

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 14th November 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 15th November 9.30 – 11.00am Year R 2026 Stay & Play session
Monday 24th November – Year 6 visit to U.K. Parliament, London
Thursday 27th November – Chef John visiting Year 4 Taste & Sensory and Knife Skills sessions
Thursday 27th November – Tom Rutland MP to visit Year 6
Friday 28th November – Christmas Fayre for the children
Monday 1st December – Inservice day – school closed
Tuesday 2nd December – Hawking About visiting Year R
Tuesday 2nd December 1.30 – 2.30pm - Year 1 to Glebelands Care Home – Carol singing
Wednesday 3rd December 8.15 – 8.45am Breakfast with Santa for Years R, 1, 2
Wednesday 3rd December 5.00 – 6.00pm Year R Winter Wonderland
Thursday 4th December 8.15 – 8.45am Breakfast with Santa for Years 3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday 4th December – St Margaret's Animal Care (hedgehogs) visit to Reception
Thursday 4th December 1.30 – 2.30pm Year 5 visit to Glebelands – Carol singing
Monday 8th December 1.30 – 2.30pm Year 3 to Cavell House – Carol singing
Tuesday 9th December 9.15am – KS1 Christmas production
Wednesday 10th December 9.15am – KS1 Christmas production
Wednesday 10th December 6.00pm – Deanery Advent Service at Arundel Cathedral
Thursday 11th December 9.15am – Year R Christmas production
Friday 12th December 9.15am – Year R Christmas production
Monday 15th December – Elfridges
Monday 15th December – Dress as an Elf Day – donations for Rockinghorse Children's Charity
Tuesday 16th December – Christmas lunch (information has been sent out via email)
Tuesday 16th December 1.30 – 2.30pm – Year 4 to Cavell House – Carol singing
Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm – Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 17th December 5.00 – 6.00pm – Christmas sing-a-long organised by Friends Association
Thursday 18th December 2.00pm – KS2 Advent Service at St Peter's Church, Shoreham
Friday 19th December – last day of term
Monday 5th January – Children return to school
Monday 12th January – Year 5 swimming starts



This Week

We have had another busy week in school and with Christmas fast approaching there is lots going on! At our Gospel assembly on Monday we thought about Remembrance Sunday and looked at some pictures of some of our children taking part in local parades etc. Reception children have been reading the book "Owl Babies" and learning about People we Trust. In PE they re-enacted the seven dwarfs. Year 1 had Alien day this week and it was lovely to see so many beautiful aliens around the school. They also used playdough to grow their own aliens. Year 2 had a lovely visit to the Weald & Downland Museum to enhance their learning of the current Victorians topic. Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age and writing woolly mammoth descriptions. Year 4 have been learning about the Prophet Elijah and also about the River Nile in Egypt. Year 5 have been ordering and comparing fractions and learning about women's rights. Year 6 visited Glebelands day centre earlier this week and shared some stories with the centre visitors. They have also been reading ghost stories

Christmas Reminders

Please book Breakfast with Santa (School Gateway app) by Friday 28th November so that the Friends Association can order the correct amounts of food etc.

Please return Elfridges order forms and Fr Christmas letter requests to the school office by Friday 28th November, so that the elves can get to work!

Thank you.



Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

We are delighted to let you know that St Peter's came second in the recent vote at the two local Tesco stores. Our "Bringing Music to St Peter's" bid has been awarded £1,000 which is amazing and we are very excited about it. We are hoping to arrange an Orchestra workshop for the children to introduce them to music from across the different Classical musical periods with lots of interaction. The workshops will include items from the Music Curriculum. Thank you to everyone who put the blue tokens in our box, we are very grateful for your support.

Deanery Advent Service

This year the Deanery Advent service is being held on Wednesday 10th December at 6.00pm at Arundel Cathedral. This is a beautiful service and all children and families are welcome to attend. Parents will need to accompany children to the Cathedral and stay with them during the service. If you are planning to go, please let the school office know – email office@stpetersshoreham.co.uk We know several parents make an evening of it and go to one of the restaurants in Arundel for a meal before the service!



