



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

A WORD FROM THE SAINTS

"They who are filled with love are filled with God himself."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)



MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING & FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

FOR FR. JACK & MRS LUSTED

Fr. Jack's final masses in the parish of East Grinstead will be the weekend of 24th & 25th October. As the whole school and parish are not able to safely fit into Our Lady & St Peter's, the school held it's own farewell on Tuesday.

We wished Fr. Jack a fond farewell and thanked him for his service to our school. He has not only been our Parish Priest but also a huge supporter of all we do, sharing his wise words and knowledge in liturgies, masses and RE lessons. We have been blessed by having such a wonderful parish priest and spiritual guide. We wish you a wonderful 'retirement' Fr. Jack.



We also said goodbye to Mrs Lusted, who has been a Teaching Assistant in Year 2 for a number of years and in that time has supported children with their learning. She has also enabled children to achieve their goals with her compassionate and calm manner. We will miss you and all that you have given to St Peter's, we wish you all the best in the future.

MRS FAIZI

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Faizi who has worked at St Peter's for a short time but will be missed by us all. We wish her well in her future endeavours.



YEAR R PCSO VISIT

On Tuesday morning, Year R were visited by PC Nick. He talked about how he helps people in different ways. He showed us some of the many pieces of equipment he carries on his vest such as a baton, walkie talkie and handcuffs. The children were reminded that if ever they were in trouble a Police Officer is a trusted adult who can help us and not someone that we need to be scared of. PC Nick showed us his Police Car, let the children sit inside the back seats if they wanted to and even gave them a demonstration of the flashing lights and siren. It was such a great morning, PC Nick even stayed with Year R for snack time to answer any questions the children had.



POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be available to purchase in support of the British Legion, after half term. Just like last year, there will be a range of items to buy as well as the traditional poppies. Please note that any 'snap bands' purchased may not be worn in school as they cause a significant distraction in class. Once purchased replacements are not offered if the item is later damaged or broken.



FOOTBALL

Our opening matches of the East Grinstead Football League started this week with three of our teams in action. Considering that this is the first time many of our players have played competitively together in their new school teams - they did superbly. We had a range of positive results across the teams but one thing was consistent; the teams supported one another excellently, listened well to coaching feedback and showed such determination. Both Kieron and Mrs Harrington were very proud of all the players and how brilliantly they represented St Peter's.



PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS - BOOKING OPENS AT 6:00PM TODAY

IF YOUR CHILD HAS AN ILP/ISP, THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Parents are invited to sign up for an appointment to meet with their child's class teacher. Each appointment is 10 minutes. Your child's exercise books and other examples of their learning will be available to view in their classroom before your appointment - please bring the books with you when you come to the hall to meet with the class teachers as they will be an invaluable tool during your discussions. **Consultations are on Tuesday 10th November and Thursday 12th November, first appointment is 3.40pm and the last is 6.00pm.** Visit <https://stpeterscps.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointment. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf. **Bookings will close on Friday 6th November at 12noon.** Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office. If you are arriving with your child(ren) Mrs Claffey will supervise them as they wait for you, seated on chairs outside the infant library. They are encouraged to bring a book to read or small device to use whilst waiting, children are not permitted to be in classrooms unsupervised.

On the day of the consultations, parents should collect their children as normal and when all children have been collected you will be invited to enter the school, this will be at approximately 3:30pm. Please collect your child at the usual time of 3.20pm to allow the staff time to prepare for the first appointment.

MESSAGES FROM THE FRIENDS

Happy Half Term

Thank you for all your support over the past seven weeks. We've loved seeing new faces around school and have been busy preparing next half term's fundraising fun!

Today, your child will bring home a parent order form featuring the Christmas design they've created in school. The children have done a fantastic job, and we're sure you'll agree their designs are something special!

Use the details on your form to visit our online shop and order from a selection of items featuring your child's artwork. Orders will be delivered to school for us to distribute to you. Dates will be confirmed.

