



ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

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"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

Safeguarding at St Peter's

The safety and well-being of our children is our highest priority. Our safeguarding team is here to listen to and respond to any concerns about a child's welfare. Our Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Miss Greenaway. If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to her. In her absence, please speak to Mr Atterton, our Deputy DSL, or phone the contact centre on:



Tel: 0300 200 1006

Safeguarding is everyone's business



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REMINDERS:



Wed 30 Sept

Dragonflies Class Trip to BigWood Estate

Fri 2 Oct

St Peter's Harvest Service

9am at St Peter's Church, Tandridge, All welcome

Tues 13 Oct

YR-Y2 Flu Vaccinations

Thurs 15 Oct

F.O.S.P. AGM & 2026/27 Planning

7.30pm at The Haycutter, All welcome

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I hope you have had a great week. It has been lovely to see the sunshine again before we head (perhaps) into more autumnal weather. This week marked the beginning of the Autumn Equinox. On Wednesday the Earth tilted in a way that gave the whole planet an equal amount of daytime and nighttime—like a perfect 50/50 split! Unfortunately from now on that does means the sun starts setting earlier, and the days get shorter. But not to despair – who doesn't love a cosy night in? And, we have lots of great autumn events happening, including our Harvest Festival at St Peter's church.

It has been fantastic to see all the children enthusiastic and engaged in their learning as I pop into the classes each day.

Busy Bees have settled so beautifully into the routines. They are showing wonderful curiosity. They are a delight and make me smile everyday as they chat to me or ask me questions.

Ladybirds have been wowing us with their science and maths learning. In all of their learning we are seeing great

handwriting and more confident spellers. Well done, Ladybirds.

Equally Dragonflies are working very hard. They are thoroughly enjoying their London topic, and it is lovely hearing them talk about all the different facts they have learned or the reasons why something happened.

What a buzz we have around the school!

Have a really fantastic weekend with your wonderful children.

God bless,

Lenia Greenaway



Harvest Festival

Harvest time is always a sign that we are heading into the cooler months, but it is also a time to take stock and give thanks for all that we have and to think about people who are less fortunate than us.

With this in mind we will be celebrating the Harvest next week at St Peter's church with our first church service of the school year. As is tradition, we would be very grateful if you could donate non-perishable foods and other essentials at this time. The goods can either be brought into school from next week or taken directly to the church on Friday, where we will place them around the church as our harvest gifts. These donations will then be given to individuals and families in need the local area, as well as to the Caterham Food bank.

Thank you all very much in advance of any donations received.
I know the individuals and Caterham Food bank will be very grateful.

Please take time to check the dates on any donated items as we are unable to distribute out of date items. Thank you



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19th - 23rd October

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Get Involved!

Interested in joining the holiday club? Speak to Becky at The Kids Club Family or email info.tea@theteaclubs.com

Caterham & District Foodbank
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Harvest appeal



Help support your local Foodbank this Harvest, providing emergency food and practical support for people in hardship across northern Tandridge District.

Please donate:

- + an item or two from our shopping list, helping ensure we can best support those in need;
- + or scan our QR code to help fund our operational costs through JustGiving

Shopping list

- Tinned ham
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned or carton custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Savoury crackers
- Chocolate biscuits
- Jam
- Jars of pickle
- Hot chocolate
- Shampoo

Caterham & District Foodbank
caterham.foodbank.org.uk



Caterham & District Foodbank is the working name of Caterham Foodbank - Registered Charity 1155330 in England & Wales. Poster issued September 2026

Where will you go today?

The children are thrilled to see their much-loved Tandridge Explorer playground bus looking fantastic again!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to CKH Build Ltd for generously refurbishing and re-roofing our iconic bus, making it safe, secure and ready for many more years of imaginative play, happy memories and exciting adventures.



Our Autumn Term Christian Value:

HOPE

This term we are exploring the Christian value of Hope. Hope is about looking forward with confidence and trust, even when things feel difficult or uncertain.

In our Collective Worship and daily life at school, we are helping the children understand that hope isn't just wishing for something – it is believing that good things are possible and working towards them with courage and determination.

We have, and will, be exploring Bible stories that show hope in action, such as:

The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)

The shepherd never gave up hope of finding his lost sheep
Shows God's love and that we should never give up hope on others

Jesus Feeds 5,000 People (John 6:1-14)

A small boy shared his lunch, and Jesus used it to feed thousands
Demonstrates that even small acts of hope and generosity can lead to amazing things

HOME/SCHOOL LINK: HOW YOU CAN EXPLORE HOPE AT HOME



Talk to your child about times when they have felt hopeful. You might ask:

- "What are you hoping for this term? – What can you do to help make it happen?"
- "Can you think of a time when you kept trying even when something was hard? – What kept you going?"
- "Who gives you hope when you're feeling worried or sad?"

