

St. Peter's CE Primary School

NEWSFLASH

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Week 1 – Autumn Term 2026 – Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank everyone at morning drop-off for being so supportive of the 'Kiss & Go' zone as this has really eased congestion at the gate making the school entrance more calmer, and less overwhelming for our children coming in. And talking about arriving at school, we have been so impressed with how confidently and independently our new Reception children have started school this week. 'Well done' to all their families for getting them 'school ready.'

The new hot meals seem to be going down really well and I can vouch for the much improved quality of food! However please check with your child whether they liked what you ordered as a number of younger children are saying that they don't like their meal. I am sure you are aware of Benedicts' Law which came in to being this month. Our policy now for any pupil who has a food allergy will be to wear a lanyard into the dining hall so all staff can clearly identify them. In other lunchtime news, we are delighted that we have recruited one midday meals supervisor but still need to recruit one more, so do get in touch if you are interested.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that at school pick-up the children should not be on the trim trail or playing with any of the school equipment. For those children riding bikes and scooters home, they need to walk it across the playground and then mount their bike or scooter once they are beyond the school gate. This is to keep everyone safe as it is quite congested at the gate and we want to avoid any collisions.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS: NEWS AND LEARNING

Y5/Y6 Walking Home from School

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you are happy to allow them to walk home when school finishes at 3.15pm, then please email the school to put this consent in writing. Should you wish your child to carry a mobile phone, due to them walking home then please also complete a consent form: <https://stpetershenfield.org.uk/mobile-phones/>.

Chelsea Football After School Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

Would your child like to learn how to play football with instructors from Chelsea Football Club? There will be a club running each side of half-term, please just click on the half-term link you would like your child to attend to book them in.

**St. Peters & Chelsea FC Autumn Term
After School Club**

Monday: 15:15 to 16:15

Autumn Term 1: [Please Click Here to Book](#)

Autumn Term 2: [Please Click Here to Book](#)

INVITATION CODE: STPAUT26

Y4 Orca Forest School

We are in need of parental support for Y4 Orca Forest School sessions which are taking place on Tuesdays – 15th & 22nd September, 6th, 13th & 20th October. If any Parent is able to help whether at one session or all 5, morning and/or afternoon then please let us know.



Y1 Cake Sale Thank You

We hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer, it has been lovely to see you all back at school! Thank you again for all your effort last term with the cake sale - they were truly delicious and we raised an amazing £50 which was donated to Butterfly Conservation on behalf of Starfish and Octopus class 2025/26.
Best wishes, The Reception Team.

Midday Meal Supervisor Vacancy

Are you looking for a part-time job that fits in with school hours? We are in need of a Midday Meal Supervisor working 11.20am – 1.00pm, Monday to Friday according to school term dates. For further information, and to apply please follow <https://stpetershenfield.org.uk/staff-vacancies/>.

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S FRIDAY ROUND UP

Welcome Back from FOSPS!

A very warm welcome back to all our St Peter's families! We hope you've had a lovely summer and that the new school year has got off to a great start. We're really excited about the year ahead and have lots planned to bring our school community together, raise funds and, most importantly, put those funds straight back into making a difference for our children.

A new chapter for FOSPS

We're delighted that **Charlotte & Nina**, who have both already been part of our FOSPS committee, have now stepped up to become our new **Co-Chairs**. We're looking forward to working together with the whole FOSPS community and continuing to build on everything that has already been achieved.

Look what your fundraising has achieved!

We're absolutely over the moon to have now instructed the school to proceed with:

- **New Trim Trail: £18,375**
- **Science Equipment: £500**
- **All Annual Subscriptions: approx. £300**

That's approximately **£19,175** of FOSPS funding going straight back into our school!

And there's more to come...

The next priority on the school's wish list is a **new climbing frame for the older children**. We already have around three-quarters of the amount needed and are hoping that our upcoming events, including Fireworks Night, will help us reach the full amount required so we can get the order placed before Christmas! It's incredibly exciting to see money raised by our school community turning into real, tangible improvements that our children will enjoy and benefit from.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Our next **Pre-loved Uniform Sale** is coming up on: **Wednesday 16th September**. It's a great opportunity to pick up good-quality, pre-loved school uniform at bargain prices, while also helping to raise funds for FOSPS and keeping perfectly usable clothing in circulation.



Fireworks Night is coming!

Our first big FOSPS event of the new school year is just around the corner! We'll be sharing more details and opening our volunteer sign-up very soon. There are lots of different ways to help, from the entry gate and refreshments to stalls, games and other roles on the night. And remember, **you don't have to commit to helping at everything**. Even a little bit of time makes a huge difference!



Want to get involved?

Our **FOSPS Helpers WhatsApp Group** is the easiest way to find out about volunteering opportunities as they come up. There's **no commitment and no expectation to help every time**. Just join the group and see what opportunities come up. Even an hour here and there can make a huge difference!

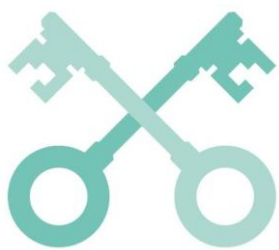
TAP HERE TO JOIN: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JbuSJTBYUAdI42YXLfn8J?s=sw&p=i&mdu=4&ilr=4>

We're also looking for a few people who might like to take ownership of small, manageable areas such as:

- **Pre-loved Uniform Fairies/Elves** - Help sort donations, manage requests, and lead on sales.
- **Grant Application Admin Angels** - Helping complete online grant applications when opportunities arise. No grant-writing expertise needed!
- **Raffle Prize Champions** - Helping us approach local businesses and organisations for raffle prizes.

These aren't committee roles, and there's no requirement to attend meetings. They're simply opportunities for others to lead a small area and help spread the workload. If any of these sound like something you might enjoy, or you'd simply like to find out more, please speak to a member of the FOSPS committee or email us at ptastpeters@outlook.com.

Thank you! - We're really looking forward to everything the new school year has in store!



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

SEPTEMBER – 26/27

w/b 14th: Y6 Residential to Hindleap Warren
Mon 14th: YR start full-time
Tues 15th: Y4 Orca Forest School starts
Wed 16th: YR Welcome Meeting, 3.30pm
Wed 16th: FOSP Pre-loved Uniform Sale, 3.15pm
w/b 21st: St. Peter's After School Clubs start
Mon 21st: YR Hot Lunch start
Mon 21st: Y4 Swordfish Forest School starts
Mon 28th: Y6 Steyning Grammar School Open Morning
Tues 29th: Y3 visiting Hampton Court
Wed 30th: Y5 visiting Bignor Roman Villa

OCTOBER

Mon 5th: Photo Day – Individual & Siblings
Tues 6th: Harvest Festival, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am
Wed 7th: Sustainable Henfield's Bike Bus
Wed 7th: YR Reading Workshop for Parents, 2.00pm
Thur 15th: KS2 (Y3 – Y6) Sports Morning – PE kits to be worn
Fri 16th: KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Sports Morning – PE kits to be worn
Fri 16th: Y3 Class Assembly, 9.15am
Tues 20th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 7.00pm
Wed 21st: Parent/Teacher Consultation, 3.30 – 7.00pm
Fri 23rd: INSET Day – St. Peter's closed
Fri 23rd: FOSP Fireworks Night
Sat 31st: Y6 Secondary School Application Deadline

INSET DAYS 2026/2027 - Friday 23rd October 2026; Monday 2nd November 2026; Thursday 25th March 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

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

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