

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026

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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 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2.30pm – Ash Wednesday Liturgy led by Deacon Simon

Friday 27th February – PCSO Chris Marsden visiting Year 6 re secondary school transition

Monday 2nd – Friday 13th March – Year R Balance Bike training

Wednesday 4th March 3.30 – 6.00pm – Parents Evening

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Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th March 3.30 – 4.00pm – Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall

Wednesday 11th March 11.00 – 3.00pm – Years 5 & 6 to Shoreham Academy – performance of Mary Poppins

Friday 13th March – Year 5 Harry Potter themed Science Day at St Oscar Romero School

Wednesday 18th March 2.30pm – Rocksteady concert

Tuesday 24th March – Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability training

Tuesday 24th March – RepTylers animals & creatures visit to Year 4

Wednesday 25th March – Chef John visit to Year 4 – bread making and front of house sessions

Friday 27th March – last day of Spring term

Monday 30th – Friday 10th April – School Easter holidays

Monday 13th April – Inservice day – school closed

Tuesday 14th April – Children return to school

This Week

Reception have been learning about AI. The children have been looking at fairy tales for careers week and are going to apply to be in a fairy tale. The children will be able to dress up on Friday. Year 1 have been learning about the work of a Vet and have set up a role play area which they are really enjoying. Year 2 made a healthy packed lunch which they enjoyed eating. Year 3 have been using clues to draw a Roman town in history. Year 4 have read a poem about training dragons. Year 5 have written a job application to become an astronaut and learning about percentages in maths. Year 6 have finished reading the book Holes which the children really enjoyed and even applauded it at the end! They will be watching the film on Friday.

This week has been Careers Week at school and we have welcomed a lot of visitors who came in school to talk to the children – Evie Ayling, Yoga & Wellness; Louise Chadwin, Community Midwife; Stacey Purath, Physiotherapist, Joel Lamping, Sports Referee; Jack Baldwin-Snow, Orthopedic Doctor; Alex Hodson, Engineer Offshore Wind; Emma Coleman, Holiday Rep; Andy Morgan, RNLI Volunteer; Lorenzo Peri, Civil Servant - Government & Public Service; Dan Marks, Energy, Climate and Journalism; Jake Marshall, Army Officer Royal Artillery; Kira Sumkley, Photography & Digitisation; Abram Sefain, Finance/Trading; Gillian Morgan-Lai, Doctor at Worthing Hospital. We are very grateful to all these people for giving up their time to come and support our careers week; the children have really enjoyed learning about all the different types of careers that are available.

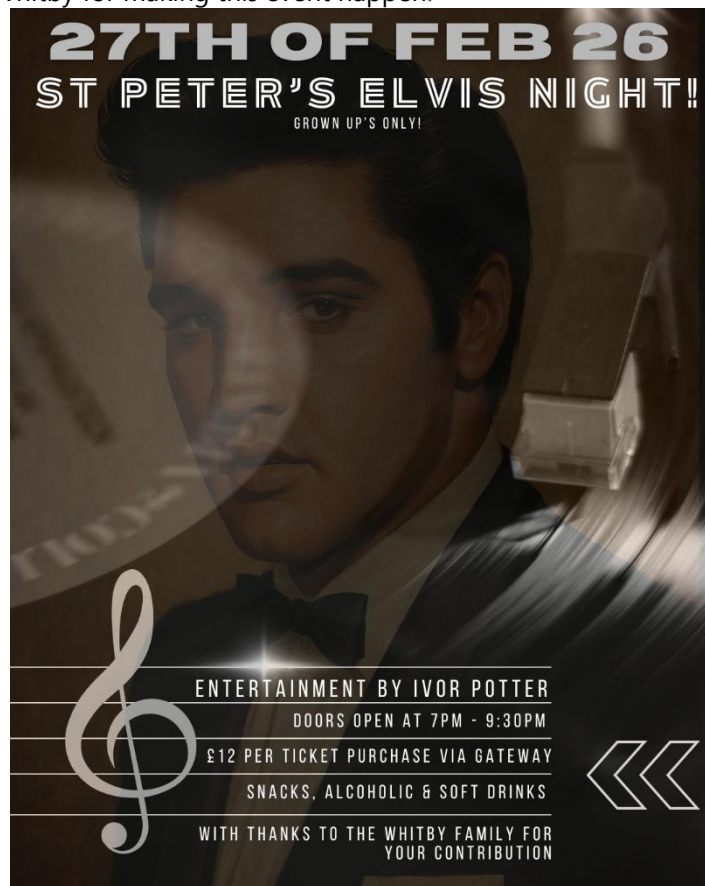
There are lots of fliers at the end of this newsletter advertising activities over the half term. We hope you find them useful.

