

Newsletter



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Having lots of fun in Forest School!



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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.

What lovely weather we have been blessed with this term! Apple Tree have loved spending more time outside and taking their learning out there; particularly with water play. This time has given them the opportunity to play collaboratively as a small group, work on their ball skills and strengthen their core muscles, with the space hoppers and walking stilts. This has supported their gymnastics in PE too. It has been lovely seeing many children looking at and caring for our plants and growing area, wanting to help plant, water and care for them. They may have even had a little shower themselves under the hose on those warmer days!!



We have been busy exploring at Forest School and have been able to see and identify lots of different bugs. We are enjoying seeing the fruit trees blossom and look forward to seeing the fruit growing soon. The children particularly enjoyed the long grass and were retelling their own story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' whilst walking through it. As well as using it as a great hiding place, they used their happizome flags, they had created, to help get found by holding it up above the long grass.

This retelling of stories has been fantastic this term as our learning and key texts have all been based the brilliant author Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler. We have been enjoying some of these brilliant stories, some of which are favourites in the class, and have given us the opportunity to think further into the meaning behind the stories and get our imaginations working. They have shown some brilliant ideas in drawing club and even turned into the illustrator at some point, using a drawing tutorial video to draw Zog. We can't wait to immerse ourselves in our imaginative world when we visit The Children's play village for our trip next week!



Maple class had the exciting opportunity to visit the Living Rainforest as part of their geography curriculum. The trip offered a truly immersive experience of tropical environments – without leaving the UK!

From the moment we arrived, the children were full of curiosity and enthusiasm. They discovered exotic plants, the world's smallest monkey (Pygmy Marmoset) and even experienced the heat and humidity of a real rainforest climate. Our knowledgeable guide led us through different rainforest layers, explaining how various plants and animals adapt to their environment.

Highlights included Harry the shy armadillo, vibrant poisonous frogs, and Luigi, the Yellow-knobbed curassow – which caused a few gasps as he took flight! Pupils asked thoughtful questions throughout and impressed staff with their prior knowledge and respectful behaviour. Staff at the Living rainforest even commented on how well-behaved and engaged our pupils were!

Maple class also participated in Bartholomew's Tag rugby festival. The children work astoundingly in their teams, showing excellent teamwork. The children used our school values in their play as they were: patience, honest and courageous throughout! We were highly successful and the children enjoyed every minute of it! Maple were once again, brilliant representatives of the school!

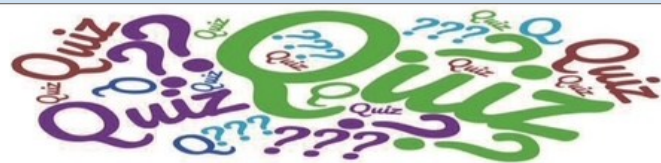




Information



Thank you to everyone for helping to raise money for our toilet twinning project through Tearfund. Our amazing, fantastic total is: **£1237.02** (as well as an extra **£192.38** in gift aid)



Join us for a just for fun quiz evening at the

Red Lion Cassington on:

Saturday 17th May

7:30 pm start

Teams of up to **6** people welcome, entry is only **£2** per person

Gather your friends, test your knowledge, and support a great cause. We hope to see you there!



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Every Monday starting 2nd June – Cassington Village Hall – 7:30-8:30pm

Every Tuesday starting 3rd June – Yarnton Village Hall – 8-9pm

£7 entry

One off payment of £6.50 for reusable branded glow sticks

BOOKING INFORMATION

Facebook/Instagram -
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**SCIENCE & SPORT
Week!**

FUN FILLED MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP WITH A SCIENCE & SPORT TWIST. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

HANDS ON SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

SPORTS

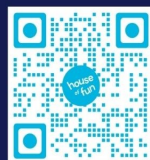
ARTS & CRAFTS

COOKERY

CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED

**MAY HALF TERM
MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP**

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May, 2025
open from 8.30am to 6pm each day!



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Coffee Morning at St Peter's School for parents/carers

Wednesday 4th June from 8:30 - 9:30

At St Peter's we have started to work with the Mental Health Support Team. We would like to invite parents/carers to a coffee morning where you can meet Olivia (our link Mental Health Support Worker) with myself and hear about the work she can do with us at school and ask any questions that you may have about her support at St Peter's.

