

Newsletter

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Friday 5th July 2024



The weather wasn't kind to us for our fun run, but we still managed to raise **£1643.70** for Sobell House. Thank you, Olly, for organising it.
(And thank you Caron & Emily's Mum for most of the photos!)



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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.

End of year trips

Our end of year trip is always funded by a generous village benefactor, for which we are very grateful! This year, Apple Tree will be visiting Cotswold Farm Park and Oak, Maple & Willow are heading to Adventure Plus in Clanfield. Consent forms have already been completed on ParentMail for Apple Tree class (Thank you for being so prompt with your replies!) Both these trips are on Monday 22nd July.

There will be and a consent form sent home with your KS1 / KS2 child today, which will enable them to take part in activities such as climbing, orienteering, bushcraft, fencing, etc, so please don't lose it! There will be more details and another consent form sent on ParentMail next week, which is OUR consent form. Unfortunately, on this occasion, you will need to do both. Thank you!

We would like to confirm that the performances for the Willow class play *Luna and the Skyrocket* will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 17th July and 4:30pm on Thursday 18th July in the school hall. Please note that the time of the Thursday performance has changed, this is to accommodate families who may find later performances harder to attend.

More details will be forthcoming next week about arrangements, tickets and so forth. Kind regards,

Mr Miles



We now have another 4 rescue chickens from the brilliant **British Hen Welfare Trust**. They are quite nervous and are still learning about their new way of life. A couple of our older hens are slightly put out, but they are all working together to establish their place in the flock! The new 4 aren't as bald as some of our others in the past have been, but they have definite areas where their feathers need to grow back.

When it comes to naming our chickens we have a very democratic process, and all the children vote! The children have all been told the results today. Our new hens are called —

Dora the Eggsplorer, Edie, Camilla & Fudge.

If your child is interested in being in the Chicken group next year, please encourage them to let me know.

What an exciting term we are having in Maple Class!

Since our last newsletter, we have continued with our topic of 'Extreme Earth' and researched some extreme weather conditions and natural disasters that the world can experience. We have learnt all about earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and tornadoes. We had a particularly exciting topic lesson where we learnt of, named and labelled different parts of a volcano which naturally lead us to creating our own mini explosions!



In our science lessons across term 5, we studied rocks. We learnt of the three main types of rocks and explored their properties conducting mini experiments to test them. The children were very observant and careful in their tests, ensuring they had explored all properties closely.



In science, we have started a new topic that explores how we work scientifically including planning and conducting experiments, recording data and presenting data. Possibly our most exciting experiment so far, has been testing the best material to survive a natural disaster. The children have been busy building shelters for Geraldine the giraffe (Maple's class teddy!) to take on her travels around the world. Last week, we tested them against the disasters - you can see how well the shelters coped with the disasters and how exciting the children found the experiments from the photos!

We have linked our topic work to English lessons. The children have explored and written a range of texts including explanation texts on how a volcano erupts, newspaper reports on the tornado that whisked poor Dorothy and Toto off to the land of Oz (our current English text) and next week, we will be starting to plan and write our own adventure stories inspired by The Wizard of Oz - Where will your tornado take you!?





