





# Information



We have children in school who have serious, potentially life-threatening allergies to nuts.

We don't allow any nut or nut products in school.

**This includes Nutella!**

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher, or email Emily in the office.

## CAR PARKING

**Could we please remind parents that they should NOT be parking in the staff car park** (or in front of the gate) when they drop-off or pick-up their children.

If you drive to school, please park in the village hall car park or the layby on the road. If there is no space in either of those, there is usually lots of space in Bell Lane. This is a short walk down the footpath by the school (and there are less cars to worry about). If you aren't sure where this is, please ask Emily in the office.

If you have to park on the road, please make sure you don't park near the bend by the chequers pub as this makes it very dangerous for cars to get past. Thank you for your help in this matter.



## School Dinners

School dinners can be booked through Schoolgrid, where you can also view the menus and make payments. If you have any problems, please let Emily in the office know.

Dinners are free for all children in Reception, years 1 & 2. There are some children that will also qualify for free school meals due to family income and circumstances. For a confidential chat, or to pick up a form to apply, please speak to Emily.



## Parentmail

ParentMail is our main communication program. You use it to receive emails and permission forms as well as paying for items and booking sessions. **Please** make sure that you can access ParentMail and that you check it regularly. If you can't get onto the system, please let Emily in the office know as soon as possible.

# Chaplain Chat

## Term 1

A retired Headteacher with whom I used to work as a music teacher recently attended a service at Christ Church cathedral, where I worship. He turned up out of the blue and introduced himself. We exchanged news, and he enquired, "How are your children? Have they left school yet?" My boys are now in their 30s, and married with children of their own! I was reminded of a brain teaser my husband taught our eldest son when he was a boy, which he has now taught our grandson:

"Time flies. You can't. They fly so fast. They sit upon the trees and bark. Many of them weigh a pound."

This is the time of year when we exclaim, "Where has the summer holiday gone?" or "I can't believe so-and-so is starting school / going to secondary school already!" It's a wake-up call not to take our lives for granted and that change is inevitable. We live in a world of change. On a global scale, the challenge of climate change with its weather extremes brings devastation in myriad ways, and day after day news reports of nations at war are accompanied by horrific footage of the suffering of ordinary people whose lives will never be the same again.



Closer to home, circumstances and relationships change, careers shift and unexpected events happen – even our bodies are constantly changing. For our children, the start of a new school year is a time of huge changes, and their heads will be bursting with questions as they navigate new routines and expectations. Change might be exciting and full of possibility, but it can also be unsettling and overwhelming, causing feelings of confusion, anxiety and even fear.



For I am persuaded that neither death  
nor life, nor angels nor rulers,  
nor things present nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height nor depth,  
nor any other created thing will be  
able to separate us from the love of  
God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (CSB)



As a Christian, when I face change my faith reassures me that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* [Hebrews 13.8]. Throughout my life, time and time again experience has taught me that God is faithful. He can provide the steadfastness and stability we all long for, and be a reliable source of comfort at any time of day or night. In my role as School Chaplain, when I arrive in the morning I say a prayer asking God to walk with me through the door. I ask him to show me where I am most needed: perhaps someone needs my help, or wants to tell me something, or ask about something they don't understand / want to know more about. When I don't know what to say, I ask God to give me the right words, too.

Perhaps someone is lonely or feeling sad, or simply wants to offload - and that someone could be anybody, child or adult, because I am here for the whole school community: teachers and support staff, parents and families, as well as pupils.

So if you see me 'loitering with intent' in playground or corridor, do come and say hello, especially if you are new to the school. I'd love to meet you.

Every blessing

*Heather* (EPA Chaplain)



# Information



## Football club is back next week (Sept 8th), run by Oxfordshire Skill Acquisition Academy.

Sessions will run from 3.10-4.10pm on Monday afternoons, with a full 12 week schedule with the last date on December 8th. Please book via the following link.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1\\_CXzqIBIXiK6OdBiB6IXeHvO7Y\\_7zTvQAmpdLG889k/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_CXzqIBIXiK6OdBiB6IXeHvO7Y_7zTvQAmpdLG889k/edit)



## Drinking water

Please remember that the children shouldn't be having juice in their bottles. Juice is fine in their packed lunch, but they should only have water in their water bottles.

