St. Peter's CE Primary School

NEWSFLASH

Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful and Always Aiming High!

Week 4 – Autumn Term 2026 – Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had a really productive meeting with your class reps this afternoon. Thank you for sharing your feedback with them via the year group WhatsApp group. If you are not part of your child's year group WhatsApp group then please let the office know and we can put you in touch with one of the admins.

One of the things we talked about was congestion on the gate and I shared how I had forgotten that in the past we have opened the Kings Field gate to ease congestion when the field is dry. We will have the field gate open from Monday at drop-off and pick-up until the field becomes too wet and Muddy.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

Classroom Highlights: News and learning

Y6 Residential to Hindleap Warren

When the children arrived at Hindleap Warren, they were asked three questions:

Why are you here?

"TO HAVE FUN!" was the loud and enthusiastic response from most of the children, and they certainly did! Throughout the week, they embraced every opportunity to have fun, from climbing, archery, high ropes and the Gladiator to getting incredibly muddy during the outdoor activities.

What skills would you like to learn?

The children had the opportunity to learn a wide range of new skills and develop their confidence, independence and resilience. They challenged themselves, faced their fears and pushed beyond what they thought they could achieve. They learnt to be resourceful, work as a team and, importantly, how to keep themselves and others safe during activities.

What do you expect from Hindleap Warren?

By the end of the week, the children had experienced everything they had hoped for and much more. They showed kindness, respect and teamwork towards their peers, staff and the equipment they used. It was fantastic to see them support one another, celebrate each other's successes and grow in confidence throughout the week.

'Well done' Year 6, what a fantastic residential!

Hurst Book Awards

Yesterday, 15 children from Years 5 and 6 were invited to attend the Hurst Junior Prep Book Awards launch ceremony. This initiative will provide the children with an opportunity to engage with an exciting shortlist of five contemporary children's books, discuss their ideas with other children from HET schools and, ultimately, vote for their favourite title.

The children represented St. Peter's fantastically and are very enthusiastic about taking part in this celebration of literature.

Census Day – Thursday 1st October

Next Thursday is census day with our future funding being determined by the number of children having a hot meal on this day. To help us maximise this valuable funding, we would be grateful if every child could enjoy a school meal, even if they don't usually. If you are yet to activate a hot meal account with Kanpla, then please contact the school office.

Dogs on the Playground

Please could we respectfully ask that if you have a dog with you when bringing your child to school, or when you are collecting at 3.15pm, that the dog is left or kept at a safe distance from the school gates. We have children who are scared of dogs and this would minimise their anxiety at the start and end of the day. Also, that any dog mess is picked up as we have had children coming into school with shoes needing to be cleaned this week!

Water Bottles

May we also remind you that water bottles should only contain water, and not squash and be kept to a manageable size. There are very large bottles coming into school which do not fit our drinks holders and we find that our smaller children struggle to carry them. Staff are always happy to refill at any point during the day.

Friends Of St. Peter's Friday Round Up

FIREWORKS NIGHT TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

Our Fireworks Night is getting closer, and tickets are now officially on sale! **Friday 23rd October 2026 - Gates open: 6.00pm - Firework display: 7.30pm**

Tickets are available from:
- Stokes
- Swains
- Online via TicketSource: https://www.ticketsource.com/fospshenfield/t-xdyoqol

Advance ticket sales are really important in helping us make the event happen, so please do buy your tickets in advance if you're planning to join us.

PUSH THE BUTTON!

And something new for this year, you can now buy your entry for our 'Push The Button' competition in advance through TicketSource as well. Fancy being the person who gets to set off our spectacular firework display on the night?!

A QUICK NOTE ABOUT THE DATE

We know there have been a few questions about this year's Fireworks Night being earlier than usual and falling on an INSET day. We appreciate this won't be the ideal date for everyone, but after considering the options available to us, Friday 23rd October was the most workable option logistically. As Fireworks Night is also a much-loved Henfield village event, we felt a Friday evening was preferable to moving it to a Thursday night. We hope you understand, and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

THANK YOU, UNIFORM SHOPPERS & DONORS!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated uniform or came along to shop at our pre-loved uniform sale last week. We're so grateful for your support. Every sale helps raise funds for FOSPS while giving perfectly good school uniform a second life.

And we have another little thank you to make... **Welcome to our new Uniform Fairies**! We're incredibly grateful to the couple of new volunteers who have stepped forward to take on our Pre-loved Uniform Fairies role. Thank you for giving your time and helping us keep this little FOSPS project going.

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OUR CHRISTMAS ART PROJECT IS BACK!
We're delighted to announce that our FOSPS Christmas Art Project has launched again this year!

The children will be taking part in the project at school and will be bringing their artwork and order forms home very soon. There is a tight turnaround for orders, so please keep an eye out for the forms coming home and make sure you don't miss the deadline! It's always lovely to see the children's artwork transformed into special Christmas gifts and keepsakes, while also helping to raise funds for our school.

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

SEPTEMBER – 26/27
Mon 28th: Y6 Steyning Grammar School Open Morning
Tues 29th: Y3 visiting Hampton Court
Wed 30th: Y5 visiting Bignor Roman Villa

OCTOBER
Thur 1st: Census Day
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
Wed 7th: FOSP Christmas Artwork Return Deadline
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~~ Postponed
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

TOUKIE'S
St. Peter's Before & After School Care

TO BOOK PLACES ON OUR WRAP AROUND PROVISION – TOUKIES AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. PLEASE VISIT:
https://stpetershenfield.org.uk/toukies-wrap-around-care/