Sobell House Fun Run



Magical Day Out





Maple Class

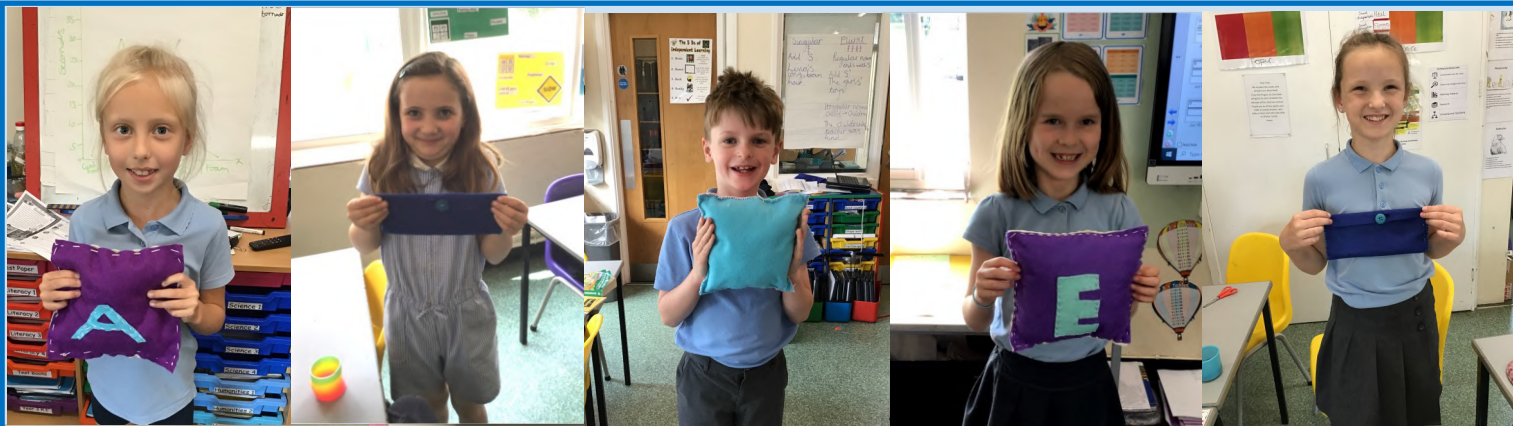


Judo



After more than 20 years, Jonatan Gerrans has retired from teaching judo at schools. This morning we had our last grading, and presented him with some gifts from school as a way to show our appreciation. Friday mornings will definitely feel strange for a while!

If you still want to take part in judo, he is still doing some lessons at



Sewing Club takes place
on Wednesday
lunchtimes (KS2) and
during After School Club
on Mondays.

Ciara

I like how it is really calming and how you can pick whatever you want to make.

Zoe

I like making shapes and colours.

Esmae

I like making things I can stuff like pillows, and bags for teddies.

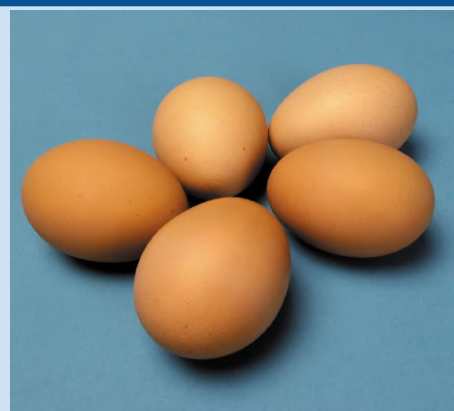
Teddy M

I like Sewing Club because we can sew, make pillows, make bookmarks, pictures and cross stitch. It is so FUN!

Fresh eggs

If you would like some of our school hens' delicious eggs, we
ask for a contribution of **£1.50 for 6 eggs**
which we then put towards the cost of their food and care.

If you would like some, please email me in the office and I'll pop
your name on the waiting list, or just call in!





THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that helped or supported us in some way at Bike Night. We are pleased to announce we raised

£6039!

This will go towards enhancing the children's time at St Peter's.

Disco!

We are holding an end of term disco on Friday 19th July in Cassington Village Hall.

5pm-6pm - Apple Tree class and Oak class

6pm-7pm - Maple class and Willow class

Tickets are £2 and are available on the door.

Olympic Challenge

We hope you have all risen to the challenge of our sponsored Olympic event. We're really looking forward to seeing how creative everyone has been with their target of doing something 260 times.

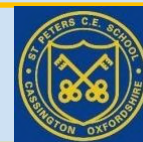
Please could you return all sponsorship forms and money to class teacher by next Monday, 8th July? We will then print certificates for all the children who took part.

The SPSA Committee

Email: spsavol@gmail.com



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>Aspiration</i>	'R' Award— <i>Resourceful</i>
 Apple	<i>Skylar Skinner</i>	<i>Elliott Gale</i>	<i>John Joe Allen</i>
 Oak	<i>Madison Winstone - Wagerfield</i>	<i>Molly Rees- Horsley</i>	<i>Celia Sanchez- Moril</i>
 Maple	<i>Ray Brown</i>	<i>Hudson Meade</i>	<i>Adusia Koper</i>
 Willow	<i>Tom Morton</i>	<i>Tobias Woolley</i>	<i>Hayden Jeeves</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Breanna Knight</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 and Carers,

What a busy few weeks it has been! Most recently, Bike Night was a phenomenal success for the village and the school. The combined total of the SPSA efforts of the BBQ, helmet store and café and also the share from the bucket shaking raised over £6k for St Peter's. The SPSA welcomed many new volunteers for Bike Night this year, so a really big well done to everyone for throwing yourselves into it and making the evening the huge success that it was.

