

Newsletter



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Friday 20th March 2026



We have all fallen in love with Apple Tree's Pekin ducklings.
See inside for details of our duckling appeal!



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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.



If you follow our school Instagram or Facebook accounts, or if you've been into Apple Tree class this week, you will no doubt have seen our gorgeous little Pekin Ducklings! The children (and staff, and parents!) have fallen in love, and we can't bear to send them back! So, we have the space in forest school, and we have lots of willing helpers, we just need the equipment! Because we are starting from scratch with an enclosure, (which will be a bit like the one we have for the chickens), it is going to cost more than we have. So - we have decided to appeal to the local community to see if we can raise the money to allow us to keep them. If you would like to make a donation, no matter how big or small, you can either scan this QR code to make a donation online. Alternatively, you can pay with cash, (in a labelled envelope and handed into the office, please).



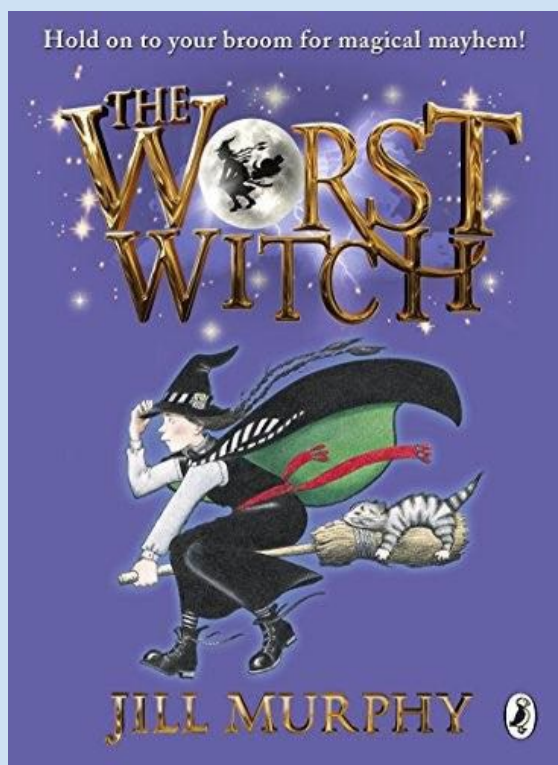
We will also be doing a sponsored funrun after Easter, and the money raised will be going towards the ducklings. Your child will be bringing a letter home next week so they will have plenty of time to ask family, friends, neighbours, etc, for sponsorship.

Hopefully we will raise enough money to keep our ducklings and add them to the St Peter's family.

Thank you in advance!



Here are the details of the books which have been shared in Celebration Worship recently. If you like the sound of these, you could look for them when you are choosing your next book. Happy reading!



The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

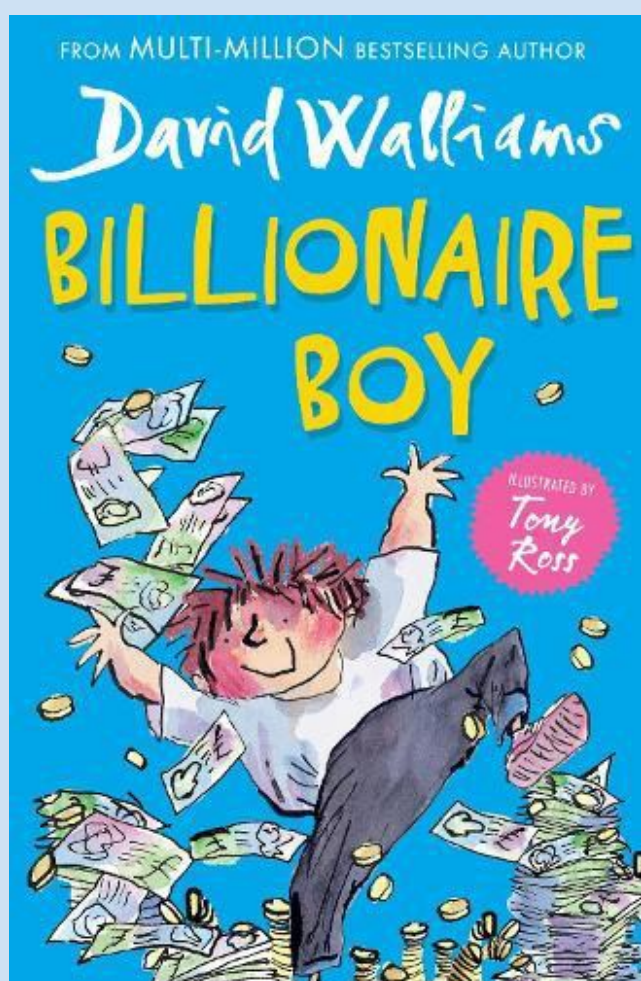
The book is about a witch that gets into trouble a lot. She can't even walk through the corridor without getting told off! One day the witch got fed up and ran away at night. She finds a group of witches, one of the witches is the headmistress's sister.

