

Newsletter



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Friday 26th January 2024



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL

We currently have children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **This includes Nutella.** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.



Information



TENNIS CLUB

Tennis club is open for everyone in Oak, Maple or Willow class (yr 1-6) and is from 3:10–4pm every Thursday. It's only £20 for 5 lessons so is really good value!



Here is the link to sign up for after the half term.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ExcelTennisAcademy/BookCourse/bb7eb689-8342-4649-b36f-48cd0346b3d9>

WANTED!

St Peter's School are currently in need of:

an old (but working) mobile phone,



some paving slabs (of any shape / size - to cover 8 sq.m),

some freestanding shelves,

some guttering

And a chest
of drawers!



and some wellies!

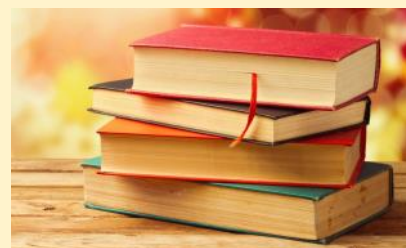
If you can donate any of these to school, please let Emily in the office know on office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk Thank you!

Book Amnesty!

We have a large amount of books, which belong to the class libraries, that have slowly disappeared!

Could you please check (or ask your child to check) the books that you have at home to see if they are school books? All our books will have a school stamp inside the book on the front page.

If you find any, please bring them back to school
— no questions asked.... Thank you



At the end of last term we were lucky enough to get a new set of Microbits for the class and spent some time learning to programme them in order to create games and even flashing Christmas decorations!



We wrote calligraph poems - poems in the shape of what we were writing about, and we made mixed media art projects using printing techniques around the theme of Space.

We have had a busy start to this year with a visit from Hrothgar the Viking. We learned a lot about Viking culture, traditions and stories. We were able to role play events and act out the stories that were told at the time. We even had a few games of Hnefatafl (Viking chess) - which we lost to Hrothgar!



This term our science focus is on our working scientifically skills,. We have been lucky enough to have some sessions with some RAF stem ambassadors and have carried out some building challenges to test our understanding of structures and improve our teamwork skills.

We have also looked at walking water, mouldy bread and how to clean pennies! This week we investigated owl pellets to see what animals the barn owls had been eating! It was really fun and we were able to identify lots of different bones!





Information



Adults on site

Please could we remind you that you must be accompanied by a member of staff when you are in the school building. We do not allow unaccompanied access as this creates a safeguarding issue for both children and adults. If you need to pass a message to a member of staff, then you can do so via the member of staff on the gate or Emily in the office.

SPSA News

We are delighted to announce that we raised **£2,350 at the Christmas Fayre**. £1,600 of this was from the raffle alone! Thank you to everyone that attended or helped. It was lovely to see so many people there.

Sinead Andrews (mum of Abigail in Maple) has agreed to take on the role of SPSA Chair. We now need to find a secretary! This is a very easy job, just requiring you to take minutes at the meetings. We meet in the Red Lion on the first Tuesday of the month, and the next meeting is on the 6th February. If you are interested in this role, please speak to Sinead who can tell you a bit more about it, or let Emily in the office know and she will pass your details on to Sinead.

There will be more SPSA news in the next newsletter.

Wishing you a wonderful 2024!

Instrumental music lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument through Oxfordshire County Music Service, then you can find all details about how to apply to do so on this page <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>



The music service will work directly with you to arrange lessons, instrument hire (if required) and payment (free lessons are available for children of families on certain benefits). Lessons can take place in school, this would be arranged between the music service and the school depending on levels of interest and availability of peripatetic music teachers.



Calendar



Please see the website for more information - <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/diary>

FEBRUARY 2024

Monday 5th - **Imps trip** for Willow Class - John Radcliffe Hospital - 9:45am - 12pm

Tuesday 6th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion

Wednesday 7th - **Peter Pan** workshop for Oak Class

Monday 12th—Friday 16th **HALF TERM**

Tuesday 20th - **Heights & Weights** for Reception and Year 6

Thursday 22nd - Old Macdonald **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family

MARCH 2024

Friday 1st - People who inspire us assembly.

Monday 4th - EPA **Netball** tournament - yr5/6

Tuesday 5th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion

Monday 11th - **Pitt Rivers** trip for Willow Class - 11:45 –3pm

Wednesday 13th - **Dress as British Wildlife Day!** Raising money for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue.

Contacting Staff Outside School Hours

Please remember that staff need to keep their private lives and professional lives separate.

Nobody should be messaging staff and asking questions about school. This not only intrudes on staff 'down-time', it can also put them in an uncomfortable position.

