

Newsletter

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Friday 10th May 2024



A good time was had by all on their Magical Day Out!



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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.



Information



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped, donated or spent money at last week's fundraiser. But a massive thank you needs to go to the children on the chicken and charity pupil leadership groups. They planned, organised and ran the event, with only a little bit of help.

We had a few winners—Abigail Andrews guessed the correct name for the chicken, and Oli Rees -Horsley was closest with his guess for the amount of sweets in a jar. Well done to both!



We manage to raise an amazing amount: **£527.22!** This will be split evenly between Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue, who are trying to raise enough money to build a wildlife hospital, and our own chickens. They will both receive a huge **£263.61 each**



Dinosaur Day!

Our charity leadership group have been super busy! Their final special thing they have organised to raise money for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue this year is on **Friday 17th May**, which is a

Dinosaur Day! (Please see Tom's poster on the next page)

Tom, Finley, Tomas & Caron have organized some special dino activities. These include:

- * Coming to school dressed as a dinosaur (This could be an actual costume or just brown/green/grey clothes, or even just a mask!),
- * There will be a child-run Dinosaur Dance Workshop at lunchtime on the field,
- * There will be a puzzle / colouring / information pack to take home,
- * There will also be a special dinosaur menu for lunch (please CHECK your child's order for the day on Schoolgrid).

Your child can take part in as many of these activities as they want.

Don't forget to bring a small donation for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue!



Over half term, we are going to sort out the chicken run, and we need your help! We need help from anyone who can dig, and who would like to spend an hour or so digging out the mud that is already in there. We are then going to pave the bottom of the run (more paving slabs still needed!) and then replace the mud along with some added sand or shingle. The chicken leaders have always 'poo-picked' on a daily basis, so I promise it's not just 3 years worth of chicken poo—it actually is mainly very dry/hard mud, with some wood chip. Obviously there will be SOME chicken poo in there, so please be aware of that.



If you can offer any help at all, PLEASE let me know by completing the quick survey that I'll be sending round next week and indicate which days you could come and help. Then we'll be able to choose a day and come up with a plan! Thank you!

IT'S DINO DAY!!!

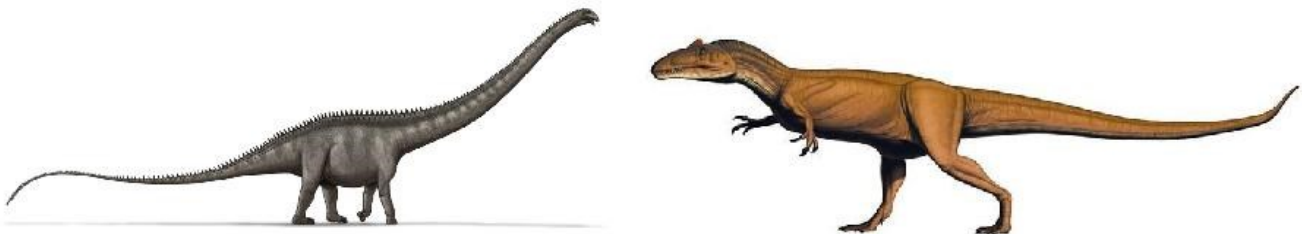
Friday 17th May 2024

RAWSOME ACTIVITIES:

Pay £1 to dress up as your favourite dinosaur
or wear clothes with dinosaurs on,

A dinosaur dance workshop at lunch time near
the fence around Apple Tree,

And a puzzle booklet to take home and enjoy
including: colouring, dot-to-dot and loads
more!!!







Bike Night

Monday 24th June 2024

June 24th: Your chance to help raise thousands for the school!

The SPSA is at the starters' line, revving up for Cassington's annual Bike Night— and is looking for your help.

Thousands of bikers from all round the country will rumble into the village on the afternoon of 24th June to spend a few hours meeting friends, marvelling at one another's shining classics, lapping up the atmosphere and contributing to what is the village's, and the school's, biggest fundraiser of the year.

St Peter's is lucky to have this event, which helps the SPSA raise the most of its money each year to support your children's learning experience; helping to subsidise school trips, provide school equipment and activities, pay for the panto trips and lure the Easter bunny to the school each year. But it's all down to parents volunteering their time to make it a success – and the children love being part of it all!

How can you help?