My favourite part was the last part because that is when it got interesting because how was the witch going to save the school?

My favourite character is Mildred Hubble she saves the school.

I would recommend it for 7-12 year olds because it has got some hard words and lots of writing.

Leah, Maple



Billionaire Boy by David Walliams

Joe is a billionaire, but when he goes to school, nobody knows that. He tries to keep it a secret. Bob, his friend, finds out after he does a triathlon and Joe gives Bob £50. When they go to the chocolate store, Raj, the owner of the shop, finds a newspaper which tells them that Joe is a billionaire. Joe uses his money in good ways and he is a good person.

Joe wants to go to an ordinary school. He doesn't like money and he doesn't like his Dad. His Dad makes him go to a richer school in town. Joe doesn't like his new step mum who just wants all the money, so he runs away from home. The ending is really good because Joe moves in with Bob and they have lots of lasagna, his favourite food!

I think this is a good story because it teaches children that not everything is about money and that you can't buy everything.

Children from Year 3 upwards would enjoy reading it. Younger children would probably enjoy listening to it because it's really funny!

Kai aged 10



Rocking Romans!



Thank you to Pooiyi (Emily & Caron's Mum) for the amazing photos!



A note from the SPSA

Dear All,

Thank you so much for all the support with our recent fundraising events. We managed to raise:

Break the rules day: £221.54

Rags to Riches: £51.20

Golden Bars: £202

Total: £474.74 – That is almost 24 pantomime tickets!

We will be looking to repeat these events again next year so stay tuned! And apologies to those who missed out on Golden Bars, we will be sure to increase the number available for next year!

Our Parents Social was also a success and so we will be looking to organise another one for **15th May** so put it in your diaries!

Next up is our Children's disco planned for 1st May – who can help with this? Please remember that we need helpers for various tasks such as being on the door at the start, DJing duties, snack shop and tattoos/ hair glitter etc during the disco. The Disco is planned from 5-6:30 for all ages. It should be good fun for all! Tickets are £4 and include entrance and one drink from the snack shop. (The usual snack will be there too for additional drinks crisps and sweets.) We will let you know nearer the time about how to book/ pay and make song requests. Your child will then be given a standard entrance at school on the Friday to show they've paid. This will help those on the door and enable people to come in quicker. Please speak or message any of the SPSA Team if you can help.

Please take a look at our events calendar and especially put **Bike Night** in your diaries – **29th June!** Bike night is our biggest fundraiser, raising more than £6000 the last two years but we can only do it with all hands on deck for the Café/Helmet Stand/ BBQ and bucket shakers! Many hands make light work! We will be asking you to sign up for slots nearer the time.

