



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

"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 7 Oct	9am KS1 Parents Info Session: Reading
Thurs 9 Oct	9am Busy Bees Parents Info Session: Phonics
Fri 10 Oct	World Mental Health Day
Wed 15 Oct	5-6pm Open Evening for Prospective Parents Sept 2026
Thurs 16 Oct	9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2026
Tues 21 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment
Thurs 23 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful time we have been having celebrating the harvest this week! The children have been exploring what harvest means to us and how important it is in our own local community, as well as nationally.

On Tuesday, the children had a fantastic time visiting Strawson's Field (next to the school). They were delighted to see the two impressive tractors that Alistair and Zoe use to harvest the local fields. Claire Roberts (one of our governors and wife of Alistair) brought along buckets of wheat, barley and beans for the children to see. She also brought along many cereal boxes and other products made from these ingredients. This hands-on experience enabled them to really understand what happens to local produce after it is harvested. We finished our visit by performing a joyful (and loud) rendition of 'Harvest Time Has Come' especially for the farmers. The children sang beautifully, showing their appreciation for the hard work our lovely local farmers do.

The Faith Group have also been very busy creating beautiful crosses for our school and church using natural materials they have collected around school. These creative projects have helped them connect with nature and understand the importance of harvest in our faith traditions.

We completed our harvest celebrations with our wonderful Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church this morning. This is always a lovely first service for our Reception children to attend. They, as with all the children, were superb—rising to the challenge of learning the many songs beautifully—and we could definitely see that today.

Thank you Reverend Ashton and children for a really lovely service. A big thanks too to everyone who decorated the church for the harvest festival, including Dragonflies Elidi and Luna.



It is hard to believe how quickly our school year moves from one exciting event to the next, and how much we have to plan ahead! Last week, we held our first open morning for prospective parents already looking forward to the September 2026 intake. Some of our Year 2 children were absolutely wonderful ambassadors for the school, showing real confidence and enthusiasm as they helped parents look around. They have truly embraced their role as the 'Top of the School' and it really showed here. These moments give our older children valuable opportunities to develop their communication skills and leadership qualities, while also helping new families see our school through the eyes of those who know it best - our children! It was lovely to see how proudly they spoke about their learning and the different activities they enjoy at St Peter's. Their ability to engage with visitors and share what makes our school special was impressive to see and makes us so proud.

We have more Open Events planned throughout October and November so, if you know of anyone who may be looking for a first school for their child, please do tell them about us and let them know they can book a visit via the school website www.stpetersinfant.org.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who either donated cakes and/or came to our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. It raised an incredible £219.40—helping Macmillan to continue providing the best care for people living with cancer. Absolutely amazing. Thank you all very much.





BUSY BEES

Busy Bees had a wonderful time visiting Strawson's Field as part of our Harvest celebrations this week. We learned all about farming and the Harvest season. We were fascinated to see the tractors and a combine harvester in action, discovering how they work to gather the crops.

In Maths, Busy Bees have been exploring repeating patterns. We created Autumn patterns in our books using paint and stamps made from mini apples cut in half – a fun and creative way to learn! We have also enjoyed making a beautiful Harvest collage using natural materials which we proudly displayed at the Harvest Service at St Peter's Church this morning.

Homework: Please bring in one of your favourite vegetables to add to our Harvest Soup on Monday.

LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have settled into the new rules and routines of Year 1 so well—they now know exactly what they're doing and what is expected of them. They have amazed us with their writing skills in English. This week we focused on the story 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' by David Conway, writing descriptions of the story's setting and learning how to use an adjective. In Maths we have been learning how to add and subtract using a number line. We picked this skill up really quickly and worked really hard. We loved having the tractors come to visit us on Strawson's Field this week. We were able to see what they grow on the farms around our school.

Homework: [Subtraction](#)

DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a week of construction and instruction. We have continued to examine London buildings of the Tudor time, and then started to build our historically accurate model houses yesterday. They are looking amazing! We also learned more about chronological order and sequenced the events of the Great Fire using this method. In English we have continued to write our own version of "Katie in London", visiting all the famous landmarks and using as much description as possible in our writing. We have also been learning to use and identify imperative verbs which we used to write instructions in a "help Paddington make a sandwich" activity. In Maths we have looked at partitioning and investigating what numbers are actually worth. We drew pictorial forms for this and then converted it to number sentence form. We have also looked at 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to', using this knowledge to compare numbers (remembering that the 'crocodile' always eats the bigger number!). We worked hard in preparation for our Harvest Service: perfecting our song and writing some amazing harvest acrostic poems. We hope you enjoyed hearing them at church today.

Homework: [The Great Fire of London Fact File](#)

Kahoot quiz >> [Kahoot.it](#) Code 04222024

Please bring in photos of you reading in 'strange' places for a display. e.g. up a tree, on the car, upside down etc.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Reuben and Lily (age 7); Luca, Alice, Cassia and Karina (age 6); and Jack (age 5)

DID YOU KNOW THAT TODAY IS WORLD SMILE DAY?



On the first Friday in October every year, people celebrate **WORLD SMILE DAY**.

It is a great chance to think about what makes you smile and maybe draw some smiley faces to bring your friends some cheer (children rather than adults!!).

The day comes from the artist Harvey Ball, behind the iconic yellow smiley face, who decided we needed a day to celebrate smiles. The theme this year is "Do an act of kindness. Help one person **SMILE!**" So, let us see all those wonderful smiles. It will certainly cheer up someone's day!

I hope you all have a really fabulous weekend. Thoroughly enjoy.

God bless, *Lenia Greenaway*

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HOUSE TEAM POINTS



Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of a smile, a simple yet powerful expression of joy and connection.

On this day, we pray that our hearts will be filled with gratitude for the good in every day, even when things are not perfect.

Help us to see the natural beauty in the commonplace and to find reasons to smile.

Give us the courage to offer a genuine smile to everyone we meet, and to spread kindness and light to those around us.

May our smiles be a reminder of Your love and grace, a small act of peace in a world that often needs it.

Help us to embrace the joy and beauty of Your creation and to touch each soul with gratitude.

In Your name,

Amen.



CHILD PROTECTION CONTACT CENTRE

At St Peter's we take the safety and well-being of every child very seriously. If you are ever concerned about a child please speak in confidence to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Greenaway or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mr Atterton and Mrs Vaquinhass or phone the contact centre on:



Tel: 0300 200 1006

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