Barbeque: We run the BBQ outside the school and last year raised more than £3,000. We have hour long slots to fill: either flipping burgers, taking orders and payments, making up the buns or serving. If you can spare an hour (or more) please contact **Lucy Brinicombe** (Layla and Kai's mum), and she'll be flippin' grateful.

Cake stall: The cake stall is the sought-after gem for bikers looking for a quiet moment to have a sweet treat and a cuppa, while marveling at the uniqueness of the whole event. **Charlotte Metcalf** (Teddy and Jasper's mum), is looking for people to serve – hour long slots again – and for your home bakes. Please let her know if you're able to help, and please make sure that all cake donations come with a list of ingredients for any allergies.

Bucket shaking: This is the perfect option if your children will be with you because it is the only fund-raising activity where children can be involved (and help immensely by smiling sweetly). If you're up for a spot of bucket shaking at strategic areas like the entrances of the car parks (like the school field) then please contact **Ami Thomson** (Zoe and Eddie's mum), who is looking to fill hour slots too.

Marshalling: If you fancy donning a high vis jacket and guiding the bikes to and from their parking spaces safely then the lovely **Emily Lemaire** (Emily in the office) is the person to go to. Again, one hour slots. If you're really lucky you might even have a radio to speak in. Over.

Helmet store: We are looking for someone to help with a rota for this so please get in touch with a member of the SPSA if you think you could help recruit volunteers. It's a relatively easy fundraiser, taking in bike helmets and storing them until our leather-clad visitors return, having (hopefully) bought a burger, made a donation, eaten some cake and arranged to come again next year. Again, we will need people to give an hour or so.

Oh, and did we mention there's a free burger and drink for all helpers?

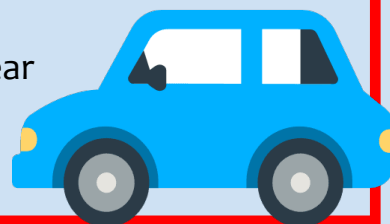
See you there and thanks very much!

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.



CASSINGTON CINEMA NIGHT



On Friday 10th May at Cassington Village Hall, we will be showing **Wonka** (rated PG). It is a 2023 musical fantasy comedy film directed by Paul King, who co-wrote the screenplay with Simon Farnaby based on a story by King. It tells the origin story of Willy Wonka, a character in the 1964 novel *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, depicting his early days as a chocolatier.

Willy Wonka is the mastermind behind some of the most delicious and innovative chocolate creations the world has ever seen. But before shaking up the chocolate industry and making a name for himself as a confectionery genius, the ambitious young creator had to defy all odds. As a result, Willy transformed his wildest dreams into reality with a bold vision, determination, and unexpected help from new friends. After all, hard work and a dash of magic can make anything happen. Because, as Willy already knows, it only takes a dream to make a difference.

Tickets on the door are £5 for adults and £3 for children aged 14 and under.

The film starts at 7:30 (Doors open at 7pm)

There will be refreshments and a raffle



The year 4's had a lovely time on their Magical Day out.
Please see the write up on Mr Jeffries' page for more details!

Fresh eggs

For those of you who are new to the school, we have school chickens!

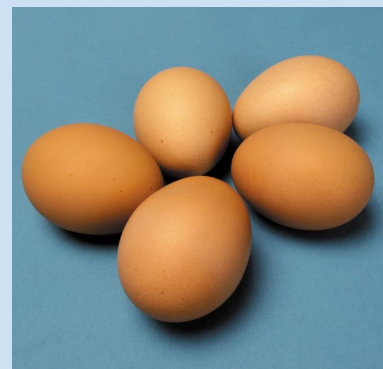
If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of

£1.50 for 6

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!

The hens are starting to lay more again now Spring has arrived!



Dear Parents and Pupils,

The Excel Tennis Academy have holiday courses and term time sessions for children aged 4 - 18 years old and would love to have you join us.

Our goal is to create opportunities for children and adults to play and learn tennis in accessible way as possible.

Holiday Courses:

The Excel Tennis Academy will be running our holiday courses in Witney in May half term, as well as across our other venues in the 6 weeks of the summer 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.