The shop is open until 9th November. The sooner you order, the more money the school earns!

You'll also find save-the-date posters attached to this newsletter for our upcoming fundraising events. Please pop these in your diary—we know how busy the run-up to Christmas can get!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely half term!

The Friends of St Peter's



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL AND WIDER COMMUNITY

LOVE IN A BOX

Each year, we support this charitable cause by filling shoeboxes with items needed for children of all ages to receive something at Christmas. To explain this cause the children will take part in an Assembly today and received a Teams4u leaflet (a new umbrella organisation for Love in a Box this year). In the meantime, please save medium-size shoeboxes and think about the goodies for needy children to go inside. The contribution to the charity to transport costs to locations in Eastern Europe is £3.50. Boxes should be returned to school after half term by Wednesday 4th November. Thank you. [Teams4u](https://www.teams4u.org.uk)



WEEKLY AWARDS



Attendance Ted
Best Attendance
Year 4



Punctuality Pup
Best Punctuality
Year -



Captain Busta
Best Eco Effort
Year 6

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

AT THE END OF EACH HALF TERM, CHILDREN CHOOSE WHO THEY FEEL DESERVES TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

YEAR R

The children have chosen **Amelia** for being a great friend, sharing toys and being very caring to the class.

YEAR 1

The children have chosen **Jama** for being kind, friendly and helpful.

The children have chosen **Lana** for being kind, a great friend and helpful.

The children have chosen **Lottie** for always being helpful and kind.

YEAR 2

The children have chosen **Lucas** for being a kind friend who will check up on everyone and get help for people when they need it.

YEAR 3

The children have chosen **Aarya-Mae** for being funny, kind and a very good friend. She sets a great example to others too.

YEAR 4

The children have chosen **Clara G** for being a king friend who is great fun to be around.

The children have chosen **Max** for being funny, a great friend and a hard worker.

YEAR 5

The children have chosen **Megan** for being hard working, so kind to others, always being respectful and never gives up with her learning.

YEAR 6

The children have chosen **Isaac P** for being a good role model, a great friend and a supportive peer.

The children have chosen **Izzy** for being a super role model and a kind and helpful friend.

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

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM I 2026

(new items appear in **bold**)

[TERM DATES 2026 2027](#)

OCTOBER

26th – 30th October

Half Term – school closed

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2 2026

NOVEMBER	
Monday 2 nd November	First day of term
Monday 2 nd November	Year 6 Height & Weight checks
Wednesday 4 th November	Love in a Box - Shoeboxes for Teams4u collected
Thursday 5 th November	Year 4 Swimming 2 of 6
Thursday 5 th November	Prospective Parents Presentation and Tour Click here to book a place or use the QR Code
Monday 9 th November	First Aid training for Years 2, 4 & 6
Tuesday 10 th November 3.40pm onwards	Parental Consultations – details to follow
Thursday 12 th November	Year 4 Swimming 3 of 6
Thursday 12 th November 3.40pm onwards	Parental Consultations – details to follow
Thursday 19 th November	Year 4 Swimming 4 of 6
Thursday 26 th November	Year 4 Swimming 5 of 6
Friday 27 th November	Prospective Parents Presentation and Tour Click here to book a place or use the QR Code
Friday 27 th November 2.45pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
Sunday 29 th November	1 st Sunday of Advent
Sunday 29 th November 2.00pm - 4.15pm	Children's Advent Afternoon at St Bernards's Church
Week of 30 th November	Year 6 Bikeability - details to follow
DECEMBER	
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 4 Swimming 6 of 6
Friday 4 th December 2:30pm	Year R Nativity
Sunday 6 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Friday 11 th December 2:30pm	Years 1 & 2 Nativity (3 seats per child have been allocated at this stage)
Sunday 13 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term
Sunday 20 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent
21 st December – 1 st January	Christmas Holidays – School Closed

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 1 2027

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