



St. Peter's CE Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful and Always Aiming High!

Week 1 – Summer Term 2026 - Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to St. Peter's this week after the Easter break. This term, geography is the driver for learning across all year groups, and it has been wonderful to see this come to life so quickly through first-hand experiences beyond the classroom. Two year groups have already enjoyed trips, with Reception taking part in a village walk and Year 1 visiting Arundel Castle. I was particularly delighted to hear that members of the public took the time to complement our Year 1 pupils on their exemplary behaviour and manners during the visit. Well done, Year 1 – you were excellent ambassadors for St. Peter's!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS: NEWS AND LEARNING

Y1 visit Arundel Castle – Thursday 16th April

Year One had a great day at Arundel castle yesterday. They re-enacted the battle of Hastings, climbed to the top of the keep and learnt about weaponry. A big thank you to our parent helpers that came.



After School Clubs

There are spaces still available in the following after school clubs:

Recorders (Y3-6) - Mondays
Athletics (Y2 & 3) – Mondays
Toukies Arts & Crafts (Y1-6) - Mondays
Cooking & Baking with Toukies (Y4-6) - Wednesdays
Athletics (Y4-6) - Wednesdays
Singing (Y1-6) - Fridays

To book a place, please log in to:

<https://spceps.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Uniform

A reminder that all earring should be **studs** and that **black leggings** and '**cycling**' style shorts should only be worn on a PE day.

Reading Challenge

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

- ❖ Y2 – Matilda
- ❖ Y5 – Ffion P, Piper T and Ava G
- ❖ Y5 – James B, Poppy W

That makes 119 children who have now completed the challenge. Stingrays class remains in the lead with the most books read. **Total books read = 1,663**

Number of books read by class

Octopus	146	Starfish	118
Puffins	103	Seahorses	104
Dolphins	132	Turtles	143
Sharks	143	Stingrays	171
Orcas	112	Swordfish	105
Penguins	99	Seals	126
Pelicans	87	Polar Bears	74

Times Tables Rock Stars

Most coins earned this year:

	Pupil	Coins
1.	George D. Y4	143,545
2.	Nolan C. Y4	98,776
3.	Cassi L. Y4	78,907
4.	Rio P. Y4	51,031
5.	Grayson G. Y4	50,358

Most correct answers over the last 7 days:

	Pupil	Coins
1.	Cassi L. Y4	1,736
2.	Rio P. Y4	1,601
3.	Cassi L. Y4	78,907
4.	Rio P. Y4	51,031
5.	Grayson G. Y4	50,358

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

Southern Area Netball Finals

The team delivered a fantastic performance at the Southern Area Netball Finals yesterday, competing in a challenging round-robin tournament against eight strong schools. Over the course of the eight matches, they achieved four wins, three losses, and one draw—finishing an impressive 4th overall.

The standard of play throughout the day was incredibly high, with matches played at a fast pace and every game providing a real test. The children showed great determination and teamwork from start to finish, supporting one another and never giving up, even in the closest of contests. There were some brilliant moments of play, with excellent passing, strong defending, and growing confidence as the tournament progressed.

Finishing 4th in such a tough competition is a huge achievement, and the team should be very proud of themselves. Their positive attitude, resilience, and sportsmanship were a credit to the school.

Well done to all involved—this was a wonderful effort and a great experience for the whole team.



Horse riding

On Saturday Dolly and Maria Tingey represented St. Peter's in the National Sussex Area Horse Riding Championship at Felbridge. Maria came 4th in her class and Dolly came 3rd. Well done to both of them!

PTA POST! NEWS, EVENTS AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Introducing Friends of St Peter's!

We are excited to share a new chapter for our school community.

St Peter's PTA has now become Friends of St Peter's - a more open and flexible way for people to support our school.

Friends of St Peter's is for everyone. As well as parents and carers, we warmly welcome grandparents, family members and members of our local community who would like to get involved and support the school.

While the name has changed, our purpose remains the same - to raise funds and support initiatives that enhance our children's experience at St Peter's.



There are lots of ways to be involved in Friends of St Peter's, whether that's helping at an event, sharing a skill, or supporting in the background.

We are also beginning to look ahead to the next school year, when some of our current committee members will be moving on. If you might be interested in getting more involved, we would love to hear from you - even if you're just curious to find out more.

We are currently planning our fun summer events and activities and look forward to sharing more with you soon.

Together, we can make a real difference for our children!



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

APRIL

Mon 20th – Tues 21st: Y4 Swordfish Residential

Mon 20th: Y5 Seals Forest School starts

Tues 21st – Wed 22nd: Y4 Orca Residential

Tues 21st: Chelsea Football After School Club starts

Mon 27th: St. Peter's After School Clubs start

Tues 28th: Y5 Penguins Forest School starts

Wed 29th: Bike Bus Travel Day

MAY

Mon 4th: Bank Holiday – St. Peter's closed

~~Wed 6th: KS1 Sports Enrichment Morning (PE kits to be worn)~~ Change of date to Tuesday 19th May

~~Fri 8th: KS2 Sports Enrichment Morning (PE kits to be worn)~~

Change of date to Friday 22nd May

w/b 11th: Y6 SATs

Fri 15th: YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 PTA School Disco, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Fri 15th: Y4, Y5, Y6 PTA School Disco, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Tue 19th: Y1, Y2 Sports Enrichment Morning (PE kits to be worn)

MAY cont.

Wed 20th: Y2 Production, 9.15am

Wed 20th: KS2 Singing Club Chanctonbury Festival

Thur 21st: Y2 Production, 9.15am

Thur 21st: YR visiting St. Peter's Church

Thur 21st: Y5 visiting Woods Mill

Fri 22nd: Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Sports Enrichment Morning (PE kits to be worn)

w/b 25th: Half-Term – St. Peter's closed

JUNE

Tues 9th: Class Photos by JP Photographic

Fri 12th: YR visiting Washbrooks Farm

Fri 19th: Y5 HET Sports Day

Tue 23rd: EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (during the morning)

Wed 24th: PTA Non-uniform Day – Colour Run Tombola

Thur 25th: KS2 Sports Day (during the morning)

Fri 26th: INSET Day – St. Peter's closed

Mon 29th: INSET Day – St. Peter's closed



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

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