You might also notice moments of hope in everyday life together – a seed growing, the changing seasons, or working towards a goal as a family.

We look forward to seeing how our children demonstrate hope in their learning and relationships throughout the autumn term.

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us hope.
Help us to remember that you are
always with us,
Even when things feel hard.
Help us to be hopeful and kind,
And to share our hope with others.
Amen.



New Daytime Event! Perfect for all ages.

TANDRIDGE BRING AND SHARE HARVEST LUNCH

AT TANDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

WHEN: SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
TIME: 12:30 PM
WHERE: TANDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL
BRING & SHARE!
(We invite everyone to bring a savoury or sweet dish to share with the community)
A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES TO CELEBRATE THE HARVEST!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT: LYNNE LLOYD (CHURCHWARDEN) 07906 600437.
PLEASE ADVISE LYNNE IF ATTENDING.
WEBSITE: www.stpeterstandridge.uk

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

WORSHIP – SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 AM (1st Sun of the month only) Holy Communion
11.00 AM Family Communion (2nd & 4th Sun)
11:00 AM All Age Worship (1st, 3rd & 5th Sun)
6.30 PM Evensong
(With Holy Communion every 3rd Sun.)

Team Rector: Rev James Ashton
stmaryoxted.stpeterstandridge@gmail.com
WEBSITE – www.stpeterstandridge.uk
FACEBOOK – [St Peter's Church Tandridge](https://www.facebook.com/StPeterChurchTandridge)

P.E. kits should be in school at all times please -
there are a number of children who still don't have their kit available

BUSY BEES



Settling in and learning lots

Busy Bees have had a fantastic couple of weeks! We are now fully settled into school life and have adapted brilliantly to our new routines. Miss Saines is incredibly proud of how confidently we have settled in and how much we have already achieved.

We have been busy learning our new phonics sounds and so far we have learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d. We have started learning how to blend these sounds together to read and write simple words. It has been incredible to see how quickly the children are picking up these new skills, and they are already showing that they will be confident little readers and writers!

In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 4. We have been practising counting to four, recognising the number

and learning how to form it correctly.

Our self-portraits are now complete and look wonderful on display in our classroom. We have really enjoyed expressing ourselves and creating our own unique portraits.

We also enjoyed our very first PE lesson this week. The children did a fantastic job getting changed, joining in with the activities and, perhaps most impressively, getting themselves changed again afterwards. We are so proud of their growing independence!

We have impressed the rest of the school with our enthusiastic singing of 'Big Red Combine Harvester': singing with such confidence and enthusiasm. We are very excited about sharing our singing with you at church. We think you are going to be very impressed!

A MESSAGE FROM F.O.S.P.



Can you help build our pond?!

As part of the peace garden redevelopment, the Friends have purchased a raised pond - this will enable the children to go pond dipping and learn about pond habitat, plants and enjoy discovering pond life!

We are in need of a volunteer (or two) to put the pond together - it is a flat packed structure with a wooden frame and inner liner. If you're a DIY enthusiast or carpenter, we would love to hear from you! Please email friends@stpetersinfant.org if you can help.

Thank you!



Ladybirds

Bossy words, number bonds and brilliant discoveries!



There has been lots of learning, laughter and a little bit of sandwich chaos in Ladybirds this week!

In English, we have been exploring instruction writing, beginning with a rather disastrous, but very funny, sandwich-making lesson! The children had to tell Mrs Brice how to make a jam sandwich, and she followed their instructions exactly. This resulted in a loaf of bread still in its wrapper, covered in jam, with a packet of butter balanced on top! It certainly helped us realise just how important it is to give clear and precise instructions. We then explored imperative verbs (bossy words) and time adverbials before writing our own instructions. The children put these to the test by following them to make their

own sandwiches – which we hope you enjoyed sampling at home!

In Maths, we began exploring number bonds to 10. We used a range of concrete resources and manipulatives to discover the different ways we can make 10, before beginning to record our findings.

In Science, we became animal investigators, thinking carefully about the features of wildlife we might find in our local area and how these features help us identify different animals.