Below is a little bit of information about the team and what they do. If you have any questions, please let me know.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the coffee morning.

Mrs Glass



Hello, I'm your Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)!

I work for the MHST, which is an early-intervention team within Oxfordshire CAMHS. As an EMHP, I deliver 1:1 and group work with children, young people, and families. I also work with school staff to support their whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing. Our team is made up of EMHPs, Supervisors, CBT Therapists, Managers and Administrators.

How can I help individuals? In line with Government Policy to Increase Access to Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for Children and Young People (2017) part of my role as an EMHP is to deliver low-intensity CBT informed interventions when Children and Young People are experiencing emerging, mild-moderate difficulties with their mental health; including **anxiety, low mood**, and challenging **behaviour**. These interventions typically last between 6-8 sessions and require a commitment to completing some work between sessions!

How can I help your school? The whole-school approach (WSA) is a commitment to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing for children at all levels; the individual, their families, and school staff. I collaborate with school to identify areas of need (e.g., supporting pupils with exam stress or running parent workshops on child anxiety) and help to establish approaches that supports managing wellbeing difficulties. This can be done through coffee mornings, workshops, staff training sessions.

If our MHST service cannot meet your needs or the needs of your school in a certain situation, I can signpost you to other services and resources that may be more appropriate. For example, within the CAMHS service, we have regular communication with other teams (e.g., Neurodevelopmental Conditions (NDC) Team for assessments for neurodiversity).

How to seek support: Your Senior Mental Health Lead/SENDCo and I meet for regular consultation meetings, to plan coffee mornings or themed workshops and discuss support for individual families. If they feel you may benefit from our team's support and a low-intensity CBT intervention, we will ask for your consent to be considered for referral and to access any existing mental health records. Teachers and school staff can also consider any WSA topics and training of interest with your Senior Mental Health Lead/SENDCo.



Calendar



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

MAY 2025

- Tuesday 20th - Oak Class to **Oxford University Museum of Natural History**
- Tuesday 20th - Apple Tree visit from **Little City**
- Tuesday 20th - Boys cricket - yr 5&6 - Eynsham cricket club - 1pm-4pm - **TIME CHANGE!**
- Thursday 22nd - Willow trip to **River & Rowing museum**
- Monday 26th — Friday 30th **HALF TERM**

Please check these dates & times carefully!

We have had to do some swapping to fit everything in!

JUNE 2024

- Monday 2nd - Term starts back
- Wednesday 4th - Mental Health Support Coffee Morning - 8:30-9:30am
- Wednesday 4th - Induction meeting for next year's Reception children - 3:15-3:45pm
- Thursday 5th - **Magical Day Out** - some of yr3/4
- Thursday 5th - Cricket Festival - yr 1&2 - Bartholomew School - 9:30am—11:30am
- Friday 6th - **Skateboard Club starts!** 3:10-3:55pm
- Monday 9th - Yrs 1 & 2 Phonics screening week
- Wednesday 11th - EPA Sports Day - yr 3&4 - Bartholomew School - 9:30am—12:30pm
- Thursday 12th - **Magical Day Out** - some of yr3/4
- Friday 13th - **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - Hungry Caterpillar - £3 per family
- Tuesday 17th - EPA Sports Day - yr 5&6 - Tilsley Park - 10am—2pm
- Saturday 21st - Charity group sponsored abseil! More details soon
- Monday 23rd - KS1 & 2 Sports Day - Details to follow
- Wednesday 25th - EPA Commonwealth games - Bartholomew School - 9:30am—12:30pm
- Thursday 26th - Yr 6 transition day to Bartholomew School (St Peter's 'move up' afternoon)
- Friday 27th - Yr 6 transition day to Bartholomew School
- Monday 30th - **BIKE NIGHT!**

JULY 2024

- Wednesday 2nd - Apple Tree Sports Day - Details to follow
- Friday 4th - **iRock concert** at 2:15pm



Cassington Bike Night

Monday 30th June

It's that time of year again... Cassington Bike Night - the largest fundraiser for St Peter's School and our children.

We are looking for parents, carers and friends to come and support some of the major functions to make this event happen!

We know time is precious and it is a juggle when you have children but if you are able to spare an hour on the night it would be really appreciated.