KS2 Advent Service

The KS2 Advent Service is being held on Thursday 18th December at 2.00pm at St Peter's Church in Shoreham. The children will be walked to the Church from school by members of school staff. We would love some parent volunteers to help us – please contact the school office (office@stpetersshoreham.co.uk) if you are able to help. It will be a lovely service and we look forward to welcoming parents/carers. To ensure everyone's safety during the service we would like to request that a maximum of 2 adults per child attend. We anticipate the service should finish by around 2.45pm when you will be able to take your child(ren) home. If any parents are unable to attend the Advent service we will be able to walk some children back to school – please let us know if you would like us to do this.

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.** 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.

Dress as an Elf Day

We will again be taking part in the Rockinghorse Children's Charity fancy dress fundraising activity "Dress Yourself as an Elf" on Monday 15th December 2025. For a monetary donation children can come to school wearing red or green, a favourite Christmas jumper or in full Elf costume (please don't buy one especially for this event!).

Any money the school can raise will be helping to provide support in lots of different ways over Christmas, including delivering advent calendars and Christmas gifts to hundreds of children visiting or spending time in hospital, funding a Christmas party for hospital outpatients, a Santa's Grotto at the Royal Alex children's hospital and providing hampers and a Christmas dinner for families in hospital over Christmas. Please see flier at the end of the newsletter.



School Educational Visits

At St Peter's we try and arrange a variety of educational visits for the children to enhance their learning of a particular topic. As the school is unable to cover the cost of these visits we have to ask parents for voluntary contributions towards the cost of these visits. Children will not be excluded from the activity if parents don't pay; they will still be allowed to participate. However, as the school cannot bear any of the cost of the visit we may have to cancel future

trips if we do not receive enough funding through voluntary contributions to cover the cost. If any parents are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school office so that alternative arrangements can be made for you. Can you please log on to the School Gateway app (payments section); if you have any outstanding payments we would be very grateful if you could pay for them at your earliest convenience.

Welcome to our newest team member

We are very excited to be welcoming another canine friend to our school community next week. Joining Maisie will be Ruby, who is a five year old cocker spaniel. She likes attention, cuddles and going to the park. Ruby will be at school some mornings to welcome pupils to school first thing and then will listen to readers as she loves stories too! Ruby has a very busy timetable, but is hoping to be in school Monday and Wednesday. She will be stationed by the library and in the Key Stage One corridor to say ‘hello’ to the children as they get ready for their school day. We are very grateful to Ruby and her family for giving up their time to come to school, and also to Canine Concern, the charity that we have been working with this term.

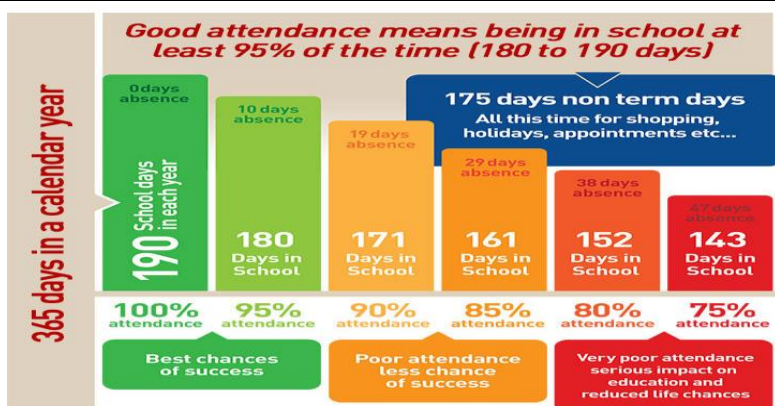


If you are interested in finding out more about the work of Canine Concern, you can visit their website at <https://canineconcern.co.uk/>

Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class – Week ending 14th November 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
97.67	96.77	99.13	96.71	92.94	97.84	93.42



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

House Points – Week ending 14th November 2025

Starfish	Rays	Seahorses	Seals
65	53	69	38

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

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Head of School

Amazon Wishlist

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

Easyfundraising



Thank you so much for all your support. If you don't already support us via Easyfundraising, please sign up via the easyfundraising app now and we will receive a £2 bonus donation –

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeId=203039&utm_term=Q325A

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Dress as an Elf on the 12th this Christmas

We're taking part in the Rockinghorse fancy dress fundraising activity 'Dress Yourself as an Elf' this December. Just donate £1 and come to school wearing red or green, or even your favourite Christmas jumper.

