



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future"

Jeremiah 29:11

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DIARY DATES



Tues 24 Sept	9.15am School Tours for Prospective Parents Sept 2025 Entry
Fri 27 Sept	9-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning in School Hall—All welcome
Tues 1 Oct	9am School Harvest Service at St Peter's Church, Tandridge – All Welcome
Mon 7 Oct	9am Phonics/Reading Info Session for Busy Bees Parents
Tues 15 Oct	5pm Open Evening for Prospective Parents: Sept 2025 Admissions
Wed 16 Oct	9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents: Sept 2025 Admissions
Tues 22 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations – by appointment—details to follow
Thurs 24 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations – by appointment - details to follow

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week. What a difference it makes when the weather is still being kind to us. It was lovely seeing all the children looking very smart and happy as they had their individual/sibling school photos on Monday. As soon as these are ready they will be sent out to you and you may order copy prints if you wish. The children certainly know how to smile beautifully (and it did make us smile even more when we heard how many children were practising their smiles in the car on the way to school!). It is so lovely seeing their happy faces throughout the day as I go into the classrooms or see the children in the playground.

This week we have held some great information/question and answer mornings. If you still have any questions (as I know it is so easy for them to pop into your head after the event) please do feel free to ask the teachers or catch me on the school gate before school. No question is ever a silly question if you don't know the answer.

We were also visited this week by our Diocesan Education Advisor Vicky Matthews. It was wonderful for her to meet many of the children and have a wander around the school. The children were very polite and welcomed her beautifully. They should all be very proud of themselves. We have seen lots of acts of kindness and generosity from children this week and it really warms our hearts to see how they take care of each other.

The school councillors all received their badges this week and are extremely proud to be a part of our various teams. They are all eager to share with you what they will be doing over the coming weeks. The Eco Council, for example, have already identified what might be involved in their team meetings. They are keen to 'look after our environment', 'help the bugs' and continue to make sure that our different eco structures are protected. We had a great conversation about the power of trees and how they provide essential oxygen for us. Impressive!

Next week, as always we have many exciting things happening. The children will be practising for their Harvest festival at church, so I apologise now if some of their songs are filtering into your heads. And please don't forget our Macmillan Coffee morning next Friday 27 September 9am in the school hall.

We would like to say a special thank you this week to Alistair and Zoe for cutting Strawson's Field for us. We know they are extremely busy gathering in the crops this harvest time, but they took time out of their busy schedule to make it lovely for us. It is very much appreciated and I know some of the children loved seeing the tractor.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend. The children have been fantastic as always, this week. They have made us laugh and smile continuously and are an absolute pleasure to be around. Enjoy!

God bless, *Lenia Greenaway*



DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Individual data sheets (yellow form) came home in book bags this week. These contain the information the school holds on your child in the event of emergency. Please check the details carefully, amend if necessary and return to the school office so that pupil files can be updated. If there are no changes please sign the form and return. Thank you.

Dear Father God,

Thank You for guiding our path.

We know that You are doing 10,000 things in our lives, even if we are only aware of a few of them.

Lord, help us recognize Your Spirit.

Bring us deeper into a knowledge of You, so that even in times of adversity, we can rest in the knowledge that You are with us.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Robyn and Reuben (age 6)

FLU VACCINES

The School Nurse Immunisation Team will be at St Peter's on Tuesday 26 November to administer the Flu Vaccination (Nasal Spray) to all year groups YR-Y2. Please ensure that you complete and submit your child's consent form promptly (and before 12pm on 20th November 2024), whether you wish your child to be immunised or not. Parents who have not submitted their consent form by the deadline and wish their child to be immunised will need to call the immunisation team to book an appointment at a community catch up clinic. If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine please indicate this on the online form—details in the email sent 12/9/24.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Team directly : fchc.immunisation.team@nhs.net .

REMEMBER:

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 27 SEPT @ 9am in the School Hall

WORLD'S BIGGEST
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CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES



This week Busy Bees have started to learn the first sounds that will enable them to start reading and writing short words...this is really exciting!!! They have been amazing and showed a great attitude for learning during the phonics sessions. We learned the sounds 's', 'a', 't', and 'p' and practiced them in our books using cursive handwriting. We have also started to focus on numbers to 5 during our maths sessions—thinking of different ways to make those numbers and the composition of each one of them.

An important aspect of children's personal, social, and emotional development (PSED) is to "learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peaceably". These past few weeks in Busy Bees there has been a great focus on this area. PSED builds foundations for making relationships throughout life and the adults in the classroom have been supporting the children, so they can develop the social conventions of being kind to each other, sharing, and playing 'nicely' together.



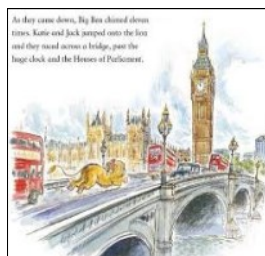
Building friendships over a 'nice cup of tea'



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had another brilliant week. We have continued our sentence writing practise, using the story 'The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse' to inspire us. We focused on writing full sentences using punctuation in the form of capital letters to start a sentence and full stops to end and using finger spaces between words so that our writing is easier to read. We also thought carefully about words we could use to describe the country mouse and the environment in which he lived. In Maths we have been focusing on ordering numbers to 20 and practising some addition, using a number line to help us. During our outdoor learning session, we looked for signs of autumn and completed a check list to keep track of what we had found. We also created some animals made from clay and are really looking forward to painting these next week.

Homework: Addition



DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a really productive week. We have started looking at the book 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew for English. We have started to write our own versions of the story, changing the characters and improving on the book by thinking of alternative words we might use to add better description. In Maths we have learned about estimating. We estimated totals and learned how this skill can be useful. We then moved onto looking at doubling using partitioning. We will continue this next week. In History, we have continued investigating 'The Great Fire of London'. The children were given sentence starters and had to continue the writing about the fire applying their historical knowledge to do this. In Art we have used monochrome colours to draw the London skyline. The children have produced some really amazing work.

Homework: Partitioning

EASYFUNDRAISING

Get free money for St Peter's Infant School when you shop online by installing the easyfundraising app and donation reminder. Each time you shop with well known brands such as Sainsbury, Amazon, Marks and Spencer amongst others, St Peter's will receive a donation amount. It is completely free for you and a great way to boost the school funds with one simple click. Go to : www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstandridge for more information.

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HOUSE TEAM POINTS



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CHURCH NEWS

Autumn is upon us and here at St Peter's we are looking forward to a new season of services.

Our services this Sunday:

11am All Age Worship

6.30pm Evening Prayer

We hope you can join us and that you have a peaceful weekend.

Emergency information regarding the school will be announced on HEART RADIO 102.7FM

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you to discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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