Thank you.

## Illness

Could we please remind you all that we have a **strict '48hour rule'** for children (or staff) who have vomiting and / or diarrhoea. In the EPA Trust's 'Control of Infections policy', it says:

*2.9.3. Any pupil who is unwell (Vomiting and diarrhoea) should stay away from the School until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours as set out in the current exclusion policy set out by Public Health England for schools. <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net>*

*Parents are asked to ensure that this happens.*

Please remember that this is 48 hours since their **last bout** of vomiting or diarrhoea, and it is there to protect other children and their families, as well as staff.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Absences

### If your child is going to be absent - what you must do:

- Either log your child's absence on ParentMail, phone us and leave a message or email the office, before 8.45am for each day of your child's absence.
- Tell us in advance, of any medical appointments (preferably by email).
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. If we think they are unwell, we will ring you. (If they have had vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay away for 48 hours)
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance or lateness, please talk to us so we can help!

### What we will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



# Calendar



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

## SEPTEMBER 2025

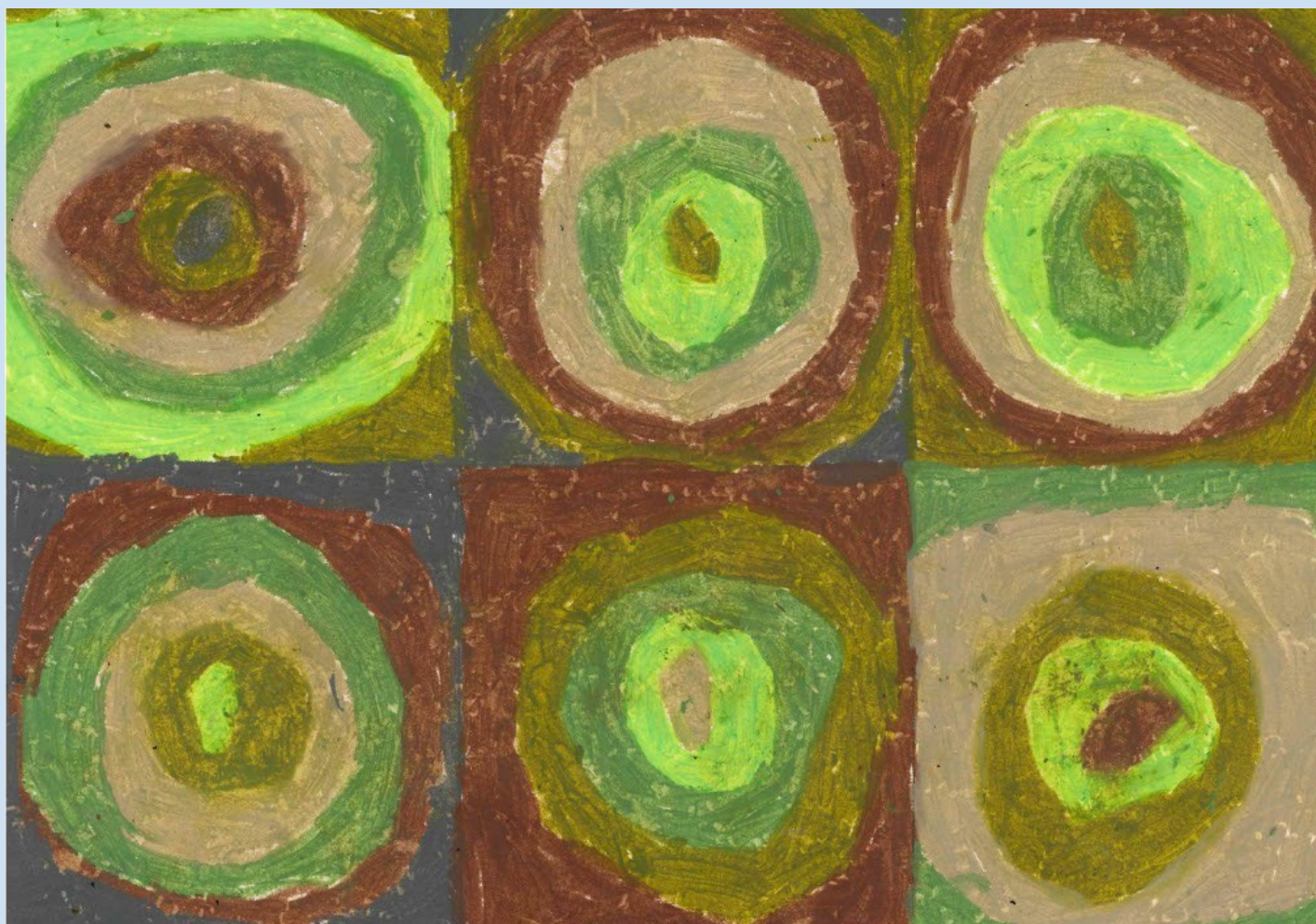
- Wednesday 10th - **Oak** curriculum meeting for parents - 2:30pm in hall  
**Maple** curriculum meeting for parents - 3:20pm in hall
- Thursday 11th - **Willow** curriculum meeting for parents - 3:20pm in hall
- Friday 12th - Skateboarding club starts
- Monday 15th - Bikeability for **yr 6** (please make sure your consent form has been completed)
- Tuesday 16th - Bikeability for **yr 6**
- Wednesday 24th - **Maple** class trip to the Story Museum
- Friday 26th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree for children under 4 yo. 2-3pm