Your help will make a real difference to hundreds of babies and children all across Sussex.

Date: MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025

www.rockinghorse.org.uk



Your School Lottery



For November's Super Draw there is the chance to win this amazing Nintendo Switch 2 gaming bundle, just in time for Christmas (or take the cash alternative) – AND you will also win £500 for the school!

Your regular weekly tickets already enter you into the draw to win this fantastic prize – but did you know you can top-up your tickets, for extra chances to win, for you AND for the school!?

This mega gaming bundle contains everything you need to enjoy these amazing games on the new Nintendo Switch 2 – play on the go, or connect to your new 50" 4K UHD Smart TV and play with friends and family. There is also an all-in-one carry case and a 1-year subscription to Nintendo online!

No gamers in your family? Opt for the cash alternative and spend it your way – and don't forget, there is £500 given to the school too!

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.

LP CREATIVES & THE ROPETACKLE ARTS CENTRE PROUDLY PRESENT

“SUPERB!” “PUNCHY&PERFECT!” “TERRIFIC!”

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GUESS WHO'S BACK, BACK AGAIN...

JAMES AUSTIN-HARVEY
AS 'KING RAT'

AND A DAME LEGEND DEBUT FOR

DANIEL BEALES
AS 'SARAH THE COOK!'

PLUS QVC, REGENCY RADIO & 'GIGS 4 KIDZ'

SARAH BOOKER
AS 'THE CAT'



19TH-31ST
DEC 2025



DICK WHITTINGTON



ROPETACKLE ARTS CENTRE



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THE PANTOMIME
PAVED WITH GOLD!

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FROM OLD 'LAANDAN TAAARN' AND ACROSS THE HIGH SEAS - WE'RE OFF IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE AND TREASURE! WILL KING RAT THWART OUR PLANS OR WILL THE FAIRY BOW BELLS SAVE DICK'S DAY? EITHER WAY IT'S LOTS OF FUN GUARANTEED!

LP Creatives are packing sprats, rats and talking cats. So jump aboard and join us for a fun, original, joyful, best value around, professional pantomime at The Ropetackle Arts Centre!



TICKET PRICE:

ADULT £21.00 (+ £1.00 FEES), CHILD £20 (+ £1.00 FEES),
FAMILY TICKET* £80 (+£4.00 FEES)

*FAMILY TICKET IS 2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN, OR 1 ADULT AND 3 CHILDREN.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
W/C DEC 15			17	18 NO SHOWS	19	20 10.30AM	21 10.30AM
			5PM (SCOUTS & GUIDES PERFORMANCE)	NO SHOWS	2PM	2PM	2PM
			NO SHOWS	6PM	6PM	6PM (GALA PERFORMANCE)	
W/C DEC 22	22 10.30AM	23 10.30AM	24 10.30AM	25 NO SHOWS	26	27 10.30AM	28 10.30AM
	2PM	2PM	2PM		2PM	2PM	2PM
	6PM	6PM	6PM	NO SHOWS	6PM	6PM	6PM
W/C DEC 29	29 10.30AM (RELAXED PERFORMANCE)	30 10.30AM	31 10.30AM				
	2PM	2PM	1.30PM				
	5.30PM	5.30PM					

BOOK YOUR SEATS NOW!

ALL PRICES AS LISTED ABOVE

PREVIEW SHOW ALL TICKETS £12

SCOUT & GUIDES SHOW PHONE THE BOX OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS!

MORE PANTO MAYHEM, MUSIC, MIRTH & MAGIC IN-STORE
THIS DECEMBER FOR 2025.

DURATION OF THE PANTOMIME IS APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS INCLUDING INTERVAL

WORTHING'S FAMILY FRIENDLY NYE PARTY IS BACK!

FAMJAM

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LAURA VANE



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TOGETHER DJ's**
hip hop | rnb | garage | jungle | breaks

David Croucher walk about Magician
Mighty Mamahood SEN friendly sensory spaces
FREE face painting and transfers, Balloon drop and confetti canons
Wannado Street dance fun and games
licensed bar, under 4s Soft play, over 4s bouncy castle

ALL VINYL - 4PM - 6.30PM - NYE

NYE COUNTDOWN AT 6PM



AT THE CHARMANDEAN CENTRE, FOREST ROAD, WORTHING, BN14 9HS