

# Newsletter



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Friday 17th March 2023

This week we have had both Netball and Football tournaments, and Maple Class tell us what they've been up to over the last term.



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING  
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE  
SCHOOL

We currently have two 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.

## Netball



On Monday 6th March, 11 year 5 and 6 children competed in a netball tournament hosted by Bartholomew School. They played against Eynsham, Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, Hanborough & Freeland schools. Overall they won 2 games, lost 2 games and tied 1 game. Although they didn't win a prize, they were very proud of themselves. They would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Glass and Mr Miles for being so supportive.

Karys.

## Football



On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Ms Leggett and I took a team over to Eynsham Primary School to play in a mixed U11 football match as part of the EPA football league. It was a tough game with lots of talented footballers across both teams. We were incredibly impressed with the children's perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the whole game. Even when faced with a loss, they demonstrated the true values of St Peter's School. Respect, courage and dignity are three values that really stood out to us and we were very proud of how they represented the school.

Miss Williams-Sharkey



# Maple Class



Since January, Maple Class have continued to explore our topic of the Ancient Egyptians. We started off the spring term with a class trip to the Ashmolean Museum where we held Egyptian artefacts, explored Taharqa's shrine and learnt about the lives of their two mummies. The children behaved impeccably and asked thoughtful questions. In class, we have had a go at writing with hieroglyphics on papyrus, completed some deeper research on their gods and have explored how and why the pyramids were built. We also had a very exciting lesson where we learnt the ancient ritual of mummification and mummified some oranges! We carefully placed their organs in canopic jars (the bin!), preserved them with a special resin (PVA glue!) and wrapped them in the finest of linens (velvet soft toilet paper!) The children found this lesson to be great fun - as you can see!



Our last science topic was forces and magnets. Within this topic, we conducted some experiments testing the friction created with different materials and exploring how and why magnets interact.

Our current topic is exploring states of matter. The children have been keen to acquire the key vocabulary, such as evaporation, condensation and solidifying and are using it well to aid their descriptions of changes in states. In our most recent lesson, we created a piece of text (a poster, a poem, a rap or a song) describing the water cycle. Lots of children were really keen to share these to the class and I am sure would love to share them at home too!

We have had lots of exciting extra-curricular activities take place too such as a year 3/4 dance workshop with other EPA Primary Schools, our world book day and rehearsals for our play which we are excited to perform very soon.

In English, we have been reading 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.' The children have created excellent descriptions of Marcy's adventure through learning how to expand our noun phrases with prepositional phrases and making ambitious word choices. Inspired by Marcy, we look forward to writing our own pieces of fiction writing over the next couple of weeks.





Ashmolean trip & Mummification!



# Maple Class



Calligraphy & Science—Magnets & Friction



## Come and join us!

The SPSA is looking for a new treasurer from September as Nags sadly ends her time as a St Peter's mum. This is an exciting time to get involved with the SPSA as it grows following the Covid years, with lots of fundraising activities and events coming up.

Basic responsibilities would include arranging floats for events, counting money received from events, reimbursing event related spends and general management of the bank account.

To find out more, with a view to start earlier to learn more from Nags while she's still here, please speak to a member of the team (can be done via Emily) or contact [SPSAVOL@gmail.com](mailto:SPSAVOL@gmail.com)

## Easter

SPSA will be running an Easter egg hunt on the last day of term – a laminated egg will be hidden for each child which they can exchange for a real chocolate egg before they go home! We'll also be providing prizes for the Easter Bonnet competition – one per class!

### *Invitation*

## MOTHERING SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 19 March 2023

at 3pm

in St Peter's Church

followed by afternoon tea

in the Village Hall

*We're planning a celebration display of photos of weddings and baptisms held in St Peter's Church over the years.*

Everyone welcome



There is an **Easter Judo Course** being held at the Faringdon Judo Dojo.

Dates: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm each day.

More details and the sign up form can be found at <https://www.oxfordshirejudo.com/easter-course>

The children will learn some great Judo and there will be plenty of games.

Several of Jonathan's older students will be on hand to ensure everyone has a fantastic experience.

(Emily and her daughter Seren will be there!)





