St. Peter's CE Primary School

NEWSFLASH

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Week 6 – Autumn Term 2026 – Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many families join us at St. Peter's Church for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday morning. Thank you to Fr Joe, Mr and Mrs Powell, our Y5s and Y6s who read scripture and prayers and all our parent helpers who helped walk the children to and from church. It was a delightful service with some lovely singing - Reception and KS1 sang 'Big Red Combine Harvester' with a lot of gusto!

Just a reminder to sign up for Parent/Teacher Consultations which is the week after next if you haven't done so already.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Maurice

Headteacher

Classroom Highlights: News and Learning

Sustainable Henfield's 'Blinging Wheels' / Bike Bus

The weather didn't dampen enthusiasm on Wednesday for Sustainable Henfield's bike bus and 'bling your wheels' competition. 'Well done' to Arabella for blinging her wheels pumpkin style.

Well done also to the following children who braved the rain to ride their bikes to school, supported by Parents and the volunteers of Sustainable Henfield. Hopefully it didn't take too long for everyone to dry out.

Y1/2 Jellyfish – Percy
Y1/2 Lionfish - Annabelle
Y1/2 Pufferfish - Oliver
Y3 Sharks – Olive, Lottie and Freya
Y3 Stingray – Bolan
Y4 Orca - Demyd
Y6 Polar Bears – Jago and Vinnie
Y6 Pelicans – Flynn and Herbie

If your child took part, but is not included in the list above then please let us know so we can ensure they get a certificate.

ISS

ISS our hot school meal provider have vacancies across West Sussex. Many of the roles are for an immediate start with full training provided. Our People | Job Search

'People who help us'

Reception will be finding out about 'People who help us' over the next couple of weeks. We have the firefighters, paramedic, doctor and dentist visiting, but if there is anyone else who has a job where they help people and would be willing to come in and give a short talk about what they do, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the Reception Team via the school office email, or come and talk to us on the school gate/after school. We look forward to hearing from you!

School Photo

Hopefully today, your child came home with their school photo proof card. Orders can be placed online through www.photoprinting.co.uk, inputting the shoot key noted on the proof card. Don't forget that orders placed in the next 7 days will be benefit from free delivery to the school.

If you haven't been able to see your child's proof, then please contact the school office for the unique shoot key.

Reading Dog

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 are enjoying reading to Arlo, and his owner Mrs Oliver-Taylor every Thursday.

Arlo enjoyed hearing all about the deer and the snail when William read to him.

Y5 visit to Bignor Roman Villa

On the 30th September, Y5 had a fantastic trip to Bignor Roman Villa. We saw some world-class Roman mosaics on our tour and took part in some hands-on activities. The sun came out for lunchtime so we could enjoy the stunning setting in the South Downs. A huge thank you to our parent helpers for their support.

'Do you have a child who will be starting school next September (2027)?

We shall be opening our doors on **Saturday 17th October, 9.30 – 12.00pm; Thursday 5th November, 9.30am and Friday 6th November, 9.30am**. You are warmly invited to join us.

The 2 visits in November are a meet and greet with Mrs Maurice and a tour of the school paying particular attention to the EYFS (YR) area. These events start at 9.30am.

The event on the morning of **Saturday 17th October** is an open morning when you are invited to pop in at a time to suit you between 9.30am and 12.00pm to spend some time in the EYFS (YR) area. There will also be a presentation/tour at 10.00am by Mrs Maurice.

If you would like to join us, then please register your interest by following: Do you have a child who will be starting school next September (2027)? – Fill in form

From the Pitch to the Playground: Our sporting news and successes

Y1/Y2 Cross Country

Last week, our Y1 and Y2 children took part in their very first Cross-Country Fun Run at a new venue, proudly representing our school. They were wonderful ambassadors, showing excellent behaviour, determination and enthusiasm throughout the event. Every child gave their best effort, demonstrating impressive running skills and fantastic sportsmanship as they encouraged and supported one another. Most importantly, they had a brilliant time, embraced the challenge and felt incredibly proud to represent our school. We were immensely impressed with them all!

Y3/Y4 Cross Country

Our Y3 and Y4 children took part in a fantastic and highly competitive Cross Country event last week, proudly representing our school. The children showed incredible determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, producing some brilliant individual performances. We were delighted to finish **2nd place overall** with our Y3 boys' race and Y4 girls' race both being won by our school! There were some fantastic individual results too with **Willow and Max both finishing 1st**, followed by **Ezra in 4th, Jude in 5th and Judah in 6th** in Y3. In Y4, **Lily finished 2nd, Arina in 4th and Lucas in 5th**. Every child gave their very best, encouraged one another and represented our school brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and the way they embraced the challenge!

