

Newsletter



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Friday 18th July 2025



**Goodbye &
good luck to
all our lovely
leavers!**

Buzzards enjoying
their end of term
team point treat.



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**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.



This term, Maple Class have delved deep into the magical world of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl – and what an adventure it's been!

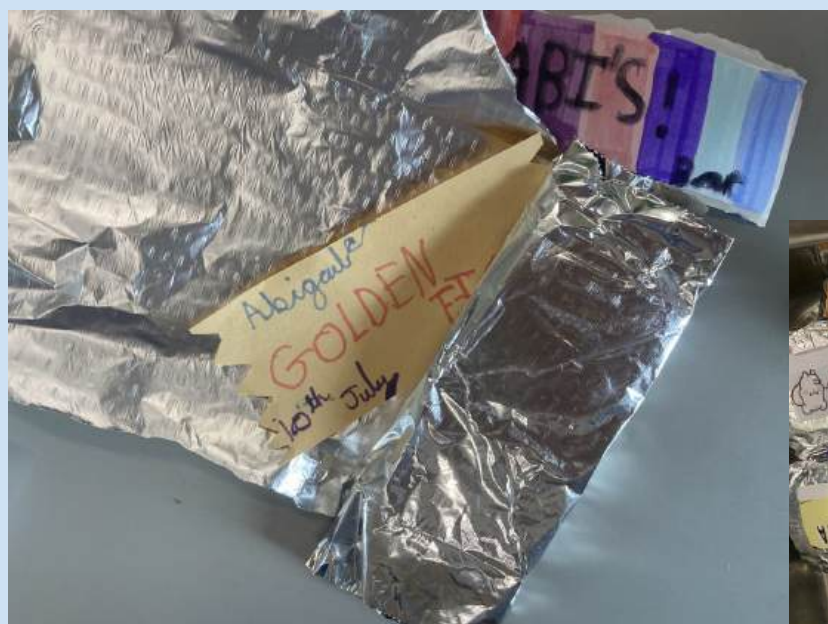
Inspired by Willy Wonka's wacky and wonderful inventions, we let our imaginations run wild by planning our very own magical rooms for the factory. From Oompa Loompa learning rooms to candy makeover rooms, the creativity on display was truly fantastic. The children also became authors in their own right, crafting brand-new chapters to add to the story. Their writing was imaginative, funny, and full of Dahl-style surprises!

But we didn't stop there – we became chocolatiers too! The children designed and created their very own chocolate bars using exciting ingredients like marshmallows, pretzels, popping candy, and Oreos. As part of this process, we discussed and practiced good hygiene in the kitchen, learning how to work safely and cleanly while handling food.

While our bars were setting, the children made their very own golden tickets to hide in their bars, as well as creating eye catching labels on the Chromebook's to seal the sweet treat!

The fun didn't end in the kitchen! Once the bars were complete, the children put on their business hats and pitched their creations in true Dragons' Den style. Each team presented a catchy slogan, a detailed description of their bar, identified a target audience, and even set a realistic price. The pitches were confident, persuasive, and full of flair – we definitely have some entrepreneurs in the making!

The children should be incredibly proud of their teamwork, creativity, and effort they have shown throughout this project. It's been a sweet success all round!





Governors' End of Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to another successful year at St. Peter's.

Congratulations: we offer our congratulations to the children of year 6, for their excellent SATS results. These are the best the school has ever had, and the best in the EPA. They are results that everyone in the St Peters community can be very proud of, especially Miss Williams-Sharkey, and the staff, parents, and friends who have supported the children.

Thank you: our sincere thanks go out to the dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, enthusiastic pupils, and our community of volunteers, including the SPSA. A special thank you to everyone who helped make the Bike Night fundraising event a fantastic success. All the funds raised directly support the school.

Farewell: we say goodbye to Mrs Bradley, Mrs Partridge, and Miss Williams-Sharkey, who have all played a vital role in the life and success of St Peters. Your inspiration and hard work have been greatly appreciated by everyone, and we wish you all the best as you move on.

Welcome: we warmly welcome Ben Keegan into his new role as Willow class teacher, and Lucy McKay as Oak class teacher.

Governor activities

As a Governing Board, we monitor, support and collaborate with the school in every major part of its activity and performance. This includes strategy, finance, teaching and learning, safeguarding, and the spiritual and social life of the school and community.

