

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

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Please visit the school website www.stpeterscatholicprimary.com for dates for the full academic year, together with other information about the school that you may find useful.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 25th October 9.30 – 11.00am – Year R 2026 Stay & Play session
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – Half Term
Monday 3rd November – Children return to school
Wednesday 5th November – Bag2School Textile Collection
Wednesday 5th November 9.00am – SEND coffee morning with Reaching Families
Wednesday 12th November – Year 2 visit to the Weald & Downland Museum
Thursday 13th November 1.45 – 2.45pm Year R 2026 open afternoon
Saturday 15th November 9.30 – 11.00am Year R 2026 Stay & Play session
Monday 24th November – Year 6 visit to U.K. Parliament, London
Friday 28th November – Christmas Fayre
Monday 1st December – Inservice day – school closed.



This Week

We've arrived at the end of a very busy half term! We have welcomed new children to the school and, of course our new Reception children. They are all settling in very well and we are delighted that they are with us. On behalf of the Friends Association, thank you for your kind donations of sweets towards our Christmas Fayre. We will be in touch after half term with more details of our Christmas fundraising and activities. As some of you may have noticed, there has been a growing trend over the last half term in children waiting at the windows around the school to wave goodbye to their families in the morning. We would like children to go straight into class once they are in the building. We have spoken to the children in assembly today and let them know that, from next half term, we will be expecting pupils to go in to class straight away and not to be waiting by the window; we would be grateful if you could please encourage your children to do this by saying goodbye to them at the door. We find that prolonged goodbyes take up a lot of time for both pupils and parents and it can be upsetting for the children. Thank you for all your support this half term; we really do appreciate it. We would like to wish all our families a very happy and safe half term. We hope the children enjoy the holiday and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Society of St Vincent Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church, founded in 1833 for the sanctification of its members by personal service of the poor. There is a very active SVP group at St Peter's parish and they are preparing for their work at Christmas. They very generously prepare hampers for families and also provide Christmas gifts for children who may otherwise not receive a gift. In order to help them prepare the hampers they have asked if St Peter's School families would be willing to donate toilet rolls. If you would be able to donate any, please bring to the school office any time after half term. Thank you so much for your continued support. The SVP provide a large amount of hampers to families in the area and all the items are from donations.

Swiss Students Language and Inter-Cultural Visit

We have been liaising with the Pedagogical 6th Form College Kreuzlingen in Switzerland where students do A levels combined with teacher training practice. We are hoping to have several students from the school at St Peter's for a placement 21st June – 4th July. The students will work alongside our teachers and will prepare some lessons to teach the children. The College have asked if any of our families would be interested in hosting one of the students throughout the placement. The family would be required to provide breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. The students will spend the mornings and afternoons at School. Host families will receive a payment of £350 per student. If you

would be interested in hosting a student, please email Mrs Matthews in the school office – ematthews@stpetersshoreham.co.uk

Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November. As in previous years this will be held during the school day and will be just for the children. They will visit the fayre in their classes and have the opportunity to purchase items at the fayre; children will need a small amount of money to spend. If you are having a clear out over the half term, please bear us in mind for any donations of good quality toys, soft toys, games, puzzles etc. We will be having a raffle, details of which will be sent out after half term.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This Remembrance, we want to show our support to our Armed Forces community.

There are so many reasons why a veteran's life can fall apart. It could start with a training accident, the loss of a friend or leaving service. All it takes is one event for everything else to spiral out of control. However their suffering starts, our donations can help to stop it. To show our support, we will again be selling poppies at school as part of the Poppy Appeal, after half term until Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11th November. We would be very grateful if you would support this appeal by giving your child a small amount of money to purchase a poppy. Thank you, as always, for your support.



Harvest Donations

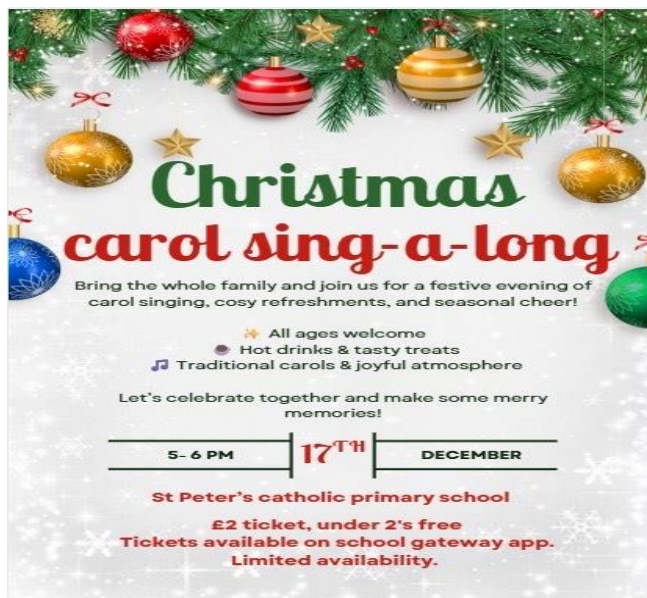
Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest services last week. It was lovely to see so many of you. We have received the below message from Turning Tides –

