

## ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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Please visit the school website [www.stpeterscatholicprimary.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2pm – PTA Meeting to discuss the Summer Fayre

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm – Year 1 Phonics meeting – Year 1 classroom

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs tests

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Inservice day – school closed

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm – Year 6 parents meeting re Hindleap Warren residential visit – Year 6 classroom

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 3.30 – 5.30pm – Summer Fayre



### This week

Reception have been doubling in Maths. They have also been learning about all the things you need to grow a plant and have planted cress. Year 1 had a Science day all about animals; the children met Bolt the tortoise and have been comparing numbers in Maths. Year 2 have been writing twisted tales of their own based on the story of the Three Little Pigs and shared their stories with Year 4. Year 3 recently had a workshop about the Vikings & Saxons which they really enjoyed. They have designed fact page about the Vikings. Year 4 are planning a tourist brochure for Shoreham; they have learnt about rhetorical questions, exaggeration and expanded noun phrases. Year 5 are learning about the Ancient Greeks and specifically about Greek patterns and myths. Year 6 are busy preparing for their SATs tests in a couple of weeks time. They have also been writing about villains and, very excitingly, received their leavers hoodies this week.

### Golden House Points

We have introduced **Golden house** points recently in school. These are very special, very rare and very hard to get! These are awarded for children that consistently go 'above and beyond' every day in their work and in how they treat others. They are worth an amazing **twenty five** house points! In addition, children are presented with a special badge that they can wear all year long. We would like to celebrate the success of these pupils in the newsletter and will be sharing the names of the pupils that get one in the future. As we have not reported on these before, we have a bumper pack of names this week:

Ruben B, Jude M, Maisie T, Aisha, Emilia T-B, Skye, Henry P-W, Oakley, Kaya, Artur, Sonny, Wentile, Aria B, Sebastian, Luke, Immy T, TJ, Gaby, Piper, Gus, Alicia, Aria H, Mila A, Alex R, Nuala, Chichi, Amelie and Buster  
We look forward to sharing more recipients with you soon.

### £26 for 2026 Fundraising Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in this challenge, organised by the Friends Association. It has been lovely to hear about all the different activities the children have taken part in to raise money to enable the school to purchase more chromebooks. To date we have raised £2,500 which is amazing. Mr English is very excited and going to get quotes for the chromebooks. We will update you when they arrive.

### **Fair Milk for a Fair Start**

As a school, we are absolutely committed to doing everything we can to support your child's health and wellbeing, alongside providing the best possible educational experience.

As part of this, we take great pride in ensuring every child receives good nutrition throughout the school day. Good nutrition supports children's health and development, but it also plays a crucial role in helping them feel settled, focused and ready to learn each day.

To help achieve this, we have routines in place that encourage healthy habits in the classroom – and providing access to nutritious milk is an important part of this. Milk provides vital nutrients that support children's growth, oral health, mental wellbeing and cognitive development during these early years at school.

You may already be aware, but children currently receive school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's free school milk scheme. After this point the entitlement ends, meaning that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving milk while others do not – unless parents choose to cover the cost through a subsidised scheme.

This creates an unfair system where some children lose access to milk partway through their Reception year simply because of when their birthday falls. As a result, approximately 480,000 children stop receiving school milk each year and children from disadvantaged backgrounds are disproportionately affected.

Helping address this, our school is supporting a campaign called Fair Milk for a Fair Start, which is calling for a simple change to the Government's current school milk policy so that all children can receive free milk until the end of their Reception year. Launched by Cool Milk, our school milk provider, the campaign's low-cost solution would create a fairer and simpler system for children, families and schools.

If you would like to learn more about the campaign and show your support, you can find further information at

<https://fairmilkfairstart.com/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your ongoing support.

### **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.



### **Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class** – Week ending 1<sup>st</sup> May 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.

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
94.36	96.11	97.84	96.21	95.06	97.67	94.64

### **House Points** – Week ending 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

<b>Starfish</b> 	<b>Rays</b> 	<b>Seahorses</b> 	<b>Seals</b> 
390	390	458	422

## **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](mailto:bofbuddies@gmail.com)



Kind regards

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### **Amazon Wishlist**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YOTQO1KCEUO2/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1?encoding=UTF8&type=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!