This year we have particularly supported the school's activities on digital literacy, screen time and strategic marketing. Throughout the year, we have been discussing the engaging and sometimes contentious issues around the use of smartphones and technology, particularly in the light of our school vision and values. We have followed with interest the introduction of the Project Evolve resources (projectevolve.co.uk) published by the charity SWGfL. We look forward to further updates and conversations on this topic during next year.

Each governor has their own particular focus area(s), such as SEN, attendance, maths, literacy, health and safety, technology, finance, and more. Governors visit the school to observe teaching, speak to children and subject leads, and report back to the governing body. We undertake regular training and conduct a periodic skills audit to identify how governors can best contribute and make sure that all major areas are covered.

In addition to representation at the EPA Directorate Board, the governing body supports fundraising events at St. Peter's such as Bike Night and St. Peter's Day.

Governors are not responsible for school operations and management; this is the role of the senior leadership team. We encourage operational queries to be raised directly with staff. Nonetheless we are always available if there is anything you would like to raise. Detailed information, including meeting minutes and summaries is available in the Governors' section on the school website.

We thank James Paulin for his valuable contributions as a parent and foundation governor, and wish him all the best for the future. As governors serve for a fixed term, there are regular vacancies. If you are interested in serving as a parent governor or would like to find out more, please let one of us know.

St Peter's Church: We have active links with St Peter's Church and are grateful to the Reverend Duncan Fraser, who visits the school every week to lead Collective worship and the school choir.

We have also benefited from the contribution of Heather Moger, the EPA Chaplain, who visits the school regularly, and her assistance during Duncan's sabbatical. Heather also helped with running 'BeSpace' Prayer last term and leading the end of term service. Heather is very happy to talk to parents at the school gate.

Parents and carers are very welcome and encouraged to attend the End of Term services in St Peter's Church as well as Christian Festivals i.e. Easter, St Peter's Day, Christmas and Harvest in the church, when we usually have Family-Friendly services.

Future focus: in the coming academic year we will continue to focus on supporting the school's priorities in the SDP (School Development Plan) and strategic plan

Thank you again to all the staff and children for their hard work, and we wish you and your families a relaxing summer break.

Warm regards,

St. Peter's Governors



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic year it has been. As a staff, we are thrilled with all that the children have achieved. Academic highlights include 90% of children in EYFS achieving a Good Level of Development (2nd best in the EPA out of 10 schools) 100% phonics pass rate (best in the EPA), and the year 6 children had the best results the school has ever had, and the best in the EPA with 92% of children achieving Age Related Expectation in reading, writing and maths, and 42% of children achieving greater depth in all subjects. A phenomenal set of results from all the staff and a wonderful way for both Mrs Bradley and Miss Williams-Sharkey to sign off their time at St Peter's.

Special thanks to the staff for being AMAZING. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team who pour every last ounce of energy into the children and the school. Mrs Glass and I ask a lot of the team to give the children the best experience possible, and throughout the year on a weekly basis, staff come to us with amazing ideas they want to explore and events they want to hold, all for the benefit of the children. Everyone truly goes above and beyond.

ENORMOUS thanks to the governors for giving their time in supporting the school and helping with our strategic direction. It is a huge commitment of energy, so we thank you for giving your time so selflessly and being a big part of the school's success.

Huge thanks to SPSA who have been AWESOME throughout the whole year. I take my hat off to you all for your tireless energy and commitment and making things happen. The children are extremely lucky that you raise so much money for their benefit whether it be to help with the cost of school trips or resources for school. What a special group of people you are.

And finally, thank you to the parent community for your support. Working in partnership, we will continue to go from strength to strength. From reading with your child, to getting them school ready in the morning, to attending school events where possible, it all helps to build a cohesive experience for your child.

We are excited about the possibilities for next year, but let's all enjoy a good summer break first!

Mr Jeffries and Mrs Glass



THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting the SPSA this year. With your help we have managed to **raise over an amazing £9,000!**

During this school year, we have **donated almost £9,000** to the school - that's over **£93 per pupil**.