Your donations are making all the difference – THANK YOU TO ALL at St Peter's Catholic Primary School. We were truly blown away by the collection that came in last week! We hope your pupils enjoyed the assembly and learnt a bit more about where the wonderful gifts are going and how they will help. We wanted to get a message over to say how much this all means – particularly as times are difficult for so many – your community have been so kind. Thank you for thinking of Turning Tides and please spread the word about the work we do.

With great thanks from the Turning Tides Donations Team.

Christmas Sing-a-long

The Friends Association have organised a fundraising Christmas sing-a-long on Wednesday 17th December 5.00 – 6.00pm in the school hall. The idea is for children, parents/grandparents to come along and sing Christmas songs; it won't be a performance, just a get together. Refreshments will be available to purchase. This is an event for parents and children and all children coming must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event. Tickets are available on the School Gateway app at £2.00 per person – please purchase a ticket for all those attending. If anyone is available to help at the Sing-a-long, please contact the school office. Thank you.



VolkerHighways Launches Road Safety Competition



As part of Brake's Road Safety Week, 16th-22nd November, West Sussex County Council's highway maintenance contractor, VolkerHighways, has launched a competition with West Sussex Primary Schools to design its new Road Safety Mascot.

[View details here!](#)

The initiative is aimed at engaging children in learning about road safety through creativity and imagination. Primary Schools throughout West Sussex are encouraged to design a **brand-new mascot** to join its existing characters, Kerby the traffic cone and Amber the traffic light.

Children, aged 11 years and younger, are to hand-draw a new highways-themed mascot (e.g. based on road signs, crossings, vehicles, etc). They should give the mascot a name and briefly describe what the mascot does to help keep people safe. Children are to submit the design to their school who will internally select one winning entry to submit to the judging panel.

What's on offer?

We're committed to partnering with Primary Schools to drive meaningful change and champion impactful improvement initiatives at the school. The winning school will receive **£1,000 worth of school improvements/resources** and five runner-up schools will receive **£250 worth of improvements**.

Winning pupils will receive book tokens.

All runners-up and the winning school will have a visit from the new mascot as part of a Road Safety Assembly delivered to the school from January 2026.

Please submit your entries by 1st December 2025, with winners to be announced during the week commencing 15th December 2025.

For more information on how to take part, our launch video to share with the children and to submit your entries, [please click here.](#)

We look forward to seeing your entries!

Emma Stander, Social Value Coordinator, and the West Sussex Team
VolkerHighways


Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class – Week ending 24th October 2025

We encourage good attendance at St Peter's and aim for children to have attendance of 96% or above. A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%.

Please see below Year group cumulative attendance summaries from the start of the academic year to present.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.91	97.06	99.04	97.13	93.96	98.06	92.89

House Points – Week ending 24th October 2025

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
222	230	238	190

Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility Criteria

*****IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ*****

Free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits –

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)



If you **are not** eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free school Meals and you need not apply.

If you **are** eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, it is important that you continue to register. This will enable us to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding which can enable us to provide extra support for your child in school.

Once an eligible child is signed up for benefits related free school meals, they will also receive other support such as Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) sessions. HAF sessions provide children with access to fun and engaging activities during the holidays and offer a free meal as part of the sessions. Parents will also receive a voucher, usually around £10 per week per child, during school holidays to help purchase food items.

If you think your child(ren) may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please apply online – [Free School Meals - West Sussex County Council](#) When you are on the website, click on 2. How to apply.

P.E Kit

This can be purchased online – <https://getmekitted.com/st-peters-40-c.asp>

Alternatively, visit First4Uniform in Lancing who have the kit in stock.



Sunrise Breakfast Club Please note that Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and children should NOT be dropped off any earlier than this as staff are not available to look after them. Thank you.

We are delighted that so many children are enjoying coming to our Sunrise Breakfast Club.

The Breakfast Club is open every day from 7.45am and costs just £4.00 a session. Sessions can be booked and paid for using the online payment system sQuid. For further information

please contact the school office. It is possible to pay for your child's sessions at Breakfast Club using childcare vouchers. We are currently registered with the Government Tax Free Childcare scheme. If you use another childcare voucher provider please let us know.