# Awards of the Week



## 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	Vision Award	Values Award— <i>Patience</i>	'R' Award— <i>Resilience</i>
 Apple	<i>Tommy Sheridan</i>	<i>Nellie Paulin</i>	<i>Theo Hill</i>
 Oak	<i>Caron Riding</i>	<i>Kai Black</i>	<i>Teddy Prior</i>
 Maple	<i>Phoebe Thomas</i>	<i>Rueben Faulkner</i>	<i>Annie Baxter</i>
 Willow	<i>Charlie Robertson</i>	<i>Karys Taylor</i>	<i>George Rasmussen</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Teddy Cooke</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.



# Calendar



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

- Sunday 19th - Mothering Sunday celebration - 3pm
- Week beginning Monday 20th - Apple Tree Parents Evenings
- Tuesday 21st - Oak Class - Dance Workshop - **!CHANGE OF DATE!**
- Friday 24th - iRock concert 2:30pm
- Monday 27th - Maple Play - 1:30pm
- Tuesday 28th - Oak Class - Florence Nightingale Drama Workshop
- Tuesday 28th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family
- Tuesday 28th - Maple Play - 6pm
- Friday 31st - Easter Service at St Peter's Church at 9:15am
- Friday 31st - Easter bonnet parade at 10:15am
- Friday 31st - Finish Term at 1:15pm

## **APRIL**

- Monday 3rd—Friday 14th - Easter Holidays
- Week beginning Monday 17th - Oak / Maple / Willow Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 19th - Year 6 Transition Day to Bartholomew School

### **Limited time offer – get FREE lifetime membership to FiveDinners.com!**

We know how hard times are at the moment so the folks at FiveDinners.com – online meal planning service - have decided to give away FREE lifetime memberships to try and help you save money on food shopping and reduce the mental load of deciding what to eat every night. There's no catch or restrictions, simply full access to our meal plans to make your dinnertimes a little easier and cheaper.

FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service co-founded by author and TV chef Theo Michaels. To help with the cost of living crisis so many families and individuals are facing Theo has decided to offer their meal planning service for FREE (usually £49.99 per year); every week they publish a new meal plan with an automatically generated shopping list; set to your serving size so you know exactly what you need for the week ahead. It saves you time, money on food shopping and ultimately takes away the headache of deciding what to cook every night. You can even create and save your own meal plans choosing from hundreds of recipes.

Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click green Join button now.



# Book Reviews



## Our Book Review winners for this fortnight!

Please encourage your child to submit a book review (or as many as they want!) When they bring in a book review, we will choose informative and well presented book reviews (age/ability appropriate!) to be winners that week.

If they would like to join in, please see [www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/reading/](http://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/reading/) where you can download book review forms. We also have some printed out in our Reception.

We have special book review forms for Apple Tree, however, their review could also be a picture or a short video uploaded to tapestry.



# Value of the term

## Patience

### Child quote of the term

If Jesus can wait 40 minutes for food, we can wait 4 minutes to talk - Karys




### This Week's Big Question

This is the big question that we talked about in collective worship this week.  
How about having a discussion about it at home?

**How do you feel when someone is patient with you?**

### 'R' of the Term

## Resilience

Resilience	Resilience
	
I can <b>show</b> I am excited by a challenge	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I can <b>show</b> perseverance and keep going when times are tough</li><li>• I can <b>choose</b> to ignore distractions</li><li>• I can <b>demonstrate</b> enthusiasm for a challenge</li><li>• I can <b>identify</b> emerging patterns</li><li>• I can <b>apply</b> concentration for a long time</li><li>• I can <b>develop</b> and learn from my mistakes</li></ul>
I can <b>choose</b> to keep going when things are hard	
I can <b>focus</b> for a longer period of time	
I can <b>develop</b> 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.