We hope you all have a happy and safe half term and look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Elvis Night

The Friends Association have arranged a fundraising Elvis tribute night at the school on Friday 27th February. The singer is a local man who has visited St Peter's before as Elvis. He is exceptional and we can promise you a great evening. Refreshments will be available to purchase at the event. Tickets are available via the School Gateway app (payments section). Please do support this fundraising event – it will be a great night and if you like Elvis' music you really will not be disappointed.

Our thanks also to Mr & Mrs Whitby for making this event happen.



World Book Day

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we will be celebrating the day in school. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and can also bring in a copy of the relevant book, or another book that they enjoy reading. Please ensure all books have your child's name in. Please do not purchase any expensive costumes for World Book Day – a simple creation from home is more than adequate. The children will receive a £1 book token for World Book Day – these can be spent at our book fair after school on 10th, 11th, 12th March.

World Mathematics Championship – St Oscar Romero School

Last week, 4 of our Year 5 children spent the day at St Oscar Romero school to attend the World Mathematics Championship. This is a competition, originated from South East Asia, and is based on an alternative method of examining mathematics which is both collaborative and challenging. It was a fun filled day, they children had a great time, showing that maths is an exciting and energetic subject when passion and creativity are combined. The children came first against all the other schools and we are so proud of them. Well done – Daisy, Eddie, Jayden and Ollie.



Aoife, Year 4

Congratulations to Aoife, Year 4, who took part in the music section of the Worthing Music and Arts festival this week. She played a short solo on her flute and a trio with her friends to an audience and adjudicator. Aoife really enjoyed playing her flute and was awarded a gold medal – we are so proud of you Aoife, well done!



Lisa's Tree Donations

You will remember that in December we were donated a Christmas tree from Hunter's Recruitment to mark the life of Lisa Oakley, a past parent, to celebrate her life and love of Christmas. We received lots of lovely donations that were placed under the tree and these were given to Turning Tides charity for the homeless. We have received an email from them, as follows –

To all at St Peter's Catholic Primary School. Thank you all for your kind gifts of items for Christmas Happiness Hampers which were given to Turning Tides clients at Christmas. These were greatly appreciated. Once again, this Christmas, our community came together with compassion and kindness to support people experiencing homelessness and you played a part. In total over £3,500 worth of products were donated, along with additional funds.

A few touching words from clients remind us why this work matters –

"The chocolate and gifts made me feel happy on a bad day"

"Thank you very much for this bag of goodies and the Christmas present – I haven't had one of those in a long time"

Thank you to everyone for your kind support.

Product recall: Hobbycraft "Giant box of craft"

The Office for Product Safety and Standards has issued an urgent recall of the **Hobbycraft Giant Box of Craft** because some vials of coloured sand included in the set may contain **asbestos**, which is a banned substance and poses a risk to health even at low levels of exposure. The product has been withdrawn and **must not be used**.

What you need to do:

- **stop using the product immediately**
- **if the sand is still in its packaging**, place it in a **heavy-duty plastic bag**, double tape it securely, **label it clearly**, and store it in a secure location out of the reach of children
- **if the sand has been used**, clean areas where the product was used with **wet cloths** to avoid generating dust. **Wear gloves and a mask**. Double bag the sand, gloves, mask and cloths
- **keep children and other people away** from areas where the sand has been used until the area has been fully cleaned
- return the sand vials from the product to your nearest Hobbycraft store for a full refund
- if you cannot get to a store, follow the disposal steps above and **dispose of the sand in your general household waste**, then contact Hobbycraft for a full refund

Please **share this information with families in your setting**, as parents and carers may also have purchased this product for home use. The full recall notice is available on the [GOV.UK web page](#) for anyone who needs further instructions.

Urgent public health message for non-sterile alcohol-free wipes

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued an [urgent public health message](#) and an updated [press release](#) on 5 February 2026, reminding the public not to use 4 specified non-sterile alcohol-free wipes products.

During outbreak investigations in 2025, the following products were found to be contaminated with Burkholderia.

These four products should not be used under any circumstances:

- ValueAid Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes
- Microsafe Moist Wipe Alcohol Free
- Steroplast Sterowipe Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes
- Reliwipe Alcohol free Cleansing Wipes (testing revealed contamination with a Burkholderia strain not related to the outbreak cases)

Please see link below to the GOV.UK website article –

[Burkholderia stabilis infections associated with non-sterile alcohol-free wipes: ongoing risk to patients - GOV.UK](#)

Please do check and dispose of accordingly any of the above wipes you may have at home.

Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class – Week ending 13th February 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
96.39	96.71	98.18	96.10	93.23	97.66	93.72

House Points – Week ending 13th February 2026

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
300	330	270	255

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

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

Shop with over 8,000 retailers via #easyfundraising this year and earn a free donation for us at the same time.

All the big names like eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat are ready to donate. It won't cost you anything extra!

So far we have raised over £3,400 which is amazing. Thank you for all your support.

