



# St. Peter's CE Primary School

## WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

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**Week 9 – Spring Term 2026 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have a few staffing updates that I want to share with you this week. Miss Foster will be retiring at the end of the academic year after a staggering 26 years at St. Peter's! Although this may come as a surprise to you we have been succession planning for this occasion. From September we will switch from having one Deputy Head to having two Assistant Headteachers – one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. Mrs Jewell is currently the EYFS/KS1 Assistant Headteacher however she has made the decision to semi-retire. She will still teach in Octopus on Monday and Tuesday, job sharing with Mrs Walker but she is stepping down from her leadership role. Therefore, over the next couple of months we will be recruiting for two Assistant Headteachers.

Mrs. Shaw will be leaving us at the end of this term after nearly seven years at St. Peter's. She has decided that it is time to progress her career in a new setting. We are grateful for her dedication and the positive impact she has had during her time here.

And finally, Miss Heyes (one of our reception TAs as well as a forest school leader) is also leaving St. Peter's at the end of this term to take up a Forest School Leader role at a Nursery. This is a fantastic opportunity for her but we will miss her lots as she has been a valuable member of the EYFS and KS1 teams over the last 11 years. Mrs Snow who currently job shares the EYFS role with Miss Heyes will become a full time TA in EYFS.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

### CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS: NEWS AND LEARNING

#### Comic Relief / Red Nose Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March '26

Next Friday is **Red Nose Day** for Comic Relief. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red in return for a donation. There will be buckets on the gate to collect monies.



#### Reading Challenge

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

- ❖ YR – Lyla P, Lilana H, Sebastian P, Harriet M, Amber W and May T
- ❖ Y2 – Jude R and Theo P
- ❖ Y3 – Aoife J
- ❖ Y5 – Rosie S

That makes 101 children who have now completed the challenge. Stingrays class remains in the lead with the most books read. **Total books read = 1,537**

#### Number of books read by class

Octopus	138	Starfish	111
Puffins	90	Seahorses	98
Dolphins	125	Turtles	136
Sharks	125	<b>Stingrays</b>	<b>154</b>
Orcas	96	Swordfish	97
Penguins	98	Seals	118
Pelicans	84	Polar Bears	65

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Most coins in the last 7 days:

1. Nolan C Y4 - 39341
2. Lilliana C Y6 - 15322
3. George D Y4 - 12478
4. Grayson G Y4 - 11776
5. Cassi L Y4 - 8129
6. Esme J Y5 - 7356
7. Mellie-Belle V Y6 - 4458
8. Scarlett-Rose W Y4 - 3472
9. Isaac M Y4 - 2952
10. Flora C Y4 - 2765

Studio speed (seconds per question) in last 7 days:

1. Leo M Y6 - 0.63
2. Casper H Y6 - 0.69
3. Alex S Y6 - 0.79
4. Joey M Y4 - 0.83
5. Max L Y6 - 0.9
6. Owen C Y6 - 0.91
7. Rory O Y6 - 0.94
8. Teddy C Y6 - 0.94
9. Ben P Y5 - 0.98
10. Laurie C Y6 - 1.01



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

### Y3/4 Football Team vs Southwater (Horsham League)

Our Year 3/4 football team played an exciting match against Southwater in the Horsham League this week. Although the final score was 2-1 to Southwater, the team showed fantastic effort and great teamwork throughout the game.

Southwater started strongly and managed to score two goals in the first half. However, our team never gave up and kept working hard. Lucas was brilliant in goal and made some incredible saves that kept the score at 2-1 and gave the team a chance to fight back.

In the second half, the team played much better and showed great determination.

The passing improved and everyone worked together really well. Hugo and George were outstanding, showing great skill and effort to help the team push forward and create chances.

The team managed to score a well-deserved goal, and from that moment on the game was very exciting as everyone tried their best to find an equaliser. Despite all the effort, the match finished 2-1 to Southwater.

'Well done' to everyone for their hard work, teamwork and positive attitude. The improvement in the second half was fantastic to see, and the team should be very proud of their performance!

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

We were delighted to attend the recent Stronger Together community event at Henfield Leisure Centre, organised by Henfield Community Partnership. It was a fantastic evening connecting with local organisations, charities, and volunteers from across the village.

The event was a real success for the PTA, with several people expressing interest in supporting us with areas such as grant applications, admin support and helping move forward our plans to regenerate the forest school pond area.

We are now looking to build a small task force to help bring this project to life. If you would like to get involved or have useful contacts who may be able to help with materials, expertise or supplies, we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch via our social media pages or by emailing [ptastpeters@outlook.com](mailto:ptastpeters@outlook.com).

We look forward to sharing more updates on this exciting project soon!

## OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION

**Parking / Driving** – Sadly we have received more complaints from local residents and Parents too about the attitude and driving of adults when bringing children to school and at pick-up. Please can we urge all road users to be careful, drive slowly and be considerate to our local neighbours. We are sure you will all agree that the safety of the children is paramount when driving. On Tuesday we received a report of a near miss whereby a child nearly got run over by a car that was driving too fast and aggressively. The driver is believed to be a Parent of St. Peter's.

**After School Clubs** – St. Peter's own clubs end today. Karate and Chelsea Football will continue until the 26<sup>th</sup> March and Singing club will finish next Friday as they are practising for an event after Easter.

**Medical Appointments** – To inform us of medical appointments, an absence or a change in collection arrangements, please use the absence email [absence@stpetershenfield.org.uk](mailto:absence@stpetershenfield.org.uk). This address is set up with an automatic response so you will know that we have received your email.



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

#### MARCH

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>: YR visiting Henfield Library  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultations – All Classes  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Production, 2.30pm  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Production, 2.30pm  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>: Y4 Residential Meeting for Parents, 3.30pm  
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  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultations – Stingray & Orca  
**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents, 3.30pm**  
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>: Parent/Teacher Consultations – YR, Y1, Y2, Y3  
Sharks, Y4 Swordfish, Y5 & Y6  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>: Last day of term  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: INSET day – St. Peter's closed for staff training

#### APRIL

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: Summer term starts  
Thur 16<sup>th</sup>: Y1 trip to Arundel Castle  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: Y4 Swordfish Residential  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: Y4 Orca Residential  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup>: 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/>