- **£4,000** was given to the school to **subsidise school trips** to reduce the cost to parents.
- The SPSA paid **£2,200** to send all the children to the **pantomime** in Oxford.
- **£500 was spent on the playground**, providing a range of activities and games at playtime and PE lessons.
- The Easter Bunny was able to leave **£96-worth of Easter eggs** at the end of the Spring Term.
- A further **£2,000 was spent to subsidise swimming lessons** for Maple and Willow classes, **reducing the cost from £105.48 to £48.33 per pupil**, making a curricular activity more affordable for everyone.
- We also provided the **lollies on Sports Day**, the **prizes for the Easter Bonnet Parade**, and **bought fans** for the school for the hot weather.

With the cost of living crisis among us all, including the school, we know that the SPSA is a precious source of funding to help all our children get the best from their school, giving them opportunities to learn away from the classroom, explore museums, visit theatres and take part in new activities. **Support from parents is crucial to help make this happen.**

If you are interested in joining the SPSA in September please speak to one of the current members, email spsavol@gmail.com, or come to our first meeting of the new academic year on Tuesday 9th September.

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- **Ability to inspire and organise a fantastic team of volunteers**
- **A knack for making things happen**

What You'll Do:

- **Lead SPSA meetings**
- **Champion exciting events, fundraising campaigns, and school initiatives**
- **Liase with school staff to ensure parent voices are heard**

Why It Matters:

This role is an opportunity to make a real impact on our children's educational journey.

Interested? Come chat with us at the next SPSA meeting or email us at spsavol@gmail.com

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

JULY

Friday 18th - Term ends at 1:15pm

We will see you back here at 8:30am on
Tuesday 2nd September



Today, Mr Jeffries presented certificates to Kathryn Humphris on behalf of Cassington Sports & Social Club and Lorna Mills on behalf of Cassington Village Hall, to show that we have successfully twinned toilets!

By doing the fun run earlier in the term we managed to raise enough money to twin not only all of our toilets in school, but also 3 each for Cassington Sports & Social Club and Cassington Village Hall. Well done!

Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped, or came and spent money!



We raised a total of **£335.83** which will be split between Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and the St Peter's Chickens.

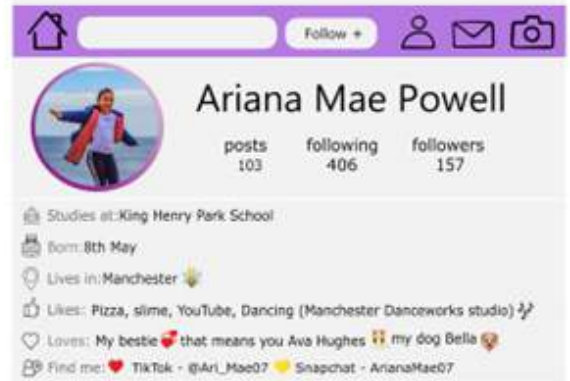
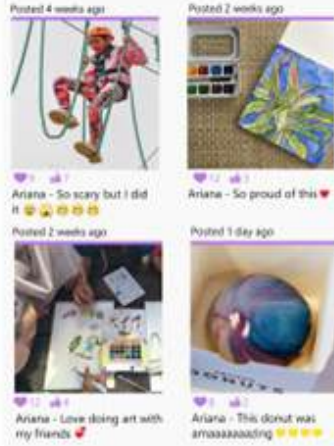
This is what we have talked about recently. Please start a discussion with your child!



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What responsible choices should this person make with their online identity?

Self-image and identity



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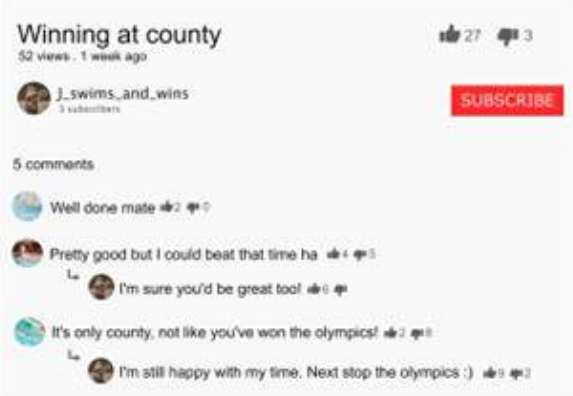
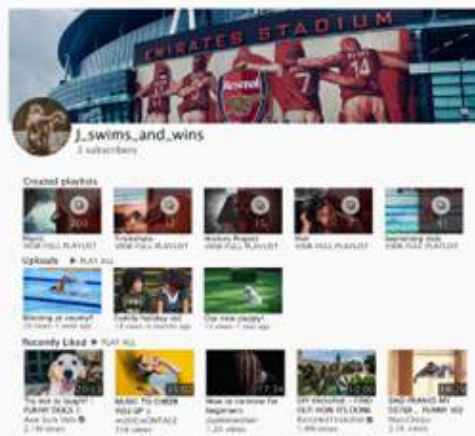
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Training in Eynsham on Wednesdays - 1700 - 1800

Interested? Want to find out more? Get in touch for a chat now: Ollie Marshall (07528 713669)

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Summer art competition: "Our zero-carbon future: clean energy, healthy planet!"

What does a world with clean, green energy and a healthy environment look like to you? Show us your ideas for a better, brighter, zero-carbon future.

Who can enter? All students at EPA Trust schools

What can you create? Drawings, paintings, posters, photos, poems, short stories (max 300 words), models, collages (send a photo!), digital art... anything goes!



Win prizes and recognition!

Winners in each age group. Top entries will be shown in a community exhibition and shared online.

Need ideas?

Think about: wind turbines, solar panels, heat pumps, bikes, buses, electric cars, clean air, buzzing bees, green spaces, or what your school might look like in a zero-carbon future.

How to enter: email a photo or scan to capzerocuckoolane@lowcarbonhub.org OR post it to: CAPZero, Low Carbon Hub, Holywell House, Osney Mead, Oxford OX2 0ES. Include your name, age, school, title of your piece, and a short 2-3 sentence description.

Deadline: Friday 19 September 2025

Questions? Email us: capzerocuckoolane@lowcarbonhub.org



CAPZero is run by Low Carbon Hub with support from West Oxfordshire District Council, Oxfordshire County Council, and your local community.



Welcome to the CAPZero newsletter takeover!

Thank you to the EPA Trust for inviting us to do this.

Hello everyone, we're a group of local people working on a super cool project in West Oxfordshire. It's called CAPZero – and it's all about making and using clean, green energy without harming the planet.

We need everyone's help – kids, grown-ups, schools, and businesses. Together, we can make our homes and local area better for the future.

We can do it – but how?

- ♥ Make our homes, schools, shops and village halls comfortable & cheaper to run
- 💡 Save energy whenever we can
- ☀️ Make and use clean energy like solar panels and heat pumps
- 🚶🚲🚌 Walk, cycle, or hop on the bus instead of using the car
- 🌿 Plant lots of hedges and care for wildflowers, animals, trees and local wild spaces

Get involved!

Join a local group like GreenTEA, Freeland Energy Group, Go Green Hanborough, or the Nature Recovery Network – or start one at your school!

Find out more: www.lowcarbonhub.org/cap-zero or pick up a leaflet at school reception





BEAT THE HEAT

COOL TIPS FOR THE SUMMER

With these simple but effective tips you can make a positive impact on your comfort, your wallet, and the environment – letting you enjoy a sustainable and refreshing summer!

Avoid making more heat

When the weather is hot, try to minimise the heat you create:

- Check your heating is switched off completely, rather than just turned down at the thermostat.
- Turn off electrical items when they're not needed. Lights, chargers, TVs, and computers can all generate heat. As well as keeping you cooler in the summer, switching off standby whenever you can will save you around £55 a year.¹ A smart plug can make it easier to switch things off in one go.
- Keep TVs and computers out of bedrooms which need to be cooler for sleep.



If you can, position your fridge and freezer out of direct sunlight and away from dishwashers and ovens, as a 5°C increase in the air around a fridge or freezer can increase its energy consumption by 20%.²

Fans and air conditioning

- When using an electric fan: Use fans if the air temperature is below 35°C, but:



Do not aim the fan directly at your body as this can lead to dehydration.

Put it at floor level to circulate cooler air.

- Put a sealed bottle of ice or a wet tea towel in front of it to circulate chilled air (don't let the fan get wet for safety reasons).

- Air con versus fan? *Which?* consumer magazine compared the two options, and found that in most cases a good fan is sufficient and will use less electricity and cost a lot less to run than air conditioning.