Please sign up today and we could win a £500 donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/spcps/6QLVC5/c2s/mQ7oHj9a/CE947/facebook/3.4k>

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Calling all young artists and makers!
Hands on Workshops After School Art Club
Places for next half term available!
Every Wednesday 3:10 - 5pm
Small groups.
Ages 6-12 years.
Half term block bookings
Book your place now!
Bring your ideas to life!



Hands on Art Workshops

After school Art Club



St Peters Primary

Every Wednesday 3:15-5pm

Explore, design, make, build,
draw...come & enjoy getting *arty!*

£12 per week-Half term blocks

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



Your School Lottery



February's Super Draw brings back a firm favourite – this month you could win a Luxury City Break worth £1,000 (or £1,000 cash!). Whether you want to hit the West End for a weekend, see the architecture and nightlife of Barcelona, sample the art and food of Florence, or soak up the culture in Paris, this prize is simply not to be missed!

The art of the Uffizi and the Louvre, the architecture of the Sagrada Família or the Dancing House, the ancient Greek and Roman sights or a weekend of theatre – whatever a city break means to you, it could be yours this year!

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.



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to PARENTS - Live Talks page

All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

**Freakier
Friday
17th Feb
2pm**

FREAKIER FRIDAY

**The Curious
Case of the
Masked
Magician
19th Feb 2pm**

ROPETACKLE
for families



Ropetackle Arts Centre
Shoreham-by-Sea
www.ropetacklecentre.co.uk
01273 464440



Hands On Art Workshops

Feb Half Term 2026



Make, draw, build, sculpt,
design all day!

Drop off 9am-3pm

Monday 16th February

Tuesday 17th February

@The Circular Space, Shoreham

Small groups

Ages 6-14

£35 per day



Bring your ideas to life!

Hanna Boal- Qualified teacher- Community Artist & maker -DBS & Insured
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FEBRUARY HALF TERM DANCE DAYS WORTHING

WANNADO
Streetdance

AGES
4-11!

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 9AM-4PM

Whats Included:

- Authentic Street dance lesson
- Creative Choreography workshops - Fun and Games
- Treats!
- A Funk filled presentation at 3.30pm to friends and family showcasing our children's Streetdance talent!



COME AND DANCE WITH US THIS HALF TERM!

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 9AM-12NOON

Hiphop dance morning - Boys only

Open to all abilities from age 7 years +. The morning includes a creative choreography workshop, fun & games plus treats!

Pop Commercial dance morning - Girls only

Channel your inner superstar and learn to dance as if you are on tour, performing on stage with your favourite pop stars!

Both classes come together at 11:30am for a boys V girls demonstration to family & friends!



LIMITED SPACES!

Book here: <https://wannado-streetdance.classforkids.io/camps>

kerry@wannadostreetdance.com



WHERE

Shoreham
Academy (Port Hall)
Kingston Lane,
Shoreham,
BN43 6YT



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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS

2026

Book your space now via our
website!

www.i-staracademy.co.uk/holiday-camps

Our holiday camps suitable for 5 -11 year olds include a wide range of activities each day including dance, rhythmic gymnastics, acrobatics, arts and crafts and much more!!

DATES

17 / 18 / 19

FEBRUARY

TIMES

9:30-3:30PM



PRICES

1 day = £35
2 days = £60
3 days =
£80





Church of the
Good Shepherd

Half-term
**CRAFT &
PLAY**
family afternoon

**Wednesday
18th February**
2pm-4pm drop-in. Free!

Church of the
Good Shepherd hall, Kings
Walk, Shoreham Beach

Join our charity and learn bystander CPR skills for yourself, then practice them by teaching local school children in 70-minute face-2-face sessions



Our volunteers:

- are from all backgrounds
- are DBS checked
- need no previous CPR training
- deliver a simple, scripted, video supported session
- join together in small groups to teach in local schools when they can



We'll provide:

- online signup and training
- manikins to teach with
- video support for sessions
- e-certificate for CPD purposes
- feedback opportunity
- organisation of sessions
- resources, information & support



Why volunteer:

- *2 of the 24,000+ children we've trained have saved lives -as has a volunteer*
- *practice through teaching increases confidence to do CPR if needed*
- *it's flexible*
- *meet new people*
- *gain a sense of achievement and make a difference*



Scan the QR code or visit www.littlelifesavers.org/volunteer/ to find out more.

Registered Charity no. 1169176

www.littlelifesavers.org

Our offer runs all year round, not just during half term:
Kids Eat Free | Monday to Friday | 3pm-6pm

As a family business, we really understand how challenging the cost of living can be, especially for families with children. We aim to offer a welcoming, affordable place where families can enjoy a relaxed meal together without adding extra pressure to their budgets.

We would love to welcome your families and be part of their local community experience.

A child wearing a pink hoodie is seated at a table, eating a large burger and a plate of fries. A glass of orange juice with a red straw is on the table. A menu is open in front of the child.

Kids Eat Free

Monday - Fridays 3-6pm

The Bridge. 87 High Street, Shoreham-by-sea BN43 5DE