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Friends Of St. Peter's Friday Round Up

Fireworks Night: Be Part of the Magic!

Our **Fireworks Night** is just two weeks away, on **Friday 23rd October**, and we're looking forward to another fantastic community event!

You can help make it a brilliant evening by buying your tickets in advance and volunteering a little of your time. Events like these take a real team effort, and every helping hand makes a difference!

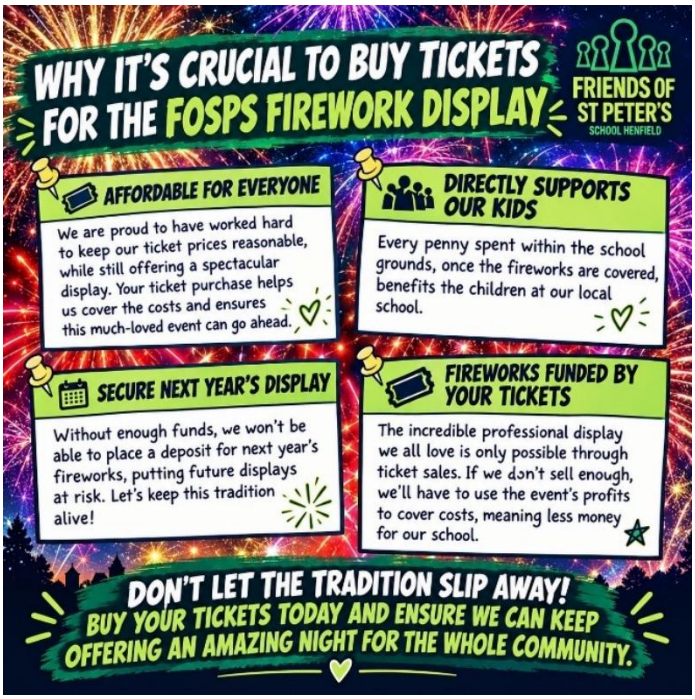
Get your tickets from Stokes, Swains or online here:
https://www.ticketsource.com/fospshenfield/friends-of-st-peter-s-school-fireworks-night-2026/e-xmobpo

Sign up to volunteer:
https://volunteersignup.org/3MEKJ

Don't worry about missing the fireworks! Arrangements will be in place for volunteers to leave their stalls and enjoy the display with their families.

Children are also welcome and encouraged to volunteer with supervision, so please list their names separately on the sign-up sheet.

As a little thank you, volunteers will receive a token for **a free drink from the bar!**



A Big Thank You to Paul!

A huge thank you to **our favourite grandad, Paul**, for putting up our Fireworks Night signage and advertising boards around the village. He's also been busy giving our shed a smart new look and helping to protect it from the elements. We really appreciate all your hard work and support!

Christmas Artwork Project

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order through **Cauliflower Cards** using their child's Christmas artwork. We can't wait to see the finished creations arrive back at school later this term!

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

OCTOBER

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
Sat 17th: YR 27/28 Open Morning, 9.30am – 12.00pm
Tues 20th: Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wed 21st: Parent/Teacher Consultation
Fri 23rd: INSET Day – St. Peter's closed
Fri 23rd: FOSP Fireworks Night
w/b 26th: Half-Term – St. Peter's closed
Sat 31st: Y6 Secondary School Application Deadline

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd: INSET Day – St. Peter's closed
Tues 3rd: Horsham Museum visiting YR
Thur 5th: YR 27/28 Open Morning Tour, 9.30am
Thur 5th: Y4 Residential Presentation for Parents, 3.30pm
Fri 6th: YR 27/28 Open Morning Tour, 9.30am
Wed 11th: EYFS Phonics Workshop, 9.00am
Fri 13th: Children In Need – details to follow
Thur 19th: Y6 Healthy Child Programme
Fri 27th: Flu Spray Day – All Years
Fri 27th: Class Reps Meeting, 2.00pm
Mon 30th: RockSteady Music Concert, 2.15pm

DECEMBER
Tues 1st: RockSteady Music Concert, 2.15pm
Fri 4th: Celebration of Work, 2.15pm
Fri 4th: St. Peter's After School Clubs end

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/