- Hanging up a wet sheet or drying wet clothes on a rack inside can also cool a space, but remember to ventilate the area when it cools down, to avoid mould and condensation.

In the kitchen

The kitchen is often a hotspot in the house:

- Keep cooking to a minimum during the day and cook when it is cooler. Microwaves are an efficient way to warm up food without creating more heat. Slow cookers are less heat intensive than using the oven or hob.
- Keep your fridge happy. Fridges and freezers account for around 13% of an average household's electricity consumption,¹ as they are always on. Check your fridge and freezer doors close properly. Clean and defrost the freezer regularly and dust the condensing coils at the back to help them run as efficiently as possible.



¹Energy Saving Trust ²The Energy Action Project

Find out more at www.lowcarbonhub.org/energy-saving-advice

Windows: dos and don'ts

- Ventilate as much as you can when it is cooler outside – overnight, in the early morning, and in the evening – by opening windows and doors. To make the most of air flow at those times, open windows on opposite sides of your home and keep internal doors open. Once outside temperatures rise, close windows and doors.
- Shade and cover windows – draw blinds and curtains or, if you don't have them, hang light coloured sheets up to provide shade and reflect the heat, open curtains and blinds again, to maximise the use of natural light and avoid switching lights on until you need to. Reflective window film is also an option.
- You might want to consider adding awnings to your home, particularly over south facing windows, if you have the budget and can.

Keeping your body cool

- Hydrate. Drink before you get thirsty, as hot weather means you sweat more.
- Wear loose-fitting clothes and put your clothes – or some bedding – in the freezer for a couple of minutes before use.
- Having a lukewarm shower (not too cold) before bed has been shown to help you sleep on a hot night. Showers save water and money but, if you prefer a bath, save the water to water any plants.
- Too hot inside? It may be cooler outdoors in the shade or at a local public building like your local library, so if you're struggling to keep your home cool, see if there is a cooler place you can get to without walking too far in the heat.
- A cooling sports towel around your neck and shoulders can be effective, as can dabbing cool water on your neck and wrists.



Other actions



- Join the **Priority Services Register** and be the first to hear about power cuts. Encourage vulnerable friends, family, and neighbours to do the same: www.shorturl.at/cvEGO.
- Sign up to the **Heat-health Alert Service**. Find out more and sign up here: www.shorturl.at/BHV23.
- **Look after your neighbours** – especially anyone elderly, sick, and young.
- **Don't forget the wildlife!** Leave water out for hedgehogs, birds, insects, and other creatures. See: www.shorturl.at/vyQZ8.
- **Insulate your home.** Good insulation helps keep heat in in the winter and heat out in the summer. See our [Energy Saving Advice](#) page for other things you can do to increase comfort in all seasons.
- **Plant drought-resistant trees** or shrubs to create shade and reduce heat.

About us



Low Carbon Hub is a social enterprise that's out to prove we can meet our energy needs in a way that's good for people and good for the planet. Because we are run for the benefit of the community, we use all of our profits to fund community-led action on climate change.

Low Carbon Hub is a company registered in England and Wales with registration no 7583663. Registered office Holywell House, Osney Mead, Oxford OX2 0ES. All costs and savings are estimates based on typical homes and may vary.

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(No Cassington classes during August – classes re-start on Monday 8th September)

Tuesday – Yarnton Village Hall – 8-9pm
(Yarnton classes will continue through summer – no class on 02/09/2025)

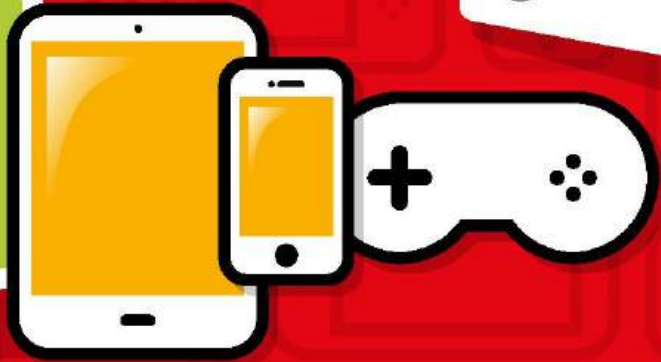
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BE SMART ONLINE



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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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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.





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Date handed to office	

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Review	

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