Thanks again,
From Your SPSA Team

St Peter's School Association (SPSA) Calendar 2026

Tuesday 14th April – SPSA Meeting in the Red Lion 8pm

Friday 27th March – In school Easter Egg Hunt, organised and provided for by the SPSA

Friday 1st May - School Disco 5-6:30 all together (TBC if we have enough helpers)

Friday 15th May - Bingo/Quiz night – to be confirmed

Monday 29th June - Bike Night

Second Hand School Uniform available at a suggested donation of 50p-£1 per item from Harriet (Zaheer and Yasmeena's mum)

SPSA Bank Details:

St Peters School Association

Sort Code: 20-65-18

Account no.: 30829889





A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

If you have a child in Apple Tree class, you will no doubt have heard about our ducklings which have hatched. Mrs Houghton organised for this experience to be as ethical as possible and used the scheme 'Incredible eggs'. <https://www.incredibleeggs.co.uk/>

Normally we would say goodbye to the ducklings and they would be returned after 2 weeks. The problem is that we have become rather attached to them! Emily has been in overdrive trying to find ways of how we can keep them, but we need your support. We have plenty of space for a new run for them and they will complement our chickens perfectly. We will be having a fun-run after Easter to raise money for the chickens and ducklings, so please support the children in any way you can through sponsorship and letting friends and family know, if they too would like to sponsor. We will also be writing a piece for the CAWN to ask for support from the village.

In other news, Maple class entertained us with some wonderful performances this week. I loved the way the children threw themselves into the acting and sang with gusto – especially the Boudica song! As I said on Thursday night, I loved the entertainment from the show, but also the many aspects of learning about the Romans the children incorporated into it. Huge thanks to Miss Ryan for organising, directing and generally bringing out the very best from the children to put on such a polished performance.

This will be the last full newsletter before Easter, so I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the staff for their outstanding efforts in what has been a demanding term with lots to pack into this shortest term of the year. The school continues to produce first-class results and amazing experiences for the children. For a small school, we punch well above our weight in terms of what we offer, so heartfelt thanks to every staff member for putting your heart and soul into St Peter's, and giving our children the very best that we can.

Next week we have lots of Easter related activities. On Thursday Mrs Carter has organised our annual Easter Pause Day and on Friday we will have our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade and egg hunt, kindly organised by the SPSA. The Easter bonnet parade will be on the playground at 9am. We will close the gate as normal at 8.40am and register the children, then open the gate again at 8.55am for you to come and watch the parade.

With warmest wishes and a happy Easter when it arrives.

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher



Calendar



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

MARCH 2026

- Monday 23rd - 3:15 - 3:45pm Book fair for parents
- Tuesday 24th - **Class photos - 9am**
- Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th - Parents' Evenings
- Thursday 26th - Easter Pause Day (no action needed by parents!)
- Friday 27th - Easter bonnet parade - 9am - Parents welcome!
- Friday 27th - Easter Egg hunt by SPSA
- Friday 27th - Last day of term—**1:15pm finish!**
- Monday 30th to Friday 10th - **Easter holidays** (School closed)

APRIL 2026

- Monday 13th - **INSET DAY** (School closed)
- Tuesday 14th - Football v Hanborough Manor
- Wednesday 15th - Weight and Measures day for Reception & year 6
- Thursday 16th - Special visitors for After School Club
- Wednesday 22nd - **Sponsored Fun Run (More details coming next week!)**
- Thursday 23rd - Y6 transition day at Bartholomew
- Friday 24th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree for children under 4 yo. 2-3pm

MAY 2026

- Monday 4th - **Bank Holiday** (School closed)
- Friday 8th - Sir David Attenborough is 100 years old today!
- Tuesday 12th - Apple Tree to the Story Museum in Oxford
- Friday 15th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree for children under 4 yo. 2-3pm
- Thursday 21st - Chicken & Duck fundraiser
- Friday 22nd- Last day of term
- Monday 25th to Friday 29th - **Half Term** (School closed)



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EASTER FOOTBALL CAMPS

Our Easter Football Camps are open to all players aged 4-13 Years & will be engaging sessions with lots of fun, challenges, games and prizes throughout the day.