If you have a query or a problem, the first port of call is usually your child's class teacher.

If it's a query that Emily can help with, please email her at the office email address. If it is requesting term-time absence, please pick up a form from Emily in the first instance. If it's something other parents can help with, then you will probably get answers on the St Peter's

Parents' Facebook site. Thank you for your co-operation.



Awards of the Week



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If your child has an award below, you are invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly next Friday at 8:45am in the school hall:

Class	Vision Award	Values Award— <i>Dignity</i>	'R' Award— <i>Resilience</i>
 Apple	<i>Albie Ashworth</i>	<i>John Joe Allen</i>	<i>Frankie Bowerman</i>
 Oak	<i>Phoebe Knight</i>	<i>Peter Woolley</i>	<i>Elsie-Rose Sheridan</i>
 Maple	<i>Rose Armitage</i>	<i>Yasmeena Chudry</i>	<i>Adusia Koper</i>
 Willow	<i>Lila Batt</i>	<i>Tom Morton</i>	<i>Freddie Curtis</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Poppy Taylor</i>		

If your child is away for any reason and not able to collect their award, we will present it to them the following week.



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children had a wonderful time and learned a huge amount from the STEM days last week. I am sure you will be very aware of this activity if your family was one of the lucky ones to take the constructions home! Mrs Edwards organised this visit from the RAF with the idea of developing engineering and construction skills through making paper towers and testing their strength and rigidity. This also built on team building and reciprocity which we talk so much about in school. Our RAF visitors were deeply impressed with the children's ideas, teamwork and level of creativity. Well done St Peter's!

Next week Willow class are going to the John Radcliffe hospital to learn first aid and lifesaving skills. These trips are really important for the children as they become ever more independent and we are grateful to take the opportunity to do this.

We also have a Peter Pan workshop for Oak class at the end of term which will be a great way to end their topic of pirates this term.

After half term we will have our next guest for our People Who Inspire Us Project. We are really excited to be able to book this person and we are sure they will leave a lasting impression on the children! I am sure you will hear all about it when the children come home on Friday 1st March and of course we will share their poster in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Jon Jeffries

The staff car park at school is a very busy place and is in constant use. Please don't walk your child through unless you are visiting the office. If you are going to Apple Tree (Reception & nursery) then please walk down the footpath opposite the front of school and through the pedestrian gate.



If you come to collect your child from the front entrance, please don't let them play in the car park, or go near to the cars.

Thank you.

Value of the term

Dignity

Child quote of the term

Friendship is a rope that cannot be cut

—Amelia Labi

Question of the Week

Who needs to be shown more dignity in our community?

'R' of the Term

Resilience

Resilience



I want a challenge	
I can do it!	
I can focus	

Resilience



I can show I am excited by a challenge	
I can choose to keep going when things are hard	
I can focus for a longer period of time	
I can develop and learn from my mistakes	

Resilience

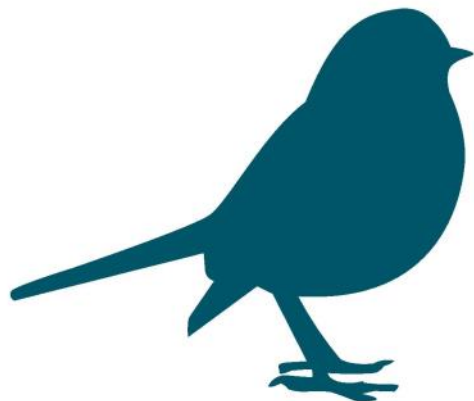


- I can **show** perseverance and keep going when times are tough
- I can **choose** to ignore distractions
- I can **demonstrate** enthusiasm for a challenge
- I can **identify** emerging patterns
- I can **apply** concentration for a long time
- I can **develop** and learn from my mistakes

Your children will recognise these posters from their class. You may find these useful to use at home and to help reinforce what we are doing in school.



Your how-to-guide and tally chart



Big Garden Birdwatch

26–28 January 2024

Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1 **Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 26 and 28 January 2024.**
Use the tally boxes on the next page to count and record the birds you spot. Transfer your count to the results form. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so record those on the results form too. Where we don't show male and female birds, the sexes look similar, but are not always identical.
- 2 **Following these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see.**
Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count.
- 3 **Go online and tell us what you saw at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch**
Submitting online is quick and easy and it means we can spend more on saving nature as it reduces our costs. Whatever you saw – even if nothing at all – please tell us. The more results we have, the better the picture we will be of how garden birds are faring.
If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the print-from-home form.