We are looking for help with:

- BBQ: we need cookers, makers, servers and order takers - contact Sophie Fisher (George's mum) or Harriet Chudry (Yasmeena and Zaheer's mum)
- Bucket shakers - contact Ami Thomson (Zoe and Eddie's mum)
- Helmet store - contact Abrar Chudry (Yasmeena and Zaheer's dad)
- Café: help serve teas and coffees - contact Charlotte Metcalf (Jasper's mum)
- Donate cakes for the café - contact Joanna Seidel (Leo, Alicia and Philipp's mum)
- Marshals on the school field - contact Emily Lemaire
- Or if you can help but don't mind where, contact any of the SPSA team or email spsavol@gmail.com

All helpers get a free burger and drink!



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, a huge well done to the year 6 children for SATs week; the children's approach and attitude was fantastic to see. The children put a huge amount of effort into the tests and Miss Williams-Sharkey and Mrs Edwards had clearly prepared them well. A big thank you also to Mrs Howe who regularly works with the children on a Thursday in her booster sessions.

We informed Apple and Oak parents earlier in the week that Mrs Bradley will be leaving at the end of this academic year. Mrs Bradley has found a school much closer to home. As well as being a first-class teacher, Mrs Bradley has also led English and phonics in school for many years, regularly bringing some of the best results in the EPA and county. We wish her all the best for the future. The recruitment process is well underway, and we will give you an update soon.

Mrs Partridge will be retiring from school this summer, but will still very much be involved in childcare for her grandson when her daughter returns to teaching in the summer. Mrs Partridge will be greatly missed, and we appreciate all the fantastic work she has done, especially her detailed knowledge in interventions.

Maple class had a wonderful time at Bartholomew School on Thursday for a tag rugby event. The children came back so excited that a few of them immediately asked if they could set up a lunchtime tag rugby club! I absolutely love the children's enthusiasm, passion and how they throw themselves into experiences in this way – seeing this is one of the best parts of the job!

Next week we have some exciting class trips with Oak class visiting the Museum of Natural History in Oxford and Willow class going to the river and rowing museum. We can't wait to hear how they get on.

Wishing you all a sunny and peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher





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>Compassion</i>	'R' Award— <i>Responsibility</i>
 Apple	<i>Louis Stedman-Cox</i>	<i>Beulah Balchin</i>	<i>Tommy Sheridan</i>
 Oak	<i>Eli Beesley</i>	<i>Simeon Simpson</i>	<i>Zak Baker</i>
 Maple	<i>Finley Britton</i>	<i>Yasmeena Chudry</i>	<i>Tommy Fleetwood</i>
 Willow	<i>Ciara Overmire</i>	<i>Annie Baxter</i>	<i>Celyn Phillips</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Kai Black</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.

Value of the term

Compassion

Child quote of the term

Compassion is to look beyond your pain and see the pain of others to help -
Julia Dixon

'R' of the Term

Responsibility

Responsibility



I can choose to help others	
I can show care for the school and equipment	
I can demonstrate good choices	

Responsibility



I can demonstrate care for the world around me	
I can choose to put others' needs before my own	
I can explain the importance of playing my part	

Responsibility



- I can **build** awareness of myself
- I can **show** I own my actions
- I can **demonstrate** maturity and take initiative
- I can **discuss** the importance of playing my part
- I can **imagine** others' feelings
- I can **influence** by creating positive ripples

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.

Cassington Sports and Social Club

Tennis/MUGA membership 2025

Name.....Adult/Junior

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Address.....

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Phone No.....

Email.....

Cassington Sports and Social Club will consider any cases of village residents suffering from financial hardship on a strictly confidential basis, please do get in touch.

Total sum enclosed: £ _____ cash/cheque

<p>Cassington residents per household £30 Non-Cassington residents per household £75 Non-Cassington residents with a child at St Peter's Primary £50</p>

Please make cheques payable to 'Cassington Sports & Social Club'.

Online banking details (*please note these new bank details*)

Sort Code: 51-70-15 (NatWest business a/c)

Account No: 85809535

Please return completed form to Caroline Morton, 14 The Tennis, Cassington, OX29 4EL or to 'caz.morton@gmail.com' to receive the new code.

(Please be aware that this membership does not include use of the floodlights – the MUGA with floodlights can be hired separately at the current hire rate per hour)

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