We also continued our adventures with Ernest Shackleton, tracking his incredible journey on a map, and in Art we practised leaf-printing techniques ready to create some autumnal harvest masterpieces!



we had fun making sandwiches while learning how to write clear instructions using 'bossy' words such as spread, cut, place and add. A tasty way to develop our writing skills!

Dragonflies

From London landmarks...



Dragonflies have had a fantastic couple of weeks packed with learning and fun!

In English, we have been reading "*Katie in London*" by James Mayhew. The children explored famous landmarks and created their own 'Year Two in London' stories, filled with fantastic descriptions. We have been practising doubling, estimating and times tables in Maths, as well as learning about 2D shapes, their properties, sides and vertices.

We put the events of the Great Fire of London in chronological order and compared features of our local area of Tandridge with London. We created London scenes using charcoal and oil pastels and have started designing our 1666 London houses. Please keep saving spare cardboard and masking tape – building starts on Monday 28th!

In Science we explored healthy eating, tasted foods from different food groups and carried out a teeth experiment as part of our HHealthy Living topic. We continued this in PE by exploring a range of equipment and developing our skills to keep active.

...to new classmates

Our new class addition! Dragonflies are now home to an exciting ant colony, complete with a queen and her worker ants! The children helped build their habitat and are taking responsibility for feeding and watering them. They are fascinated watching the colony at work and can't wait to see it grow!



a front-row seat to an incredible underground ecosystem

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Wednesday 30 Sept	Dragonflies Class to Big Wood Estate
Thursday 1 Oct	DfE Pupil Census
Tuesday 6 Oct	Open Evening for Prospective Parents Sept 2027 Admissions
Wednesday 7 Oct	Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2027 Admissions
Tuesday 13 Oct	Flu Vaccines for YR – Y2 children with consent 3.30–6pm Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment
Thursday 15 Oct	3.30–6pm Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment
w/c 9 Nov	St Peter's Book Week
w/c 16 Nov	St Peter's Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 18 Nov	Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2027 Admissions
Thursday 26 Nov	PAUSE Day: Advent
Monday 30 Nov	Dragonflies Friendship Teatime in Tandridge Village Hall – All welcome
Tuesday 8 Dec	Busy Bees Christmas Performances AM and PM
Wednesday 9 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 10 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Monday 14 Dec	'Elfridges' Christmas Shopping Event / Children's Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 Dec	9am St Peter's Christmas Service @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge

SPRING TERM 2027

Monday 4 Jan	INSET Day – school closed for Staff training
Wednesday 13 Jan	Pied Piper Theatre Co. "The Hare & The Tortoise"
Friday 15 Jan	Deadline for applications for Reception and Year 3 Admissions
Thursday 4 Mar	Mother's Day Assembly
Wednesday 10 Mar	Dragonflies Class to Big Wood Estate
Monday 18 Mar	Ladybirds Friendship Teatime in Tandridge Village Hall – All welcome
Thursday 25 Mar	9am St Peter's Easter Service @ St Peter's Church – All welcome

SUMMER TERM 2027

Tuesday 20 Apr	Class Photos
Wednesday 28 Apr	Dragonflies Class to Big Wood Estate
Friday 18 Jun	Sports Day
Wednesday 23 Jun	Ladybirds Class to Big Wood Estate
Thursday 29 Jun	PAUSE Day: St Peter
Friday 23 Jul	9am End of Year Celebration Service @ St Peter's Church – All welcome

ATTENDANCE: PENALTY NOTICE INFORMATION

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have 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 you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have 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 against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **2 November 2026** and **15 January 2027**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online between **2 November 2026** and **15 January 2027**






SOUTH EAST SURREY DYSPLEXIA ASSOCIATION
Affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association SESDA Reg. Charity no.281076

Support Evening for Parents and Carers
Monday 28th September 2026
8pm to 10pm

A chance for parents and carers to meet Committee members, who are themselves parents of dyslexic youngsters, and specialist dyslexia tutors, to talk about any concerns they have about dyslexia at home or in school.
 Session will include a talk about **'Study Skills'**

There will be resources and information for parents about the best way to help at home and how to keep in touch with teachers and SENDCos. Some ideas about how best to support teenagers sitting GCSEs and other exams.

This meeting is free and informal and open to all parents and carers who have an interest in dyslexia.

It would be helpful to know numbers beforehand but not essential.

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NEW DATE : THURS 15 OCT

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Fri 25 Sept
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord "Nitro", a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the "Shop" for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's "Family Centre", which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, and The New Statesman.



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