Helping you make your Big Garden Birdwatch count

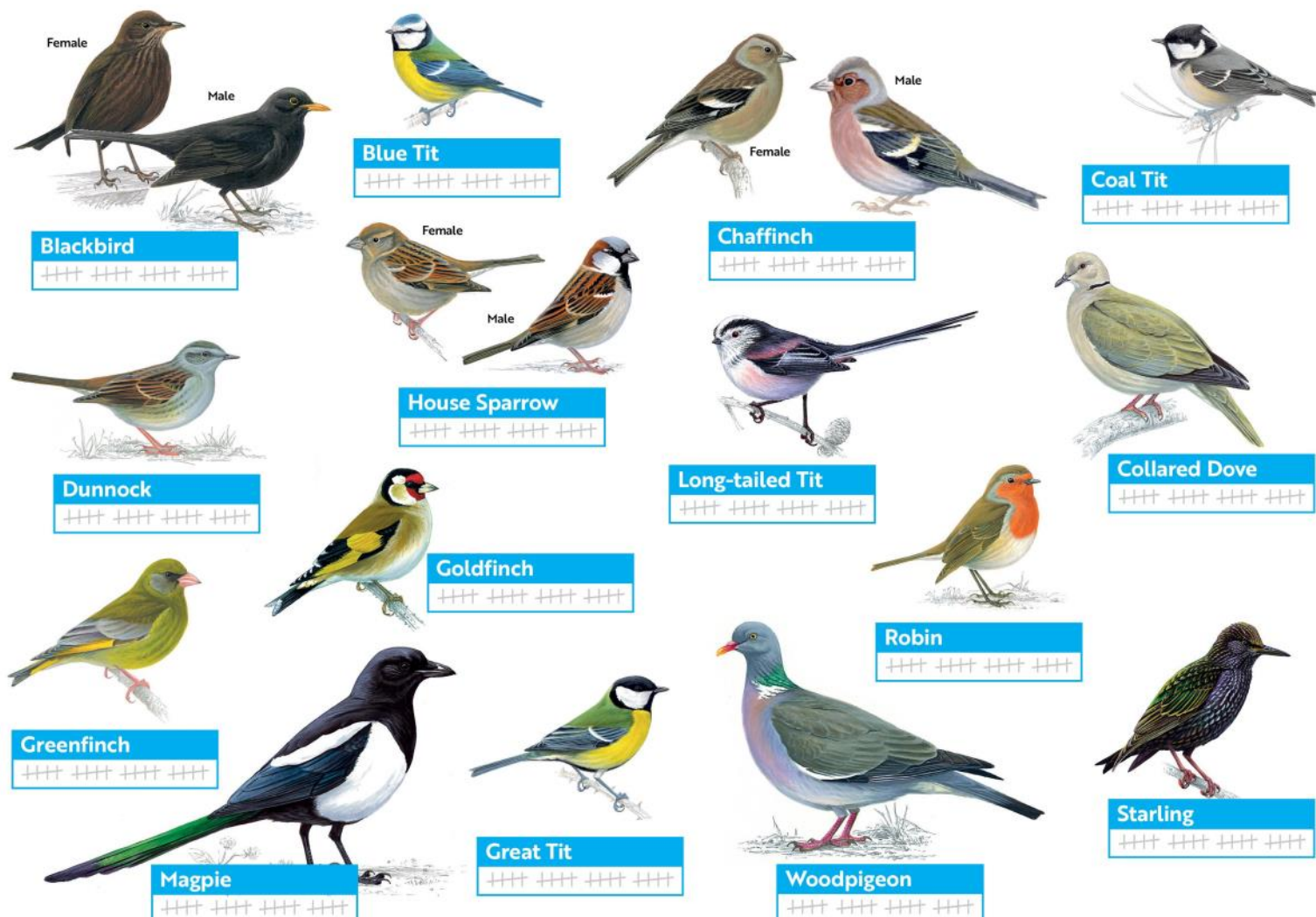
Get involved on our social channels

Throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, you can join in the conversation on our social channels. See what other nature lovers are spotting across the UK and you can upload pics and comments about your Birdwatch. Go to [#BigGardenBirdWatch](https://twitter.com/BigGardenBirdWatch)

Get ID tips and expert advice

You'll find lots of advice on identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as expert insights into garden wildlife at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

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Together, let's make it count

Connect to nature. Play your part.



Big Garden Birdwatch

26–28 January 2024

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Count me in

What will you see?

Enjoy an hour in nature and count the birds in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park.

