23rd: Rock Steady Music Concert, 2.30pm
Tue 24th: Rock Steady Music Concert, 2.30pm
Tue 24th: Parent/Teacher Consultations – Stingray & Orca

Thurs 26th: Easter Service, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am
Thurs 26th: The Nest Coffee Morning, 10.30 – 11.30am
Thurs 26th: Parent/Teacher Consultations – YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 Sharks, Y4 Swordfish, Y5 & Y6
Thurs 26th: Last day of term
Fri 27th: INSET day – St. Peter's closed for staff training

APRIL

Mon 13th: Summer term starts
Thur 16th: Y1 trip to Arundel Castle – details to follow
Mon 20th – Tues 21st: Y4 Swordfish Residential
Tues 21st – Wed 22nd: Y4 Orca Residential
Wed 29th: Bike Bus Travel Day



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

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