Best of Buddies

Best of Buddies runs every afternoon after school from 3.15 – 5.15pm.

For more information please contact Mrs Awedan Tel. 07923 318935

or email bofbuddies@gmail.com



Kind regards

K. J. Crees

Mrs K Crees
Executive Headteacher

M. English

Mr M English
Head of School

Amazon Wishlist

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YOTQO1KCEUO2/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

Easyfundraising

Want to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising so your online shopping at your favourite brands turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/spcps/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Facebook&utm_campaign=dd-may-24&utm_term=Q1244&utm_content=socialshare



Church of the
Good Shepherd

Half-term family fun afternoon

Autumn crafts
Lego Table

Milkshakes
Games

Wednesday 29th October

2pm to 4pm drop-in

Free!

Church hall, Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS



STNICOLAS AND STMARY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER

BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE: SURVIVAL SKILLS & CAMPFIRE TREATS

A bushcraft adventure all about fire - how to make it, cook on it & respect its wild power. Discover ancient fire making techniques, learn how to spark & build your own campfire, cook up tasty seasonal treats, build a shelter & take on survival challenges just like wilderness explorers. A full day of hands-on bushcraft, outdoor skills & discovery - perfect for curious kids who love nature & adventure!

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER

NERF: MISSION SPOOKTACULAR

Are you ready? Forage for resources, defend your vault, rescue teammates, & take on the ultimate Nerf survival adventure with epic games like Swamp Rescue, Zombie Apocalypse & Hunger Games! An action-packed outdoor day full of action, fun, strategy & teamwork - with a spooky twist! (Age 6+ recommended)

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS, TREATS & CAMPFIRE FUN!

Get ready for the spookiest, silliest & slimiest day of the holidays! Make goopy slime, decorate Day of the Dead sugar skulls, brew Mayan hot chocolate over the campfire & join a zombie scavenger hunt. All topped off by a visit to the Witch, Goblin, & Bog Troll to solve riddles, crack the Halloween mystery... & earn sweet rewards. A mix of hands-on fun, laughter & imagination!

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

WAY OF THE VIKING: VIKING CRAFT, GAMES & CHALLENGES!

Live the Viking way for a day! Join your clan, take a Viking name, create your own Viking pottery, learn how to build an effective shield wall, & then switch from craftsman to warrior as you rise to the challenge with ancient Viking games Kubbe & Jomsviiker!

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

Bringing the magic of Harry Potter to life! Join this adventure where imagination runs wild. Brew bubbling potions in Potions Class, whistle & enchant your very own wand & join the Quidditch tournament for the house cup. A spellbinding day of fun, creativity, & adventure



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Your School Lottery



For October's Super Draw there is the chance to win the all new iPhone 17 Pro (or £1,000 cash!).

This just-released, top of the range iPhone has an aluminium unibody that maximises performance, battery and durability, with Apple Intelligence, a state-of-the-art GPU for gaming and the most advanced iPhone camera system ever with 3 x 48MP cameras giving 8x optical zoom for professional photos and the highest quality video in a smartphone.

It could make the perfect upgrade for you, or an ideal Christmas present for someone special!

To start supporting the school visit YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/Play and search for St Peter's Catholic

Your support is much appreciated as we receive regular donations from Your School Lottery which really do help our fundraising.

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GIGS 4 KIDZ

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
From 5.00pm – 7.30pm
LONGSHORE PUB, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA



Free Entry

Live music, Singing, dancing
& spooky fun
for the whole family!

Get your scary outfits on and
come along for a freak out!



HALLOWEEN PARTY!

WANNADO
Street Dance

AGES
4-11!

Halloween Craft
Fancy Dress
Crazy Competitions
Cool street dance

And a super cool disco
with live DJs:
'GET IT TOGETHER'



COME AND PARTY WITH US HALLOWEEN!



TAB INFANT
SCHOOL

SUNDAY 26TH OCT

2 - 4:30PM

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wannado-halloween-party-2025-tickets-1206940414269?aff=oddtcreator>



Hands on Art Workshops

After school Art Clubs



NEW VENUE !!!

@The Circular Space,
Ham Rd, Shoreham

Mondays and Tuesdays
3:30-5:30pm

Agnes 6-12 - Small groups



Bring your ideas to life!

Hanna Boal- Qualified teacher, Community Artist & maker -DBS & Insured
hanskibol88@gmail.com Insta- HandsOn_bringyourideastolife



FAMILY FILM AT ROPETACKLE

THUR 30th OCTOBER – 11am – cert U



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