How to record your results

- Count the birds for one hour in your garden, from your balcony or local park **between 26 and 28 January 2024**.
- Record the total for each bird in the boxes on the count chart opposite.
- Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time.
So, if you see a group of eight Starlings, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count.
- If you don't see any of the birds on the chart, record '0' as your final count – it's important for us to know which birds are 'no shows'.
- Only include birds that land, not those flying over.
- Even if you saw nothing make sure you tell us, it still counts.

Name of bird

Most seen at one time

Blackbird	
Blue Tit	
Chaffinch	
Coal Tit	
Collared Dove	
Dunnock	
Goldfinch	
Great Tit	
Greenfinch	
House Sparrow	
Long-tailed Tit	
Magpie	
Robin	
Starling	
Woodpigeon	
Other birds	

Discover more about Birdwatch

You can simply use the chart opposite to take part, but if you would like to know more go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

You'll find expert advice, tips and features on how to attract birds onto your patch for a successful Birdwatch.

And you can share pics and stories with the online Birdwatch community on social media using **#BigGardenBirdWatch**

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Let's keep in touch on your terms

Thank you for taking action for nature.

We're working hard to do all we can to save it. You can play your own, very important part, which is why we'd love to let you know about the conservation, campaigning, research and fundraising work that we're doing.

If you're happy for the RSPB and RSPB Shop to keep in touch, please let us know how you would like to hear from us:

Post	☐ Yes please	☐ No thanks
Phone	☐ Yes please	☐ No thanks
Email	☐ Yes please	☐ No thanks
Text	☐ Yes please	☐ No thanks

You're in control. If you'd like to change your choices at a later date, all you have to do is call us on **01767 693680** or go to www.rspb.org.uk/preferences. If you decide to stay in touch, we'll also keep you up to date with news about membership, products, offers and competitions. Your details will be kept safe and secure, only used by us, or those who work for us, and will not be shared with anyone else. We analyse information you provide, and about how you've helped us, to decide what communications will be of interest to you (and so that we can save our resources for conservation work) and to help us understand our supporters. We also use this information to run our charity's operations, e.g. if you place an order or make a donation, we'll need your details to process those. If you would like to know more or understand your data protection rights, please take a look at www.rspb.org.uk/privacypolicy

Please use CAPITAL letters.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mx etc)	
First name	
Last name	
Your address	
Town	
County/Council area	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email (over 18s only)	
Date of birth if under 18	
How many people took part?	Adults Children
If you didn't do your Big Garden Birdwatch at home, where did you do it? Postcode (if different from above)	

How to submit your results

When you've done your Birdwatch, go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch quoting **code BH30** and submit your totals using the online results form. **Submit your results by 18 February 2024.**

If you'd rather send us your results by post, send this completed form to us in an envelope addressed **FREEPOST RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** by **13 February 2024**. This is a short address, but it will definitely reach us.

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?



Book now online

Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bookings are now open for your child to join their own rock and pop band at school! Enrolling is straightforward, and iRock offers a **first lesson money-back guarantee!**

Discover the benefits of band lessons: not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

How it works:

- Children don't need music experience to join, and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar, or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place straight after school.*
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come.
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a Group Performance qualification by RSL.
- Access the iRock parent portal to view your child's band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

You can subscribe to iRock through our monthly subscription plan, which spans 11 months with no payment required in August. We offer full flexibility, allowing parents to cancel their subscription at any time. By subscribing, you're guaranteed a minimum of 33 lessons throughout a full academic year.

For availability and cost please visit: www.irockschool.com/enrol and search for your school. For any helps please call 0330 174 2655

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

Proudly supporting



“ My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band

Google Review



NEW, free website and app for parents and carers in Oxfordshire!

Healthier Together is a new website and app for parents and carers, providing information from local healthcare professionals about what might be wrong when your child is unwell. Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

The website also features a translation tool, a directory of local services to support your family's health and wellbeing, as well advice on whether your child should go to school when they have a virus or infection. Using the self-assessment triage tool, the Healthier Together App will provide advice on which healthcare provider can help depending on your child's symptoms and give the option to contact them directly from the app.



Who are you bringing to nursery today?

If your child seems under the weather or has been poorly, it can be difficult to know whether they should still attend nursery. **Healthier Together** can help you find the guidance you're looking for.

Our website and app – developed by local healthcare professionals – is packed with information, tips and advice for parents, including recommended recovery times from common childhood conditions.

Find us online at: oxfordshire-healthiertogether.nhs.uk



Scan the QR code with your smartphone today, then bookmark the page for a handy reference source the next time your child is unwell.



Healthier Together

BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





Dino Digital Detectives

Name	
Class	
Potential harmful activity detected	
Date handed to office	

Action	
Review	

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives

