St Peter's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2026

A word from the Saints

"Life is a talent entrusted to us
so that we can transform it and increase it, making a gift to others."

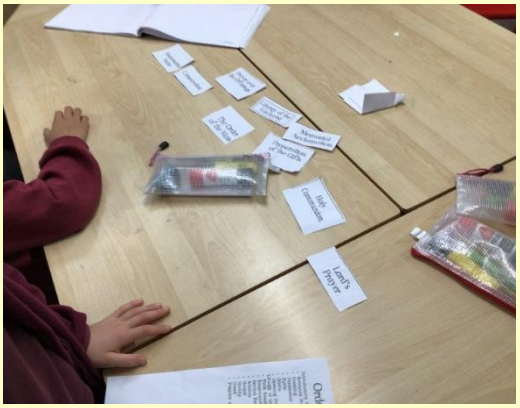
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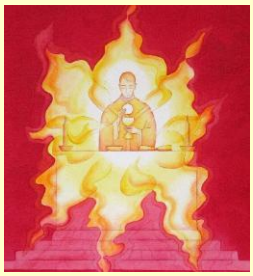
Messages from School

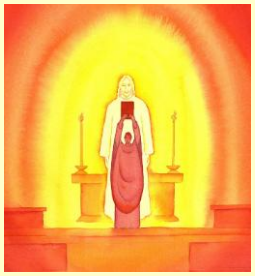
Religious Education in Year 3

This week, Year 3 moved into Learning Focus 2 of our Prophecy and Promise branch. We are learning more about mass and its structure, along with the reasons behind why people go to mass, especially on a Sunday. On Wednesday, Mrs Pyczel (one of our Foundation Governors) paid us a visit to speak about what mass means to her, and we gained new insight into scripture around guardian angels, transubstantiation and we even learned about some eucharistic miracles! Our key learning included some time to reflect on what mass means to us, along with asking wondering questions about different pieces of art related to mass.









Netball

We had an excellent evening at the Netball league on Wednesday with 3 wins out of 4 possible matches between both of our teams. It was great to see the children showing great improvement and remaining resilient throughout. There was lots to celebrate not just in the scoreline but also in the St Peter's school values which were consistent throughout. Well done to everyone!



First Aid

On Monday Year 2, 4 and 6 took part in a children's first aid course.

Year 2 learnt how to call the ambulance and how to put someone in the recovery position. They also learnt that they could put someone much bigger than them in the recovery position if they needed to. We also looked at what our bodies look like on the inside and a clever trick on how to find the heart.



"I learnt the number that I should call when there is an emergency, 999."
"I learnt where my heart would be."
"I learnt how to try and save somebody's life."
"I learnt that if someone was hurt, I would have to tell someone my address and tell them to come to me. I would have to call an ambulance."
"People sometimes need rescuing and I can check if they are awake or not awake."
"I learnt how to put someone in the recovery position."
"I learnt how to put plasters on people without getting germs on them."











Year 4 recapped who to call in an emergency and how to put someone in a recovery position. They learnt about how to help someone who is choking. They also learnt what you should do if you burn yourself at home and how to put a bandage on someone!

Year 6 learnt all about seizures and how to administer epi pens in the event of an allergic reaction. They also worked in pairs to practise putting one another into the recovery position and even learnt how to do CPR to the rhythm of 'Staying Alive' which they found very amusing. The children had some excellent questions at the end of the session.













Year 5 & 6 Maya Experience Day

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a Maya experience day to immerse them into this half terms topic. The children explored a range of activities to understand life as a Maya.
"I learnt that Maya grew their own money." - Esme.
"They used beans as money," - Seraphin.
"I learnt about the Maya game Pok-ta-Pok." - Ivy.
"It would take hours to make rice from corn for the family." - Michael.



'I learnt that the currency they used was Cacao beans and I really enjoyed grinding the maze to make flour.' – Enrico.
'I enjoyed making a Maya mask and investigating the play dough poo to discover which era it was from.' – Annabelle.

Messages from The Parish

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy is an opportunity for children to hear and understand The Gospel in a way suitable to their age. It is offered at both Our Lady and St Peter's (East Grinstead) and St Bernard's (Lingfield) on the first Sunday of each month during Mass. Come and join us.

Family Carol Service for children



Sunday 13th December at 4pm



Do you know someone in Year 10 or above?

Come and find out about 2027 confirmation programme.

Sunday 6th December 2026 at 3.30pm

at Our Lady and St Peter's Church Hall, East Grinstead.
This is just an informal meeting with no obligation to sign up.

There is further information on the church website:
https://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com/services/sacraments/
or contact us on: confegparish@outlook.com

Eileen, Mike, Terry & Mary look forward to meeting you.

Messages from The Friends

Breakfast with the Elves

The PTA committee has been busy organising our very first St Peter's Breakfast with the Elves! Please support this exciting new fundraiser, featuring festive games, elf mischief and a visit from Father Christmas himself.



Book your tickets here
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofstpetersschooleastgrinstead/2508035

Non-Uniform Day

The children are invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 20th November in exchange for one or more of the items on the poster attached. These items will be available for the children to buy as gifts for their families in our Elfridges Shop during the Breakfast with the Elves event on Saturday 5th December.



The Friends of St Peter's

Supporting our Local and Wider Community

Love in a Box

It has been shared with us that boxes are still welcome - latest date is Wednesday 18th. There is still a need for scarves, pencil cases, packets of tissues and toothpaste if you can donate further or just these items. Once again, many thanks to those who prepared a box already.



Fairtrade stall – Tuesday 17th November

Fairtrade Advent Calendars with the real Christmas story and Divine Chocolate plus Transform Trade Christmas cards and a range of other Fairtrade foodstuffs will be available to purchase in support of this great cause. Card or cash payments welcome.

Weekly Awards



Attendance Ted
Best Attendance
Year 6



Punctuality Pup
Best Punctuality
Year -



Captain Busta
Best Eco Effort
Year 3

Attendance and punctuality are based upon the previous week's data.

Each week, children are nominated for the headteacher's award for demonstrating a variety of great qualities, including:

- Amazing ideas
- For being a great example to others
- For kindness to others
- For perseverance with learning
- For success in grasping a new concept
- For a wonderful sporting attitude

At the end of each half term, children choose who they feel deserves to receive this award.

YEAR R
Wynnie has been chosen for being a great example to others.

YEAR 1
Rainbow has been chosen for her perseverance with her learning.

YEAR 2
Cormac has been chosen for his perseverance with his learning.

YEAR 3
Ava has been chosen for being a great example to others.

YEAR 4
Holly has been chosen for her perseverance with her learning.

YEAR 5
Zach has been chosen for being a great example to others.

YEAR 6
Valentina has been chosen for being a great example to others.

SPECIAL MENTION
Noah in Year 6 for his wonderful sporting attitude.

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2 2026

(new items appear in **bold**)

Term Dates 2026 2027

November	
Tuesday 17th November 3.20pm	**Fairtrade Stall - items available to buy are mentioned above**
Thursday 19th November	Year 4 Swimming 4 of 6
Friday 20th November	**The Friends Non-Uniform Day in exchange for gifts for the children only Elfridges Shop (poster attached)**
Thursday 26th November	Year 4 Swimming 5 of 6
Friday 27th November	Prospective Parents Presentation and Tour Click here to book a place or use the QR Code 
Friday 27th November 2.45pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
Sunday 29th November	1st Sunday of Advent
Week of 30th November	Year 6 Bikeability
December	
Thursday 3rd December	Year 4 Swimming 6 of 6
Friday 4th December 2:30pm	Year R Nativity
Saturday 5th December 9.00am - 10.30am or 11.00am - 12.30pm	The Friends - Breakfast with the Elves
Sunday 6th December	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 6th December 3.30pm	**Confirmation Programme Meeting (details above) At Our Lady & St Peter's Church Hall**
Friday 11th December 2:30pm	Years 1 & 2 Nativity (3 seats per child have been allocated at this stage)
Friday 11th December After school	**The Friends - School Discos – details and timings to follow**
Sunday 13th December	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 13th December 4pm	Family Carol Service for Children at St Bernards' Lingfield (see attached poster)
Tuesday 15th December 1pm	**KS2 Carol Service rehearsal at church (help with walking the children to church would be much appreciated)**
Tuesday 15th December 7pm	**KS2 Carol Service at church (details will be shared nearer the time)**
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Sunday 20th December	4th Sunday of Advent
21st December – 1st January	Christmas Holidays – School Closed

Diary Dates Spring Term 1 2027

(new items appear in **bold**)

Term Dates 2026 2027

January	
Monday 4th January	Inset Day – School Closed for Children
Tuesday 5th January	1st Day of Term