

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025

Tel. 01273 454066

Email : office@stpetersshoreham.co.uk

Executive Headteacher : Mrs K J Crees MA BEd (Hons)

Head of School : Mr M English BA, NPQH



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

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 come to the end of our first term and want to thank you for all your continued support and help - later on in the newsletter, you can see lots of what each class have been up to! We have had a very busy few weeks with Christmas nativities, concerts and Advent services. I would like to thank the PTA for organising two events this week, a wonderful Christmas singalong organised are the traditional Christmas fun of glow in the dark dodgeball, which I can hear the children are enjoying very much as I type this. We began the week with lighting the candles on our Advent wreath and thinking about what hope, love, joy and peace mean to us. We also held our annual Christmas assembly, where the children decide upon the 'St Peter's Christmas song of the year' and we can announce that 'Last Christmas' by Wham won by a landslide this year, beating Elton John, the Wiggles and others.

We hope that you have a restful and peaceful Christmas holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year - 2026!

Christmas Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for your amazing support of our Christmas fundraising activities. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the Christmas fayre, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas sing-a-long and Elfridges. They really have had a great time! Congratulations to the winners of the colour raffles – thank you for your donations, the hampers were beautiful. We don't have a final total for the amount raised but it will be over £3,000 which is an amazing amount. Thank you especially to our wonderful Friends Association for all their hard work in running the events – we are very grateful to them.

Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley – Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24th December

6.00pm St Peter's, Shoreham by Sea - Vigil Mass

8.30pm The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding – Night Mass (carols from 8.10pm onwards)

Christmas Day – Thursday 25th December

9.00am St Peter's, Shoreham by Sea – Mass

11.00am Christ the King, Steyning – Mass

Dress as an Elf Day

How lovely it was to have a school full of elves on Monday this week. We were supporting the Rockinghorse children's charity and the children really enjoyed the day and dressing up. Due to your generosity we raised £127.20 which will be given to the Rockinghorse charity to provide support in lots of different ways over Christmas. This includes 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 and providing hampers and a Christmas dinner for families in hospital over Christmas.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have received a letter from the Royal British Legion advising that St Peter's raised £66.96 for the recent Poppy appeal. "This is a fantastic amount and all donations received are paid in to the Royal British Legion Benevolent Fund and covers essential welfare and support for former servicemen and women 365 days a year, including those beneficiaries in need living overseas. The veterans are truly grateful" Thank you for your support, as always.

Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class – Week ending 19th December 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
96.25	96.67	98.34	96.62	93.98	97.70	93.62

Congratulations to those children who achieved 100% attendance at school this term. They have all been given a certificate to mark the achievement.

House Points – Week ending 19th December 2025

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
300	200	150	250

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



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

Crib Service for children



Christmas Eve 4pm



Church of the
Good Shepherd

Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach

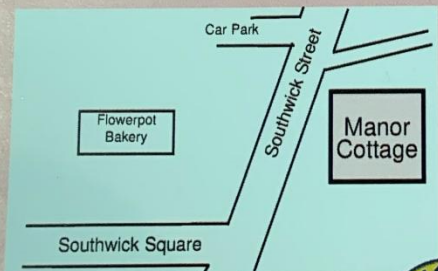
Neither the Governors nor Bosco CET support or recommend the advice, products or services offered nor the organisations offering them. Individuals should satisfy themselves on the suitability of any of the advice, products or services and on the nature and standing of these organisations (or any mentioned in this newsletter or any other publication)



Come and meet
**Father
Christmas**
in his grotto at
Manor Cottage

16/18 Southwick Street, Southwick (see map below)

- ★ **Saturday 6th December 11 am to 3 pm**
- ★ **Saturday 13th December 11 am to 3 pm**
- ★ **Sunday 14th December 11 am to 3 pm**
- ★ **Saturday 20th December 11 am to 3 pm**
- ★ **Sunday 21st December 11 am to 3 pm**



Only £6.00 per child
to include a gift
No need to book

Adur East  Lions Club

Your School Lottery



For December's superdraw there is a huge new guaranteed prize – their biggest ever!

This Christmas, someone will win a £10,000 cash bonanza – that's £5,000 for you and £5,000 for the school. What a way to spread some festive cheer!

There is still a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot prize each week with 40% of your ticket purchase going back to the school and now 25% of ticket sales each week going to one lucky supporter as a guaranteed prize each week! (Terms of play will be updated from 29th November to reflect this change.)

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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE LAUNCH OF...