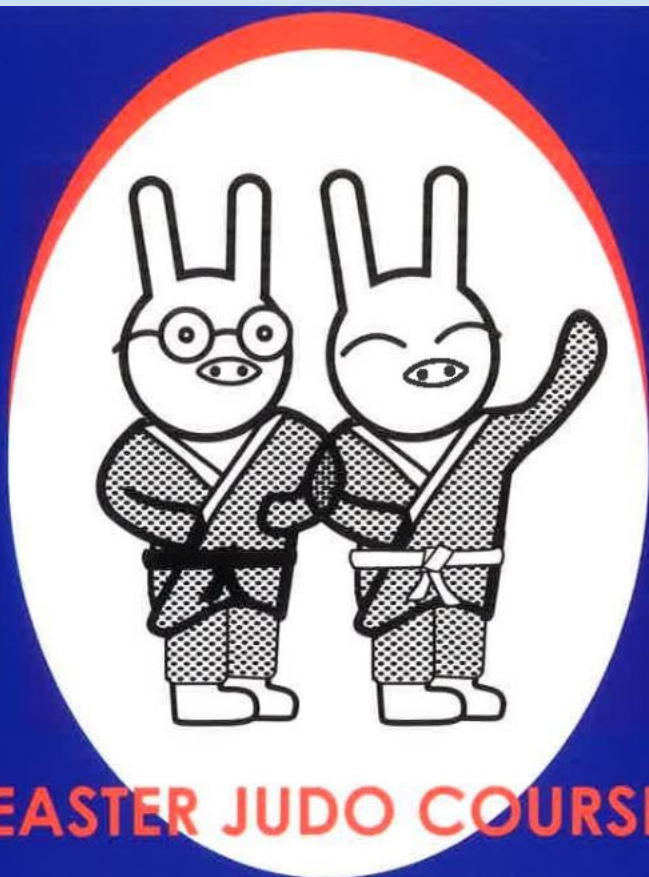
## IMPORTANT



**Please do not park on the bend by the Chequers pub**

when dropping off or collecting your children from school. It makes it incredibly hard for vehicles to pass safely and there have been a few 'near misses'. If there is no space in the village hall car park or in the layby on the road, there is usually lots of space in Bell lane. This is just down the footpath by the school. If you aren't sure where, please ask in the office.

Like many other villages, Cassington now has a 20mph speed limit, so please drive slowly and carefully. Thank you.



## **EASTER JUDO COURSE**

**Mon 3rd April - Wed 5th April**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

For 6 - 15 year olds

### **Where:**

**Faringdon Judo Club, Tuckers Park, Park Road, Faringdon SN7 7BP**

**£60 for the 3 days**

**or**

**£25 for one day**

### **Sign Up Here:**



[oxfordshirejudo.com/easter-course](http://oxfordshirejudo.com/easter-course)

**If you would like to put anything in the newsletter, please get it to Emily in the office, by Friday 11am at the latest!**

At last the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term, parents, carers and children will be able to spend some time outdoors. Half term would be a great chance for parents and carers to support their children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

The good news is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called Footsteps, aimed at parents and carers:



You will know the importance of keeping your child safe when near traffic. This short leaflet, [Footsteps guide \(pdf format, 3MB\)](#), will give you some simple activities to use that will help you achieve this, whilst giving you some interesting things to do and talk about with your children.

As adults we know how to be safe pedestrians. But young children won't have learnt those skills yet.

By teaching your child road awareness, you are enabling your child to make their own choices and decisions with your help when walking and crossing the road.

- Ask questions rather than tell your child what to do.
- Involve your child in the decision making and explain why you are doing things.
- And remember your child will copy your behaviour so be consistent, even if you are in a hurry.
- Never do anything you wouldn't want your child to do when they are on their own.

Start Footsteps as soon as you feel your child is ready, the sooner the better. This is a learning journey and it may take a long time before your child can cope on their own.

Please don't expect quick results, take it at their pace. As your child shows you they can cope, move on to more challenging tasks. You know your child best, so you will know when they are ready to go out without you.

[Download our Footsteps guide \(pdf, 3MB\)](#) and start your child's road awareness journey.

From the Oxfordshire County Council website

# Competition now open

The best poems are published  
and performed during the  
Festival in October

**Are you 16 or  
younger?**

Write a terrific  
scientific poem to  
win great prizes

**Enter for free today**

**Closing date  
1 May 2023**

**[if-oxford.com/poetry](https://if-oxford.com/poetry)**





# Easter Forest School

4th, 5th and 6th April

Cassington

10am-3pm

Why not send the kids (5+ years) along for some holiday Forest School fun? Their time with us will be spent completely in the great outdoors. They will have the chance to build dens, climb trees, be creative, use tools safely, play games, learn new skills, work as a team and - most importantly - have FUN!