Earlier in the term we had our fun run at the playing fields to raise money for Sobell House. Olly Hollis was passionate about wanting to do something for this charity and the event raised an incredible £1643.70. Speaking to so many people on the day, it was clear how many lives the hospice has touched over the years and our community was clearly very happy to get involved and help. On the day we had a heavy rain shower which tested the children's resilience to the full. This made the event even more memorable, and the children taught themselves to keep going even when the unexpected happens!

Our two Magical Days Out with year 4 and 5 this year were, as always, very special. At Checkendon Equestrian Centre, the children get the chance to put into action the 5 Keys to Happiness and Wellbeing, which they learn in their PSHE lessons. Those that had never ridden a horse before faced any fears that they had and by the end of the trek through the forest, were all beaming with smiles. They learned how to care for a horse and understand their temperament. By showing kindness through the grooming and feeding, they understood the effect compassion can have on others.

This morning in Celebration Assembly we said goodbye to Jonathan Gerrans who had been teaching Judo at St Peter's for over 20 years. He told us of students he taught that are parents themselves with him now teaching their children. Jonathan had made enquiries for a potential sensei to take over the classes but was unable to find a successor. We will let you know as and when if a replacement can be found.

We are looking forward to sports day next week where hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries





Calendar



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

JULY 2024

Tuesday 9th - **SPSA School uniform sale**

Wednesday 10th - **SPORTS DAY!**

Wednesday 10th - Transition meeting for **next year's Reception children** - 2:30pm

Tuesday 16th - Trip to **Natural History Museum** - Maple Class

Wednesday 17th - Willow class **play performance** - 6pm

Thursday 18th - **EPA Multiskills Cricket** - Oak - Bartholomew School

Thursday 18th - Willow class **play performance** - 4:30pm

Friday 19th - **iRock concert** - 2:15pm

Friday 19th - **SPSA Disco** in the Village Hall - 5-7pm, £2 on the door

Monday 22nd - **End of year trips** (Nursery/Reception & KS1/KS2)

Tuesday 23rd - **Leavers' Service** - 9:15am

**Please check these
dates carefully!**

Unfortunately we
have had to do some
date-swapping to fit
everything in!

END OF TERM!





After School Club



3:10pm School finishes
3:15pm—3:40pm Registration/Snack
3:40pm—4:15pm Activities
4:15pm—5:00pm Activities
5:00pm—5:15pm Tidy up
5:15pm After School Club finishes

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Miss Akers Mrs Partridge	Miss Akers Mrs Humphris	Miss Akers Mrs Forest	Miss Akers Mrs Humphris Mrs Forest	Miss Akers

There will be other options for snacks—fresh fruit is always available.

Although we aim to stick to this timetable as much as possible, there may be occasions where we need to substitute food or activities, including the Forest School sessions.



St Peter's School Cassington After School Club Timetable Summer 2 2024



Week 6

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (Fresh Fruit/ Yoghurt) /Reading 	Snack (Nachos) / Mindfulness colouring 	Snack (Toasties with a selection of fillings)/ Colouring by numbers or colour by times tables 	Forest school Smores 3:10-5:00pm Outside 5:00-5:15pm 	Snack/ (Bagels/ Muffins with a selection of toppings) Outside 3:10-4:15 
3:40-4:15	Sewing club 	Parachute games 	Hammer Beads 		
4:15-5:15	Outside: Adventure play 	Outside: Table Tennis 	Outside for games: Football or Rounders 		

Value of the term

Courage

Child quote of the term

If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed - Arthur Prior

Question of the Week

How do you know when it is right to stand firm?

'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.

Forest School Summer Holidays

29th, 30th and 31st July

Cassington

10am-3pm

Send the kids (5+ years) along for some Forest School fun. Their entire time with us will be spent completely in the great outdoors. They will have the chance to build dens, climb trees, make nature treasures, 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 and water bottle.

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

Numbers are limited so make a booking today!

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Please message us to check availability.

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Mon 5th - Thu 8th August**

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Tue 27th - Wed 28th August

at Witney Community Primary School,
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Thu 29th - Fri 30th August

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Finally, the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term you and your children will be able to spend some time outdoors.

Half term would be a great chance for you to use our **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Walking with children | 365Alive](https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council



In case the above link doesn't work—this is the web address:

[https://www.365alive.co.uk/
cms/content/walking-children](https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children)

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

THINK
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KNOW
online

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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.





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