To sign up, if you haven't already done so, please visit - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

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## **Your School Lottery**



This month's Super Draw is a £1,000 IKEA home transformation. Now imagine what you could do with that! A garden set up ready for summer BBQs. A fresh new look for your living space. Those long-awaited finishing touches that pull everything together. However you would use it, this is your chance to make your space feel just right.

Remember, you can always choose a £1,000 cash alternative or plant 1,000 trees instead.

Want to give yourself an even better shot at the prize? Add a few extra tickets for more chances to win.

*To start supporting the school visit [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/Play](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/Play) and search for St Peter's Catholic*

*Thank you for your support.*



# Hands on Art Workshops

May HALF TERM Workshops



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

Drop off 9am-3pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

@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  
hanskibol88@gmail.com 07912 569481

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**“THIS MORNING,  
HE HAD A  
RUNNY NOSE...  
BUT LOOK AT  
HIM NOW!”**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**HM Government**


Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.


**NHS**

## Swimming Lessons at Windlesham House School, Washington

 **Ages 4-16 | Stages 1-10 | Limited Spaces**

**Sunday Lessons:** Small groups (max 6), experienced instructors, 30-min sessions in the beautiful, modern heated indoor pool at Windlesham with ample parking. Swim England structured progression in a nurturing environment.

 **Summer Course: 3-7 August** Morning lessons, Monday-Friday. All abilities welcome. Accelerate progress or top-up skills over the holidays.

 **Squad Sessions** 1-hour sessions for older swimmers, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Sundays. Perfect for GCSE PE, BTEC, DofE, or fitness. Non-competitive, technique-focused training. Many swimmers go on to qualify as lifeguards at 16.

**Book Now:**  [Enquiry Form](#) |  [info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk](mailto:info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk) [Website](#)



**Learn to Swim Programme  
& Aquatic Teen Development Sessions**  
For children aged 4-16 years

 **Location**  
Windlesham House School, Washington, RH20 4AY  
Beautiful 25m indoor swimming pool

 **Term Time Courses**  
Learn to Swim: Classes run throughout the school term on Sundays  
Teen Sessions: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Sundays

 **Why choose us**  
With over 30 years of swimming instruction experience, our lessons are:

- Engaging** - Fun and interactive sessions that keep children motivated
- Flexible** - Adaptable to each child's learning pace and ability
- Inclusive** - Welcoming environment for all children
- Creative** - Innovative teaching methods that make learning enjoyable

**Get started today!**  
Contact us to book your child's place:  
Email: [info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk](mailto:info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk)  
[www.penguinswimlessons.co.uk](http://www.penguinswimlessons.co.uk)

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BTEC



**Romero Run**  
**Sunday, 21st June 2026 - 9am start**

We'd like to invite you to join the Romero Run. Our annual charity fun run over 5k or 10k. A fast, flat course on roads & trails along the Goring coast. And introducing the 3k fun run around the school field, for younger runners. Organised by Raw Energy Pursuits, experts in trail running.

Medals for finishers of all distances.

Scan the QR code for full details & registration.

**HAVE A BLAST!**  
**3KM FUN RUN FOR KIDS!**  
**FOR AGES 4-11 • GORING-BY-SEA**

WALK, JOG OR RUN!  
 EVERY FINISHER IS A WINNER!  
 AROUND THE ST OSCAR ROMERO SCHOOL FIELD

**3KM FUN RUN**  
 A fun and safe event just for kids!

**JUST FOR KIDS**  
 For ages 4-11  
 Let's get active and have fun!

**MEDAL FOR EVERY FINISHER**  
 Because you're all champions!

**GREAT MUSIC**  
 To keep you moving and smiling!

**BACON ROLLS TO BUY**  
 Grab a tasty bacon roll and refuel!

**SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026 GORING-BY-SEA**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

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# Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

## What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends



## Dates:

28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2026

Time: 9:30 am -2:00pm

 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX**



## Book Now

spaces limited to 10 children per day

**£115 per child per day**


By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £40 deposit. You will then be invoiced for the outstanding amount on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May

### Links for Booking

[mindfulness pony day 28<sup>th</sup> of May](#)

[mindfulness pony day 29<sup>th</sup> of May](#)

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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