

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 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 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term

Monday 1st June – Inservice day – school closed

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

Friday 5th June 3.30 – 5.30pm – Summer Fayre



This week

Reception have released their butterflies. In RE the children have been painting pictures of the Holy Spirit. On Monday the children brought in a game for share and take turns day. Year 1 have been learning about senses in Science – they tasted different foods and smelt different smells. PCSO Marsden visited the class yesterday and talked to the children about online safety. Year 2 have also released their butterflies. They have also been making abstract self portraits. Year 3 have been busy making cushions and also practicing Quad Kids (athletics). Year 4 have been writing about Shoreham in Geography and researching what jobs are available in Shoreham. Year 5 have been writing reports about Greek life and learning about Athens. Year 6 had a special surprise yesterday – a bouncy castle to celebrate the end of SATs. They are also practising hard for the Year 6 production “Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies”.

As the week has progressed, we have enjoyed the sun coming out. Because of this, please make sure that children have named sun hats and have sun cream applied. Also, please also check that jumpers and cardigans have names in them, as we often end up with a huge pile of unnamed ones of these by the end of the week!

We hope that you have a restful half term. We come back to a very busy time: the summer fayre, sports day, meet new teachers, open afternoon, the Year Six play and much more!

We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 2nd June.

Golden House Points

We continue to celebrate the achievements of our pupils that go 'above and beyond' with the much-sought-after Golden Housepoint! The children that have been awarded this prestigious award since the last newsletter are:

Hugo H, Cornelia, Eva, Lily, Phoebe, Theo, Elodie, Sazidul, Imogen, Brooke, Tadhg OD, Ella, Penny, Luna, Kornelia, Louis B, Rex, Oliver W, Alex PW, Kobi, Nuala, Florence, Henry T, Aiofe, Anna, Emily, Jayden, Mollie, Daphne, Daisy, Milo, Ethan BV, Tolani, Savanna

Free School Meals eligibility update – important, please read

New Government guidance is that from the start of the 2026/27 academic year, transitional protections for children on free school meals will end. Previously, if a child was eligible for FSM during their primary school years this would continue until the end of their primary education; this only applies until the end of the 2025/26 academic year. Households must meet the FSM eligibility criteria (see end of this newsletter) from the start of the 2026/27 academic year to continue receiving provision.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

Targeted FSM which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will continue to attract Pupil Premium and be eligible for the HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) programme.

Expanded FSM a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for Targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit (The Government has declared these pupils will not attract Pupil Premium or be eligible for the HAF programme). They will only receive free meals.

For those families already identified as eligible for FSM, West Sussex County Council will be undertaking the routine annual checks during June/July 2026 and will notify schools and parents of any change to FSM status.

If you are not already eligible for free school meals and wish to apply, please see link below –

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Matthews in the School Office.

Parking in Eastern Avenue

Email received from a concerned parent about the parking in Eastern Avenue –

I am writing as discussed regarding the recent increase in parents stopping and parking on the yellow lines and, more concerningly, on the school zigzag markings outside the Eastern Avenue entrance during drop-off and pick-up times.

The situation appears to be particularly bad when it is raining, with vehicles frequently stopping in unsafe positions very close to the school gate. As Eastern Avenue is already a very busy road, often used by large lorries and heavy traffic, the issue is becoming increasingly concerning from a safety perspective

With two primary schools located on this road, the area becomes extremely congested at these times, and visibility for children crossing the road can be significantly reduced when cars are parked where they should not be.

I would be very grateful if the school could remind all parents and carers about the importance of parking considerately and safely, particularly avoiding the yellow lines and zigzag markings, which are there to help protect the children.

Eastern Avenue

We have had a request from a resident in Eastern Avenue to request that parents parking in the road do not leave their engines running for air conditioning whilst they are waiting for school pick up. Apparently, there was a similar problem with cars having engines running to run heaters during the winter months. There are many cars that arrive between 2.00 – 2.20pm and some of them have their engines running the whole time and, indeed, until the driver gets out to meet their child from school. Please be aware of noise pollution and, more importantly, the dangerous levels of harmful emissions gathering about a metre off the ground, the same height as young children, as there is no movement to disperse those emissions. It is also against Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act, where unnecessary idling is an offence.

We would respectfully request your support in adhering to correct and sensible parking in Sullington Way, Eastern Avenue and the surrounding roads. This is for the safety of all children and families. Thank you.

Creative Minds Pre-School

Creative Minds Pre-School have some exciting news to share! From September they are able to offer wrap around care (chargeable at their usual hourly rate of £8.70 per hour).

Please contact Claire.creatiemindepreschool@gmail.com if this is of interest to you – spaces are limited to please contact Claire soon to secure your place.



Litter Picking

Congratulations to Daisy and Suzanne from Reception who have decided to litter pick on their way walking back from school recently – inspired by the recent Earth Day and discussions in Reception. They collected almost a bag full each from the school to the playground in Middle Road. Well done girls!



Ropetackle Cinema, Shoreham

ADUR FESTIVAL presents a SATURDAY MORNING FILM

E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL

Part of the Adur Festival 2026, a celebration of arts, culture and community across the district. The festival brings together local organisations, artists and venues for a programme of performances, talks, exhibitions and events, shining a light on the creativity and stories that make the area unique.

Elliot is your normal boy, until one day, when he meets a little lost alien. Elliot decides to keep the alien, which he gives the name E.T., and works with E.T. in trying to find him a way to get back home.

Cert U, duration 114 mins.

Saturday 30th May, 10.00 a.m. Admission free but booking required. Tickets available from Box Office or on-line - max. four tickets per person.