THE DOCK



YOUTH CLUB

ALL CHILDREN AGE 11-14



HALL AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SHOREHAM BEACH



**2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
(STARTING 11TH JANUARY)**

FUN • GAMES • SNACKS • FRIENDS

**COME AND HANG OUT, MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
AND ENJOY A SPACE MADE JUST FOR YOU!**

DROP IN, OR BOOK YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING

mrsamycoke@yahoo.com

4.00pm - 5.30pm

**ROCK
STEADY**

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!



IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!

- ▶ Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- ▶ Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- ▶ Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- ▶ Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- ▶ Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

**BOOK TO START
LESSONS IN JANUARY!**



0330 123 0330 (Mon-Thu 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-5pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicchool.com



Hands on Art Workshops

After school Art Club

New Venue!

@The Circular Space, Shoreham

Mondays and Tuesdays

3:30-5:30pm- Half Term Blocks

Explore, design, make, build,
draw....2 hours of getting *arty!*

Ages 6-12 - Small groups



Bring your ideas to life!

Time to explore your ideas, your imagination, different materials & creative techniques!

Run by Hanna Boal- Qualified teacher, Community Artist and maker - DBS & Insured

hanskibol88@gmail.com - 07912 569 481

Small group so book your place now for January 2026!

Instagram- HandsOn_bringyourideastolife



Autumn Term Round-Up

Year 4 have had great fun learning this term and have covered so many topics! Most recently, for our geography topic we made messy maps to help us understand how important the River Nile is to Egypt. The children took part in an Egyptian workshop and mummified tomatoes to help understand the step-by-step guide of Egyptian mummification. We also really enjoyed our tasting and knife skills session with chef John which are part of the Adopt A School Food Education programme. The children will be continuing the sessions in the Spring Term and also visiting Plumpton College Farm. They also visited Worthing Symphony Orchestra at the assembly halls in Worthing and listened to their performance.



Year 2 went to the Weald and Downland museum to enhance their learning of the Victorians topic. They also had Pirate Day where they dressed as pirates and made their pirate ships and dug up treasure. The children have enjoyed gymnastics lessons with Ms Power from Shoreham Academy. They have visited Shoreham town for their geography walk and also a residential home and read stories to the residents. This week the children in Years 1 & 2 took part in their Christmas productions and loved performing to their parents, grandparents and carers.

Reception have been learning all things nocturnal this term which culminated in visits from Hawking About and St Francis Animal Care – birds of prey and hedgehogs. The children were very excited to watch the birds flying in the hall and even got to hold one of them. They also enjoyed meeting the hedgehogs. Reception children also had a great evening at “Winter Wonderland” where they made hot chocolate, toasted marshmallows to make s’mores, lit sparklers and made firework biscuits – a great time was had by all!



Year 5, as part of the WW2 topic, visited Shoreham Fort earlier in the term. The children learned about the diverse history of the Fort, why it was built and the part it played in both World Wars in protecting Shoreham. It is the last Fort of it's kind and the children were told how the Friends of the Fort are working to conserve and maintain it for the future. Penelope was elected as class Prime Minister for the day and made new rules whereby the children could come in to school in their home clothes and/or pyjamas, watch films and eat snacks.



Year 6 had a very exciting day in London when they visited the Houses of Parliament. Tom Rutland MP met them there and then visited the children at school. They were able to read their persuasive speeches that they had written to him during his visit to the school which they enjoyed doing. Tom was very impressed with their writing skills.

Earlier in the term the children visited Brighton to help write their booklets about Brighton.

In DT this week they have been building piers with help of a dad and a granddad; we are very grateful to them for giving up their time to come in to school and help the children.



Year 3 visited Drusillas earlier this term to enhance their learning of the Africa topic. They did workshops on the Maasai and also animal encounters. They had a really lovely day out. During their RE lessons the children did 'godly play' to help us recall the story of Isaiah the prophet. This week they have been making, designing and tasting their own bread, as part of DT, which they really enjoyed. The children have also visited Cavell House and met some of the residents and shared stories with them. It is wonderful for some of our young children to go out in to the community and meet others.



Year 1 took part in a football day in September, where they enjoyed learning new skills. A particular highlight for the children was Grandparents day when they welcomed their grandparents in to class to show them what they have been learning. More recently Year 1 had Alien day and it was great to see all the children dressed as aliens. Our reporter spoke to one of the children about the Aliens having arrived at the school, to be told "we're just dressed up"!! The children have also visited Glebelands day centre to meet the residents and share stories with them.

Thank you for your support at school throughout the autumn term, also your partnership with the school helping your children learn, supporting with homework etc; your kindness generosity with your gifts, volunteering in school, and your involvement in all the festive events. Your support and contributions make school life richer and Christmas celebrations successful, making for a strong school community. We are very lucky to have such supportive families and please know that we do appreciate you.

Everyone at St Peter's would like to wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

**Merry
Christmas**



mas