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/may-half-term-booking>

Junior Weekly Term Time Coaching:

First Session for **FREE** - If you are new to the coaching program you can try out one of our weekly term time sessions for FREE. This gives you the chance to make sure you are happy before committing to starting lessons. We have sessions for all ages and abilities, running throughout the week and at weekends. We also have a great coaching package which offers pupils not just coaching but a lot more. For more information on any of our weekly coaching sessions please visit our website using this link: <https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/juniors>

Adult tennis sessions:

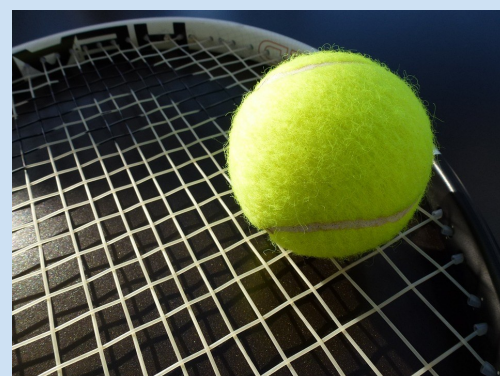
If you are a beginner, coming back to the game or have been playing tennis for years we have a session for you. We also have a brand new 'Walking Tennis' session we are running for adults with health issues, movement issue or just people who would like to play at a slower pace to regular tennis. All our sessions are available to book online and you can Pay and Play and attend when you are available.

<https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/adult-termtimeweeklysessions>

For more information or to get involved please visit our website or contact us for more information.

Many thanks,

Edward Large - Head Coach & Founder of the Excel Tennis Academy



1: Introducing Myself

As I step into the new and exciting role of Chaplaincy Lead for six church primary schools in the EPA, I have been invited to write a few words of introduction telling you something about myself and what I will be doing.

Yorkshire born and bred, I moved to Oxford from the Outer Hebrides in September 2023, when my husband, a priest, took up the role of Sub Dean of Christ Church. Having met (as students) and married here, we have a strong sense of our lives coming full circle, and we are enjoying exploring the area from a different perspective. We have two married sons, Thomas and David, and three grandchildren - the eldest, Micah, starts school in September. 'Being Grandma' is one of my favourite things, along with Scottish islands, all things Japanese, daily early morning walks along the river to Iffley and back, and creative endeavours with a needle and thread.



A life-long teacher, having spent much of my time nurturing children's musical development, I have increasingly felt drawn to encourage and support people in their spiritual development, and am currently exploring the possibility of ordained ministry through the Oxford Diocese.

My Christian faith informs how I live each day, founded on the beliefs that God is faithful and that I am called to be faithful. As school chaplain I am a privileged guest in your community, serving not only the children, but all who surround them, including teachers and other staff members, parents and families. Much of my time will be spent simply being present and available, coming alongside people of all faiths and none, helping them make sense of their lives and walking with them when things do not make sense. I am here for you - so I will be found as often at the school gate, in the playground or staffroom as I will be seen in a classroom, leading collective worship or working with small groups in a designated prayer space.

Whilst the work of a chaplain is an 'all-souls' ministry for the common good that is inclusive and invitational, I will also be helping each school live out its Christian vision to enable us to live life in all its fullness. As time goes on, this will include working on specific projects and themed activities, drawing in others from local churches and reaching out to the wider community – more anon...

In the meantime, here is a list of where I will be when:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8.30am – 11.45am	Stanton Harcourt	Hanborough Manor	St Peter's
12.45pm – 4.00pm	Standlake	Freeland	Fritwell

I want to get to know everyone: please come and talk to me when you see me – that will be a great help!

Every Blessing,

Heather

Parent webinars | Oxford Health CAMHS



We'd like to remind you that we now have a series of parent webinars on a range of mental health topics to support their young people. Nearly 800 parents have attended our webinars so far and we've received some really positive feedback and ideas for future sessions. The full range of webinars can be accessed on <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/sir/webinars/> where parents can register for any sessions they would like to attend. These are open to any parent or carer in Oxfordshire, regardless of what school their child attends.

After School Club



3:10pm School finishes
3:15pm—3:30pm Registration/Snack
3:30pm—4:15pm Activities
4:15pm—5:00pm Activities
5:00pm—5:15pm Tidy up
5:15pm After School Club finishes

We give the children the option to be outside as much as possible.

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.