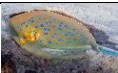


Cumulative Attendance Summary by Class – Week ending 22nd May 2026

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.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.34	96.04	97.98	95.91	95.14	97.64	94.86

House Points – Week ending 22nd May 2026

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
170	200	286	295

Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility Criteria

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

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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!

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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 and search for St Peter's Catholic

Thank you for your support.



Half-term Family Fun Afternoon Flower Power!

Wednesday 27th May
2pm-4pm drop-in

Free!

Crafts

Milkshakes

Lego

Games



Church of the

Good Shepherd

Church Hall, Kings Walk, Shoreham Beach



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SCHOOL TICKET DISCOUNT



USE CODE: 'PRIMARYSCL' OR 'SECONDARYSCL'
TO SECURE A 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL T20 VITALITY BLAST TICKETS



We are excited to announce that the Brighton Foundation Soccer School will be hosting two fantastic football days this May Half Term at St Nicolas & St Mary CE Primary School in Shoreham!

Would it be a possibility to promote this to other parents/guardians?

📅 Dates: Monday 26th May & Tuesday 27th May

🕒 Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

📍 Venue: St Nicolas & St Mary CE Primary School, Shoreham-by-Sea, UK

These sessions are a brilliant opportunity for children to develop their football skills, stay active, make new friends, and enjoy fun games and coaching in a positive environment led by experienced coaches.

The sessions are open to children of all abilities, whether they are new to football or already play regularly. Throughout the day, players will take part in:

- Skill development activities
- Small-sided matches
- Fun competitions and challenges
- Teamwork and confidence-building exercises

Please see the link below for more details and how to book on.

<https://bookings.bhafcfoundation.org.uk/activities/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=BHASS-SNSMS-21>

We look forward to welcoming your children for two exciting days of football this May!

The Outdoors Project
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MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

ST NICOLAS AND ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY 26 MAY
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, & experience Minecraft like never before! (knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY
CAMPING HACKS: ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SKILLS
A hands-on day of real camping skills & outdoor fun! Kids will learn how to pitch a tent, carve creations from soap, toast popcorn over the campfire & play different team games. It's a confidence-building day to learn new skills, work together & enjoy the simple joy of being outdoors!

THURSDAY 28 MAY
NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET
Join us as we learn how to take care of our planet through a day of hands-on nature fun! We'll try eco guerrilla gardening, head out on a bug hunt to explore tiny habitats & make plant print art inspired by the patterns in nature. A day about noticing the wonders in nature & learning simple ways to help our planet thrive!

FRIDAY 29 MAY
NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES
NEW for 2026! We'll team up to engineer giant robots, design our own mini clay machines & bring them to life before stepping into our high energy Nerf missions. From robot invasion & rescue, to alien attack games, it's a sci-fi day packed with teamwork, creativity & action! (Ages 6+ recommended)

NATURE NINJA
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

NERF SHARP SHOOTER
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

ROAM
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"
★★★★★

OUTDOOR AMBASSADOR
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"THE KIND OF DAY EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE"
★★★★★

For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



**The Steyning Festival has heaps of FUN activities for kids this half term!
From children's theatre and circus skills to science, art and sporty
activities, we have something for everyone!
PLUS the chance to meet 2 fantastic authors CHRIS RIDDELL
and LIZ PICHON and see their amazing live drawing shows!**



**ART IN THE PARK DAY:
TUESDAY 26th MAY 2pm**



Drawing Magical Mermaids and More

*A creative event for the whole family!
Join multi-award winning author and illustrator*

CHRIS RIDDELL

*for an hour of fantasy drawing fun for ages 6+
with LIVE DRAWING and an underwater draw-along!
2pm-3pm at the PENFOLD HALL Child Ticket £5*

FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK AT : STEYNINGFESTIVAL.CO.UK



**Story-Telling Day
Thursday 28th May
2pm in the BIG TOP**



THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF LIZ PICHON



Join the best-selling author of the **TOM GATES** series for a joyful hour of **DOODLING**, giggling, games, storytelling and more! Liz will be celebrating 15 years of the **TOM GATES** books and introducing us to the colourful crazy world of **THE MUBBLES**.

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Saturday 30th May
From 3.30 – 5.30pm
At

Swiss Cottage Pub, Shoreham-By-Sea

Live music, singing & dancing fun!

FREE ENTRY

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book a table with the Swiss Cottage

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE

Brighton Road, Shoreham-by-Sea,

West Sussex, BN43 5LT

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

CLIMBING TASTER

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May

10:00 11:30

£15

SUP TASTER

Thursday 28th May

9:30-11:30

£15

Kayak Taster

Friday 29th May

10:00-12:00

£15

INTENSIVE CLIMBING CLUB

26th, 27th, 28th May

13:00-15:00

£50

To Book Visit:

www.aduroutdoors.co.uk

All participants must be in School
Year 3 or above

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STEYNING
FESTIVAL

22-31
MAY 26

SCIENCE DAY

SAT 30TH MAY
12NOON - 5.30PM

- PLANETARIUM & SPECIALISED TELESCOPE TO LOOK AT THE SUN
- MONITOR OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT WITH SUSSEX NATURE SENSE CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS
- GET A THERMAL IMAGE OF YOURSELF
- FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING UNDER THE SEA
- BUILD LED TORCHES & ELECTRIC CIRCUITS
- TAKE A VIRTUAL REALITY TRIP TO THE RAMPION WIND FARM
- LEARN ABOUT AI WITH A FREE TALK BY PROFESSOR THOMAS NOWOTNY

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HIM NOW!”**

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MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

NHS