St. Peter's CE Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful and Always Aiming High!

Week 6 – Summer Term 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious day to end this half term on and it looks like the sun is going to shine over the half-term break too! If the weather continues to be warm and sunny during June and July children can wear their PE shorts instead of trousers to help manage the heat. We don't have a lot of shade on our school field so it is important for children to wear a hat and sun cream – this should be applied before school.

You may be aware from media reports that last week some brands of play sand were recalled due to potential asbestos contamination. As a precautionary measure we took all of our play sand out of use whilst this was investigated. We have since been assured that the sand we use in school is safe to use. One thing we learnt that I wanted to make you aware of is that China labels goods containing less than 5% asbestos as "asbestos free"! I am aware that there are a lot of 'squishy' toys on the recall list due to their filling. Therefore, as a precaution please can you make sure that you child does not bring a squishy in to school.

Have a lovely half-term!

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

Classroom Highlights: News and learning

KS2 Singing Club – Chanctonbury Music Festival

KS2 Singing Club had a superb evening at the Chanctonbury Music Festival this week! There was lots of excitement, a little bit of nerves and some fantastic singing! The children were a credit to the school, showing their resilience, resourcefulness and aiming high during the weeks of practice and being so respectful on the day. It was such a privilege to listen to them sing as part of the amassed choir and to feel their energy and enthusiasm. Well done Singing Club - you were amazing!

Mrs Powell and Mrs Jewell.

Y2 – 'The Not-So-Creepy Crawlies'

This week Year 2 performed their production The Not-So-Creepy Crawlies to not only the whole school but their parents too. Everyone had made an amazing effort to learn all their lines and the words to the songs, we were so proud of them. A big thank you to all the parents who came to watch, Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Jackson for all their help with costumes, and especially to the children for aiming so high!

After the final performance we had an awards ceremony and gave all the children a certificate for their hard work.

Mrs Farrell, Miss Lingwood and Mrs Thorpe.

Reading Challenge

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

- YY3 Demyd B
- 5 Theo L
- Y6 Polly

That makes **136 children** who have now completed the challenge. Stingrays class remains in the lead with the most books read. **Total books read = 1,788**

Number of books read by class			
Octopus	152	Starfish	131
Puffins	107	Seahorses	106
Dolphins	145	Turtles	163
Sharks	155	Stingrays	192
Orcas	117	Swordfish	113
Penguins	101	Seals	134
Pelicans	94	Polar Bears	77

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Family Science Event – Warning: Things Will Get Messy 🤯🧪

Put down the iPads and step away from the sofa – it's time for **Family Science Fun!** Join us for an action-packed event full of hands-on experiments, curious questions, and just the *right* amount of mess (the fun kind, we promise). Expect exploring, building, testing – and adults saying, *"Ooo, that's clever!"* Great for curious kids and parents alike.

Date **Thursday 4th June** Time: **3:30 – 4:30**
Place: **Swordfish classroom**

Places are limited (20 places) so please book via https://spceps.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ to avoid disappointment. For siblings please just book a place for one child but we shall expect you as a family with one Parent supporting.

We're excited to announce that **St Peter's CofE Primary School** is taking part in a Language Angels challenge, the Glurbs Language Quest, where schools can win a school resources grant of £5000, and we need your help!

Our pupils are on a mission to boost our school's ranking by completing fun, curriculum-aligned language lessons in the Glurbs app.

Designed by the team behind Language Angels, Glurbs features safe, structured, curriculum-aligned learning for children aged 4-12.

How to join the mission:

1. **Download:** Scan the QR code on the flyer that is provided or search for "Glurbs" in your app store (Apple or Google Play).
2. **Register:** Join the competition by pressing on the "Language Quest" button and enter our unique school code **8XHN7PS.**
3. **Enjoy:** Start learning and exploring! Completing planets and activities earns points for our school throughout the challenge and helps us move up the competition leaderboard!

The app is free to download and participation is completely optional.

Thank you for supporting **St Peter's CofE Primary School** and encouraging language learning beyond the

During half-term week, from **9am on Monday 25 May to 7pm on Sunday 31 May inclusive**, completed **planets 6 to 10** in the Glurbs Language Quest will be worth **DOUBLE POINTS** for your school.

Here's how the boosted scoring works:

- Planet 6 = 12 points
- Planet 7 = 14 points
- Planet 8 = 16 points
- Planet 9 = 18 points
- Planet 10 = 20 points

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Dates for the Diary (new entries/changes in red)

JUNE

Thur 4th: Family Science Event, 3.30 – 4.30pm
Mon 8th: Y6 Henfield Cricket Festival
Tues 9th: Class Photos by JP Photographic
Thur 11th: Y5 Residential Meeting for Parents, 3.30pm
Fri 12th: YR visiting Washbrooks Farm
Tues 16th: New YR 26/27 Open hour, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thur 18th: Y2 Village Walk, 9.15 – 11.00am
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)
Thur 25th: New YR Open hour, 3.3pm – 4.30pm
Fri 26th & Mon 29th: INSET Days – St. Peter's closed
Tues 30th: St. Peter's Day Church Service, 9.30am

JULY

Wed 1st: Y6 Secondary School Transition Day
Fri 3rd: YR Sports Morning – details to follow
Fri 3rd: PTA Colour Run, 3.30pm
Wed 8th: Y6 Diocese Leavers Service, pupils only
Wed 8th: 'Thank You' Tea, 2.00pm
Wed 8th & Thur 9th: Y6 Production, 7.00pm
~~Thur 9th & Fri 10th: Y6 Production, 7.00pm~~
Fri 10th: St. Peter's After School Clubs end
Mon 13th: Rock Steady Concert for Parents, 2.30pm
Tue 14th: Rock Steady Concert for Parents, 2.30pm
Wed 15th: New YR 26/27 'Stay & Play'. 1.15pm – 2.45pm
Thur 16th: Y6 Leavers Service, St. Peter's Church, 2.00pm
Fri 17th: Celebration of Work, 2.30pm
Mon 20th: End of Year School Reports
Wed 22nd: Y6 Leavers Assembly, 2.00pm
Wed 22nd: Last Day of Term

Friends Of St. Peter's Friday Round Up

*What a fantastic **Summer Disco** we had last week! It was a wonderful evening full of dancing, laughter, sing-offs, and some truly impressive dance moves. It was also a little emotional knowing it was the current Year 6 pupils' final St Peter's disco before they head off to secondary school.*

A huge thank you goes to all our amazing volunteers - parents, carers, and school staff, who helped make the evening such a success. Events like this simply couldn't happen without your support.

*We'd also like to thank **Stokes** and **Sharkys** once again for their continued support, along with **DJ80** from **Just School Discos** for delivering another brilliant disco experience for our children. The way Darren engages with the children, encourages participation, and creates such a fun atmosphere is always wonderful to see. We were especially grateful that he helped accommodate a special goodbye message and song for **Maya** from her **Year 3** friends ahead of her move to Poland this week.*

*The disco also marked the end of an era for some of our volunteers along with our co-chairs **Zoe** and **Hannah**, with former chair **Beckie**, as this was their final St Peter's disco (the last of many!) with their eldest children now moving up to secondary school.*

Thank you all for your years of disco dedication, organisation, and sparkle behind the scenes!

*Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported our **Frozen Fridays**, which launched earlier this year thanks to **Nina** and **Charlotte**. We've loved seeing the children enjoying a well-earned treat at the end of the week - especially with the warmer weather arriving!*

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St. Peter's Before & After School Care

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