



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



Tues 23 Sept	School Photographs (with pre-school age siblings from 8.45am by arrangement)
Weds 24 Sept	9.15am School Tours for Prospective Parents Sept 2026 Entry
Fri 26 Sept	9-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning in School Hall—All welcome
Thurs 2 Oct	DfE Pupil Census
Fri 3 Oct	9am School Harvest Service @ St Peter's Church—All welcome
Tues 7 Oct	9am KS1 Parents Info Session: Reading
Thurs 9 Oct	9am Busy Bees Parents Info Session: Phonics



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week; the children certainly have! They have been working their socks off starting new and exciting topics and becoming really enthused for their learning. The Dragonflies Class, for example, are already investigating 'The Great Fire of London' and can tell us many facts about that time. They have also been using thesaurus' to find new and interesting words to use in their writing – lovely! The Ladybirds are bowling Miss Saines over with their maths knowledge and impressing her with many number facts. The Busy Bees are equally impressive. They have now completed their first full week in school but although very tired, have taken so many things in their stride. And none of them have fallen asleep! They are a very kind and caring class and have settled very well together. They have started to look at families, talking about their own families and drawing pictures of themselves. We have some great artists in the class!

Reverend Ashton introduced himself to the Busy Bee Class in Collective Worship on Wednesday. He talked about the Harvest, linking this to the children's favourite cereals and explaining how wheat, corn, barley and oats, for example, are all harvested to make them. We certainly had some interesting cereal choices. It was lovely having Reverend Ashton join us. He will again be leading Collective Worship every Wednesday for the school.

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

At St Peter's, our Christian values are at the heart of everything we do. This term, we are focusing on '**Love, Friendship and Thankfulness**' – values that help us create a caring and supportive school family.

Love

We encourage everyone in our community to show love by being kind, respectful, and supportive of one another. In Collective Worship and class discussions, we talk about how showing love can make a difference both in school and at home.

"Let all that you do be done in love" – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Friendship

Friendship is about including others, listening, and working together. Our children are learning what it means to be a true friend – from sharing and playing together to supporting someone who may feel left out.

"A friend loves at all times" – Proverbs 17:17

Thankfulness We remind ourselves every day to be thankful – for our friends, our families, and the opportunities we have to learn and grow.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" – Psalm 107:1

We hope you will join us in celebrating and living out these values at home. Ask your child[ren] about what they have learned and how they are showing love, friendship and thankfulness each day!



THE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Like all schools St Peter's has a very clear vision for the future which will move the school forward in an ever-changing world and present excellent teaching and learning opportunities for our children. A short summary of this document will be emailed to you today and can also be found on the school website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: ATTENDANCE

Please may I remind you that under no circumstances will family holidays and other events that involve children being taken out of school in term time be authorised unless they are to attend another educational establishment, or are for medical reasons. The absence will be recorded as unauthorised, as per the new attendance guidance that came into effect from August 2024.

The changes to guidance include unauthorised absence, holidays and persistent absentees. The issuing of a Penalty Notice has changed, and the fine has increased. The circumstances where a fine may be given has also been updated. For example, please see below:

The Inclusion Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount.

If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00 per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against the parent/carer in the Magistrates Court.

If a parent/carer has incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00 per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court.

Reminder!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—TUES 23 SEPT

The children will have their school photographs taken during the morning on Tuesday 23 Sept. Please ensure they are correctly dressed in full school uniform (summer or winter) with tidy hair and cheesy grins. If you would like a photo to be taken of your child before school with their pre-school age sibling please email the school office. This is by prior arrangement only please. If your child has a sibling(s) in the school a joint photo will automatically be taken as well as individual photos and does not need to be pre-booked. Copies of the photographs will be available for you to order in due course if you wish.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING—FRI 26 SEPT

We will be holding a fundraising cake and coffee morning in the School Hall next Friday 9-10am with all the proceeds going towards the amazing Macmillan charity. We would love as many of you to come along and spend some time having a chat and coffee/cake to raise funds for this cause. We would like to please ask if you could donate cakes for this morning and bring them in on the day straight to the hall, so we have plenty to go around. Any left-over cakes will be sold by the Friends after school at the Tuck Shop.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST PETER'S CHURCH—FRI 3 OCT

We are excited to be welcoming everyone to St Peter's Church, Tandridge for our Harvest Festival on Friday 3 October.