## Artwork by Arlow



This week we were impressed with this stunning artwork, in the style of the Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky, created by Arlow.





# After School Club



- 3:10pm School finishes
- 3:10pm - 3:40pm Registration/Snack
- 3:40pm - 4:15pm Activities
- 4:15pm - 5:05pm Activities
- 5:05pm - 5:15pm Tidy up
- 5:15pm After School Club finishes







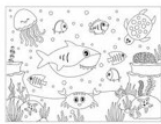

**After School Club contact details -**  
**ASC@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk**  
**07396 801472**

Although we aim to stick to this timetable as much as possible, there may be occasions where we need to substitute activities.

**Week 2 WC: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (yoghurts and Bars)	Snack (Make your own Pizza)	Snack (Nachos with salsa)	Snack (Bean on Toast)	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings)
3:40-4:15	LEGO CLUB - 	Den building  Outside 	Arts and crafts - 	Outside Games 	Games and Puzzles 
4:15-5:15	Outside 	Looking after and feeding the fish	Arts and crafts continue		

**Week1 WC: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40		Snack (Hot dogs)	Snack (Fruit and yoghurts)	Snack (Salad, Breadsticks and dips)	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings)
3:40-4:15		Games and Puzzles  Outside 	Arts and crafts -  Outside 	Games and Puzzles  Outside 	<b>3:10-4:15</b> Free colouring  Outside 
4:15- 5:15		Looking after the fish and feeding them	Word searches (Option of colouring)	<b>Chromebooks TTRS Or educational games</b>	



# A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our families; it has been fabulous seeing you all again on the gate at drop-off and pick-up. A special welcome to our new families joining us and we very much look forward to getting to know you and working with you.

The children have had a brilliant first week back and have settled into their classes well. The energy and enthusiasm the children showed in my assembly this morning was incredible, so thank you for getting them ready for the new school year so well. As part of the assembly we discussed pupil leadership groups for the year, so please ask your children about this and encourage them to apply, as you see appropriate. We are also having a picture competition of animals that represent the 5Rs which is our way of building behaviour for learning skills. The 5Rs are Reciprocity, Resourcefulness, Responsibility, Reflection, Resilience and we will communicate more about these in the next newsletter, but in the meantime, check your child's bag for the competition entry form.