	Monday Miss Akers Mrs Partridge	Tuesday Miss Akers Mrs Humphris	Wednesday Miss Akers Mrs Forest	Thursday Miss Akers Mrs Humphris Mrs Forest	Friday Miss Akers
w/c 13th May 2024	Toasties with selections of fillings Create anything you can! Free drawing Outside	Crumpets with Jam, Honey or Chocolate spread Hot wheels track and cars Looking after the fish Hammer beads Outside	Bagels with a selections of toppings Games Evening 'pool, snakes and ladders, kids darts and much more' Puzzle Outside	Forest school sessions Den building Beans/ Hoops on toast	Bagels with a selections of toppings Outside/ Den building
w/c 20th May 2024	Crumpets with Jam, Honey or Chocolate spread Puzzles Baby's and toy food Outside	Nachos with salsa and cheese Wooden construction blocks Den building Outside	Pizza's with different toppings Hot wheels track and cars Dressing up Looking after the fish Outside	Forest school sessions Clay prints Pizza wraps	Popcorn and cupcakes Film



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday I had the great pleasure of taking the year 4 children on a Magical Day Out at Checkendon Equestrian Centre. It links in with the work we do with the charity Inside Out who provide the materials for our PSHRE lessons. It gives the opportunity for children to live out the Inside Out '5 keys to happiness and wellbeing principles' alongside our own school vision and values. The children had their own personal journeys, with experience ranging from those that had never touched a horse before to those who are very familiar with horse riding. We had some children who approached the horse riding with some nerves and trepidation but very quickly they didn't want the experience to end! Other activities included breathing exercises, understanding the weather (emotions) within us, and an adventure through the forest where the children had to 'find the 5 keys!' As you can see from the photos, it really was a beautiful and magical day out! Next month I will be taking the year 5 children.

Our new EPA chaplain, Heather Mogre has provided an introduction of herself in the newsletter, and we are very pleased to welcome her to St Peter's. She has already commented on the politeness of the children and the strength of our vision and values. Heather will be here every Thursday morning and will endeavour to be on the gate to say hi and will be happy for a chat! In school, as previously mentioned, she will be contributing to collective worships, helping us with a dedicated prayer space and providing us with even stronger links to the church.

As the weather is getting warmer (although rain next week?) can we be mindful to send children to school with sunhats and freshly filled water bottles each day. If suncream can be applied at home (8 hour varieties are ideal), this saves time taken doing it at school.

Have a peaceful weekend and let's enjoy the lovely weather while it lasts!

Jon Jeffries



Calendar



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

MAY 2024

- Monday 13th - **SATS week** for Y6
- Friday 17th - **Dinosaur day!**
- Tuesday 21st - **Story Museum** trip for Apple Tree
- Tuesday 21st - EPA Boys' **Cricket** Event - Eynsham cricket club - 2:30pm—6pm
- Wednesday 22nd - **Warwick Castle** trip for Oak class
- Friday 24th - 3 Little Pigs **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family
- Friday 24th - No Art Club
- Monday 27th—Friday 31st **HALF TERM - School closed** (Help with chickens, please!)

Year 6s - Don't Forget -

Please come for SATs breakfasts at 8am Monday to Thursday next week!

JUNE 2024

- Tuesday 4th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion
- Thursday 6th - **Magical Day out** - Year 5s
- Friday 7th - **Sobell House Fun Run** - More details to come
- Wednesday 12th - **Athletics** at Bartholomew School for Maple 11:30am—2:30pm
- Monday 17th - **Festival of Voices**
- Tuesday 18th - **EPA Sports Day** for KS2 - Abingdon
- Monday 24th - **EPA Commonwealth Games** event - Bartholomew School
- Monday 24th - **BIKE NIGHT** No After School Club
- Tuesday 25th - **EPA Rugby Festival** - Maple Class - 9am-12pm
- Thursday 27th - 3rd **Transition day** to Bartholomew School

JULY 2024

- Tuesday 2nd - **EPA Multisports** - Willow - Bartholomew School
- Tuesday 2nd - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion
- Wednesday 3rd - St Peter's School **SPORTS DAY!**
- Thursday 4th - **YCT-1** Mandarin - Willow class - 1pm
- Wednesday 10th - **EPA Ultra Olympics** - Oak - Bartholomew School
- Tuesday 16th - Trip to **Natural History Museum** - Maple Class

Please check these dates carefully!

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



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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

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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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