The children should be taken directly to the church (at the top of the hill) for 8.45am—NOT TO SCHOOL—so we can start promptly at 9am. The children will be registered and escorted to their seats in the two middle sections of church by the class teachers. They will remain with staff and their classes throughout the service. Parents are very welcome to join us for the service and can sit in the side pews (we understand that many of you may need to drop and go, so please don't feel bad if you can't make it).



As this is a time for giving and sharing, we always like to support the local community and offer donations of tinned foods and non-perishables. If you are able to donate things like long-life milk or fruit juices, porridge, tinned goods, pasta, rice, cereals, tea/coffee and biscuits that would be wonderful and very welcome. You may drop these gifts at school the week of our Harvest Festival or directly to the church on the day of our festival. Please check use by dates on any donations!

After the service the children will walk back to school with their classes. If you would also like to walk down to school with the children, that would be lovely. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to do this. Please may I give a gentle reminder that you are role models so will need to walk on the pavement at all times and **not in the road** as we walk from church. We will gather in front of school and cross class by class. Again, please do not stand in the road at any time. Say your goodbyes and ensure the children are quickly away from the road and within the school gate. I will give a little reminder about this at the end of the service.

MEET OUR TEAMS

We pride ourselves on giving our children as many roles and responsibilities as possible through their time at St Peter's School. We have a number of council groups who look at initiatives and support the school and children in different projects and through pupil voice. We start the year with children from Year 1 and Year 2 but introduce the Reception children to these groups later in the year, once they have fully settled into school. Every new year in September we hold our School Council Elections and each of the classes elect representatives to become part of the different school councils and House Captains for the year. Each council will meet regularly throughout the year and work together to further develop the experience for all members of our community. I am really looking forward to working with them, and for them to show the rest of our children how we can, for example, improve our ECO status or ensure we have buddies on the playground if we are feeling a little sad. I will post news and updates from our councils in this newsletter throughout the year.

HOUSE CAPTAINS



CANTERBURY
Elsie, Rory



SOUTHWARK
Elidi, Lily



YORK
Olivia, Luca

ECO COUNCIL



Thea, Lily, Millie, Noah, Lawson, Finlay, Harry, Eleanor, Imogen, Jack

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Summer, Isla K, Reggie, Reuben, Jessie, Florrie, Cassia, Deia, Xanthé

ANTI-BULLYING TEAM



Elsie, Flossie, Pierce, Abigail, Ellie, Luna, Ophelia, Isla, Ethan, Sebastian

FAITH GROUP



Olivia, Elidi, Amelie, Isla M, Caroline, Luca, Emily, Rose, Sienna

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to Limpsfield Community Orchard for their generous apple donation last week which the children





BUSY BEES

What a busy and exciting first full week it has been in Busy Bees! The children have settled in brilliantly and are already beginning to get used to their new routines. We've been exploring lots of fun activities, playing with playdough, experimenting with different materials on the light table and drawing our families. We have had our first PE lesson and did really well getting changed and ready for the lesson. The children have also enjoyed their very first phonics session and are showing great enthusiasm for learning new sounds. As well as all the exciting play and discovery, we've been learning the important rules that help us stay safe and happy at school, both in the classroom and around the wider school community. The children have taken this in their stride and are already showing how responsible and caring they can be. We are so proud of how quickly the children are adapting, and we look forward to sharing more of their learning journey with you in the weeks ahead.

LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had fantastic start to the new school year. They have settled into the new rules and routines incredibly well and I have been really impressed by their maturity. They have all worked so hard with their learning. In Maths, we re-capped previous learning on ordering numbers to 20 and we went on to look at number bonds to 10 and how we can represent these in different ways. In English, we have been concentrating on sentence writing and sequencing stories, using 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Enormous Turnip' to help us. We started our first History topic, learning about Ruby Bridges and thinking about what questions we would ask her, as well as a new Geography topic looking at the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

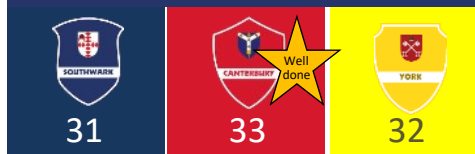
DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have settled very well into Year 2. They have learned the new routines quickly and assumed responsibilities as the older role models for the rest of the school. We have started our first topic on London, reading 'The King's Pants' by Nicholas Allan and 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew, focusing on famous buildings which feature in the stories. We have applied our new phonics knowledge on suffixes in our writing based on these texts. In Geography we have continued our UK theme by looking at maps and adding nation capitals. The children then extended this by finding the seas and oceans around the UK. In Maths we have been investigating estimating and using this to create accurate estimates of lots of everyday things. We have continued our work on 'The Great Fire of London' by finding out about King Charles II and Samuel Pepys. We have learned about chronological ordering and placed events of the Fire of London on a timeline. In Science we have started our Healthy Living topic by conducting a food tasting observational task and we started an experiment which will help us learn about our teeth.

Home work: RE: Think of a special promise that you can keep
 Number Bonds worksheet >> [Year 2 A1W3 Homework 19.9.25 number bonds.pdf](#)
 Mr Atterton has also set a Kahoot quiz if you would like to do it.
 Go to Kahoot.it and enter 01638086.
 Please bring in some small cardboard boxes—we will be making models to recreate Tudor London in a few weeks.



HOUSE TEAM POINTS



House Team Points are awarded for great learning, behaviour, manners, and for displaying our Christian Values. Congratulations this week to Canterbury house and York and Southwark, a close second and third this week!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Elsie, Finlay and Thea (age 7); and Hattie and Sabrina (age 5)

We have been provided with some information regarding online free webinars about online safety for parents and their children. This is being provided by the police cybercrime unit and may be beneficial for some families to better understand online safety and cybercrime. Please see the link below:

[Police - South East Cyber Crime Unit Events - 20 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

Dear Father God,

We thank you for this new beginning and for the potential that this term holds for our children and school community.

We pray for your covering of peace and your presence to guide them.

For the children, grant them confidence, curiosity, and the ability to form kind and strong friendships.

May every classroom be a place of learning and discovery, and may every child and teacher feel your hand upon them.

Help them to be attentive to their studies, courageous in the face of challenges, and filled with a generous spirit.

May all their interactions, reflections, and efforts bring new hope and courage to everyone they encounter this term.

We ask that you fill their hearts with your love and joy, and keep them safe and well, in your care.

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 Vaquinhos or phone the contact centre on:

Tel: 0300 200 1006
"Safeguarding is Everyone's Business"

Family Learning
Help Your Child Manage Anxiety Courses & Workshops

FREE Online workshop or courses, for parents/carers that are looking to better understand their child's anxiety and learn ways to manage it.

What will I learn?

- To understand the definition of anxiety
- What anxiety feels like for your child
- Signs of and reasons for anxiety in children
- Ideas and ways to help your child manage their anxiety

To book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code

SCAN ME

Free Courses and Workshops
for Early Years Parents and Carers

Courses and Workshops for Early Years Parents
Discover how play, songs, and stories can support your child's development. Join our workshops to navigate the toddler years and prepare for school with confidence.

What will I learn?

- Using Play, Songs and Stories Plus techniques to boost early development.
- Learn, Play & Thrive Strategies for toddler growth and exploration.

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#), or scan the QR code

SCAN ME

First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance Course

This FREE online three week course for parents will be delivered in two hour sessions. You will gain an understanding of your child's school avoidance and learn on how to make changes for a positive impact for all the family.

What will I learn?

- Understand reasons why your child will not attend school or lessons
- Understand reasonable adjustments from school to support your child
- Be confident in advocating for your child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code

SCAN ME

I hope you all have a truly wonderful weekend with your children.
 God bless, *Lenia Greenaway*

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