We are all set for a fantastic year of learning and experiences for the children as we look to build upon the successes of last year. The end of the day is the best time to catch teachers with any questions and please book an appointment with them if you need longer. Mrs Glass and I will be on the gate throughout the week and we are more than happy to chat. If you would like to speak to us about a specific issue, please make sure you have met with the class teacher in the first instance and then make an appointment through the office. Mr Keegan and Mrs McKay have had a great start at St Peter's, so thank you for the warm welcome you have given them.






With best wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

## Awards of the Week

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	Values Award — <b>FRIENDSHIP</b>	'R' Award — <b>RECIPROCITY</b>
 <b>Apple</b>	<i>Arian Kianzad</i>	<i>Ivy Horner</i>
 <b>Oak</b>	<i>Tommy Sheridan</i>	<i>Elliott Gale</i>
 <b>Maple</b>	<i>Tommy Fleetwood</i>	<i>Celia Sanchez Moril</i>
 <b>Willow</b>	<i>Poppy Taylor</i>	<i>Hudson Meade</i>
 <b>Headteacher's Vision Award</b>	<i>James Sinclair</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.

To book, please visit this link: <https://brokenboardsltd.as.me/stpeters>



# SKATEBOARDING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**ST PETER'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FRIDAYS 3.10-3.55PM**



**ALL GEAR PROVIDED**

**Cassington Sports and Social Club and  
Cassington Village Hall invite you to ...**

**Cassington in  
conversation with ...**

**Sara Bolton**  
Physiotherapist

# **Copenhagen to Kyoto: seeking the answers to longevity**

**A Churchill Fellowship journey**

**Cassington Village Hall  
Thursday 18 September - 7.30pm**

**TICKETS £5 ★ BAR AVAILABLE**

St Peter's Church, Cassington Village Hall and  
Cassington Sports and Social Club invite you to a

# HARVEST COMMUNITY SUPPER

**Saturday 4 October 2025 6.30pm - 10.00pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

Join us for a community evening of fun, music and laughter following in the long tradition of people in Cassington celebrating the gathering of the Harvest.

- ★ Home-grown local entertainment
- ★ Buffet Supper included in the ticket price
- ★ Pay bar



**Tickets in advance: Adults £10 / Under 16s £5**  
**Family ticket (up to 5 members) £25 from ...**

Jan Macdonald: 07941 419219 - janmacdonald78@aol.co.uk

Carolyn Hinton: 07747 621597 - chinton260@outlook.co.uk



# BE SMART ONLINE



## S

### 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.



## M

### 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](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## A

### 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.



## R

### 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.



## T

### 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](http://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.





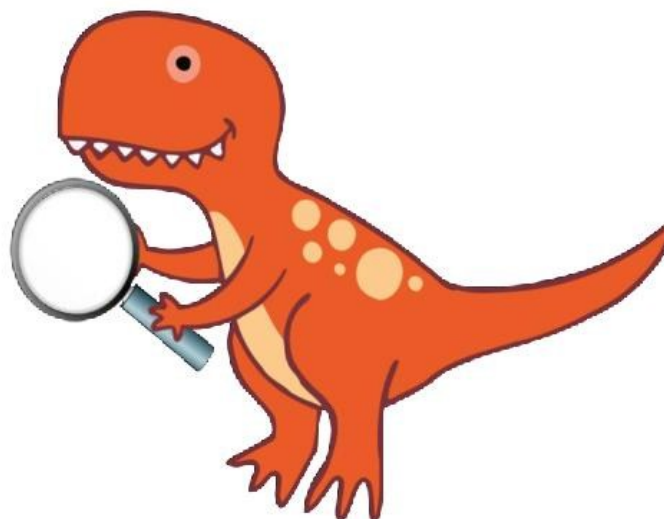
# Dino Digital Detectives

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Class</b>	
<b>Potential harmful activity detected</b>	
<b>Date handed to office</b>	

<b>Action</b>	
<b>Review</b>	

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



# Value of the term

## **Friendship**

# Child quote of the term

**To follow next week**

# Question of the Week

**To follow next week**

# 'R' of the Term

## **Reciprocity**

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.