Please send your child with a picnic lunch.

Cooked morning and afternoon campfire snacks and drinks will be provided.

Numbers are limited so make a booking today!

**£35 per child per day (sibling discount available)**

Please message us to check availability.

Event booking form to be returned with payment to secure your place.

For more information, email:

[forestschoolbookings@gmail.com](mailto:forestschoolbookings@gmail.com)



# Brownies

## 1st Eynsham Brownies

If you are aged 6-8 come and join us for an open evening where you will get to discover the fun we get up to at Brownies.

Tuesday 28th March 18:15 - 19:15

Eynsham Scout Hut

Either turn up on the night or register interest here:

<https://forms.gle/Epyij8kem4cuwUe58>

[Isteynshambrownies@googlemail.com](mailto:Isteynshambrownies@googlemail.com)



### **Easter Holiday Tennis Courses:**

We want to help create opportunities for children to access tennis lessons.

The Excel Tennis Academy will again be running our holiday courses in Witney and Kingston Bagpuize through the 2 weeks of the Easter holidays.

We have sessions for children aged: 4 - 7 , 8 - 10 and 11 - 16. All children are split into groups based on age and ability so that they all get a great experience and have fun whilst learning.

We would also like to offer you a 10% discount on all holiday course bookings. Use code 'SCHOOL' on the booking form to receive this discount.

Places are limited on our courses so please book early to avoid missing out.

For more information or to book your place, please visit our website using this link:

<https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/easter-booking>

# EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

## Locations-

Week 1- Yarnton FC, OX5 1QE  
Week 2- Eynsham Pavillion OX29 4HG



## April Dates:

Week 1- Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th April  
Week 2- Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th April



9-3pm- £30 per day/£75 for all 3 days  
10-3pm- £25 per day/ £60 for all 3 days

Book on today by contacting:  
[info@osaacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@osaacademy.co.uk) or  
[abowerman@osaacademy.co.uk](mailto:abowerman@osaacademy.co.uk)

# Easter Holidays Tennis Course

**Ages 4 - 16**



## **Week 1:**

**Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April**

 **Kingston Bagpuize with  
Southmoor Tennis Club**

## **Week 2:**

**Mon 10th - Fri 14th April**

 **Witney Tennis Club**

### **Half Day:**

**9:00 - 12:00 or 12:30 - 15:30**

### **Full Day:**

**09:00 - 15:30**

### **Short Course (kids 4 - 7):**

**9:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30**

- Age appropriate groups
- Low Coach - Pupil Ratios
- Ofsted Registered
- Childcare Vouchers Accepted



**EXCEL**  
 **Tennis  
Academy**

**For more information  
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**07734 059769**

**info@exceltennis.co.uk**

**www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk**



- Talk regularly with your child about what they like to do online
- Find out what apps, games and sites they use or would like to use
- Use the social web framework to consider the benefits and dangers in each of the four areas
- Support your child to be safer on the apps, games or sites you decide are suitable for them to use



### Gaming: what's appropriate for your child? (PEGI ratings)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child)



### Personal information: a guide for parents and carers

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2)



### Online contact and staying safe

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/online-contact-and-staying-safe](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/online-contact-and-staying-safe)



### In-game chat: what parents and carers need to know

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat)



### Is your child ready for social media

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media)



### What is sexual grooming

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-sexual-grooming](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-sexual-grooming)



### Social networks made for children

[www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids](http://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids)



### Age appropriate apps for children and young people

[www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/child-friendly-apps-your-children-will-enjoy](http://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/child-friendly-apps-your-children-will-enjoy)



### Social media top tips

[www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-top-tips-cards](http://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-top-tips-cards)



### Social media privacy guides

[www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media)

## Help for your child



Report concerns about online sexual abuse to the CEOP Safety Centre  
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre>

**childline**

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111

Call or message Childline if they are worried and want someone to talk to.

# 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)

THINK  
U  
KNOW  
online

## 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



# Real Kingdoms

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## EASTER WARRIOR CAMP

**Holiday club  
at  
Hill End**

**Role Play adventures  
for  
children aged 7 to 14 years old  
3rd to 5th  
April  
9.00 am to 3.30 pm**

**for more details text  
07830084877**

**tickets at  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/558659635007](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/558659635007)**

