



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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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

Monday 26th – Thursday 29th January – Year 6 Bikeability training
Tuesday 27th January – Drama4All Workshops for Years R, 1, 2 “Midnight in the Toyshop”
Friday 30th January – PCSO Chris Marsden Visiting Year 6 – the role of the Police Officer.
Tuesday 3rd February – Chinese Dragon Dance Workshops Years R & 2
Monday 9th – Friday 13th February – Careers Week
Tuesday 10th February – Music Workshops – Whole School
Thursday 12th February – Year 4 educational visit to Plumpton College Farm
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term
Monday 23rd February 2.30pm – Ash Wednesday Liturgy led by Deacon Simon



This Week

In Reception the children have designed and made castles from Duplo and recycled objects. A dragon came with a message – he needed some help – we will continue to look out for him. Year 1 have been partitioning numbers 11 – 50 into tens and ones and counting them as 10, 20, 21, 22, 23 etc. It has been tricky changing from counting in 10's to 1's but the children are persevering. Year 2 have been learning all about the different landmarks in Beijing and began writing fearsome descriptions for our dragons. In Maths, they have been finding ways to make a pound and give the correct change. Their topic in Science is plants so they have started planning and gathering resources for their planting experiment. Year 3 have been learning about fractions. They have also written an advert for watching gladiators and had their first tennis lesson. Year 4 have been writing a persuasive letter to the Government and also learning about an artist that does jungle painting. Year 5 have been writing about aliens as pets and also using cardboard for making paintings. Year 6 maths boosters have started this week. The children have also been writing a guide to Camp Green Lake from their class book – Holes.

Years 3 & 4 Boys Football Tournament

Match report from Mr Healy –

On a very cold and wet day, that would have had Sir Ranulph Fiennes complaining, our Years 3 & 4 boys football team did us all proud. We may have not won any games but the boys never gave up and competed with a smile. Tadhg in particular shone – although he was one of the smallest on the pitch he was fierce in his tackles and would always check on anybody he had knocked to the ground!

Well done to all the boys who took part – Reggie, Finley, Alfred, Donald, Daniel, Arha, Tadhg, Gus, Rhyley, Arthur, Elijah, Leo, Charlie. No team photo, unfortunately, due to the very adverse weather conditions.

Nut Allergies

A reminder that St Peter's is Nut Free although, as a school, we cannot guarantee there are no nuts in school whatsoever, we strive every day to be a nut-free school, due to the fact that we have a number of children with serious allergies to nuts.

Parent and Carers can minimise the risks by following these important measures –

- Please do not send in any home-made food for your own child. If you do send in any items for the class to share, or for cake sales etc, then they must be shop bought with the ingredients clearly visible so that they can be checked by staff. If this isn't the case, they would need to be returned home.

- Please do not provide your child with any nuts or products containing nuts in their packed lunch. This includes peanut butter sandwiches and other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella. Chocolate spread is really difficult for us to manage, so please do not give your child chocolate spread sandwiches for their lunch. It also means that you will need to check the ingredients of foods such as cereal bars, biscuits, bread, pesto and some desserts. As a guide, please look out for any print on the ingredients list that says the product contains nuts. If the packaging says “may contain nuts”, this is a smaller risk and may be included in the packed lunch. However, if the packaging states “may contain peanuts” it cannot be brought in to school. This rule applies for any adult in school as well as children.
- Please ensure that, if your child has eaten something containing nuts before school (such as cereals containing nuts), hands and mouths are washed before they enter the school building.



Thank you for your co-operation with the above.

West Sussex County Council Wraparound Childcare Survey

West Sussex County Council’s Early Years and Childcare team has launched a new survey to understand families’ experiences of wraparound childcare. Wraparound childcare provides families with care for school aged children before and after the school day. Please support this by sharing the survey with parents and carers at your school.

The survey is open to all families with primary school-aged children, whether they currently use wraparound childcare in West Sussex or not. It asks about what is working well, what could be improved, and how childcare outside of the school day can better meet the needs of local families.

The survey is anonymous, and your feedback will contribute to countywide planning and development.

Please share [this survey](#) with parents and carers within your setting. The deadline to complete the survey is **23:59 on Sunday 22 February 2026**.

Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class – Week ending 23rd January 2026

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
96.09	96.47	98.06	96.25	94.46	97.45	93.28

House Points – Week ending 23rd January 2026

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
180	201	212	155

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 School Gateway app (clubs section). For further information

please contact the school office. It is possible to pay for your child's sessions at Breakfast Club

using childcare vouchers. If you would like to do this, please contact Liz Matthews in the school office prior to booking

the sessions. - 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

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ROPETACKLE CINEMA presents a FAMILY FILM – FREAKIER FRIDAY

A sequel to the beloved 2003 Freaky Friday with a multigenerational twist, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan who reprise the roles as Tess and Anna Coleman. The story picks up years after Tess and Anna endured an identity crisis. Anna now has a daughter of her own and a soon-to-be stepdaughter. As they navigate the myriad challenges that come when two families merge, Tess and Anna discover that lightning might indeed strike twice.

Please note this film will be shown at 2pm.

Cert PG, duration 111 mins.

Tuesday 17th October 2.00pm. Tickets £4.00 available from the Box Office or on-line.





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of our classes at iSTAR Academy.

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come and trial a class with us

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FEB HALF TERM CAMP

Thursday 19th Feb
10am-1pm
@Sport Brighton

[Docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

School years 3-7

Contact Hazel
for more details:
Shoreham.netball.club@gmail.com



Your School Lottery



Kicking things off with the New Year Super Draw this January, one lucky supporter will win a huge £1,000 Aldi gift card (or, of course, a £1,000 cash alternative). Stock up on groceries, Super 6 fruit and veg and award-winning wines or splash out on those unexpected Specialbuys in the middle aisle – who know what you'll come home with?!

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.