WEEK 1
31ST MARCH - 2ND APRIL
EYNHAM SPORTS PAVILLION
OX29 4HG



WEEK 2
7TH - 9TH APRIL
GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OX18 3SF



£25 per day/£60 for all 3
(siblings discount available)



10am - 3pm



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contact 07711 489463

cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Join 24th Abingdon (Dry Sandford) Scout Group
and Wootton Wasps Explorer Scouts for the
Good Friday Walk



Friday 3rd April
Scout Hut, Lashford Lane, Dry Sandford
Entry fee £2.50 per person
Start between 10am - 12.30pm
Food & stalls 10am - 2.30pm



BBQ * Hot Cross Buns * Raffle * Easter Egg Hunt
Rope Making * Soft Archery * Tombola * Stalls & Games

Join us again for the traditional Scouts Good Friday Walk! With 2km, 5km and 10km circular routes from the Scout hut, there's something for everyone. Gather your team, collect your map and quiz sheet and set off on an Easter adventure (beware of mud on 5/10km routes if it has been wet). **Prizes available for most correct answers in each category!** On your return we'll have a BBQ and Hot Cross Buns waiting for you, together with a range of stalls and activities. **We're looking forward to seeing you there.**



Scan the QR Codes above or use the following links to register and buy your raffle tickets online
Buy your raffle tickets here: go.rallyup.com/24thabingdon
Register for the walk here: forms.gle/R1sgkEfMaPfgLMAW9

All funds raised support Scouting in Wootton and Dry Sandford

THIS EASTER

AT HILL END, OXFORD

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF

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March 30th-April 2nd
Daily 10-4pm

Ages 5-12 years
Scan here to book your place!
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info@dramainthewoods.com



Hill End is 100 in 2026! We need your help
to celebrate a century of fun & learning

DESIGN AN AWESOME LOGO COMPETITION

Fab prizes to be won -
for children, families
and schools!
Enter by Thurs 30 April 2026

In our special birthday year we are
inviting children aged 4-12 years
to create a new centenary logo.
Winnie the Witch illustrator Korcky Paul
will choose the winning design!



Full details at:
www.hill-end.org/news/logo-comp

START THE DAY IN A GOOD MOOD WITH A NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST

LOAD UP ON LEAFY GREENS

MOOD FOOD

EAT FOODS RICH IN VITAMIN D: CHEESE, MILK, ORANGE JUICE

REACH FOR THE WHOLEGRAINS

Lego Easter Event for Families

THE EASTER STORY



Thursday 2nd April
10am - noon
St Leonard's Church

Join us for a fun morning exploring the Easter story through brick-building. Stay for refreshments, hot cross buns and sausage rolls.

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Sign up here:



Easter Holiday Tennis Camps Ages 4 - 16 years old



Tennis
Academy

Week 1:

- Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April
- Witney Lawn Tennis Club
- Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club

Week 2:

- Monday 6th April - Friday 10th April
- Witney Lawn Tennis Club

Week Long Course Bookings:

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| Mornings: | 9am - 1pm | Ages 4 - 16 yrs | £192 |
| Afternoons: | 1:30pm - 3:30pm | Ages 8 - 16 yrs | £96 |
| Full Days: | 9am - 3:30pm | Ages 8 - 16 yrs | £245 |
| Short Courses: | 9am - 11am | Ages 4 - 7 yrs | £96 |

Individual Day Bookings:

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| Morning: | Ages 4 - 16 yrs | £48 |
| Afternoon: | Ages 8 - 16 yrs | £24 |
| Full Day: | Ages 8 - 16 yrs | £65 |
| Short Courses: | Ages 4 - 7 yrs | £24 |

Fun and Educational

No experience needed

Small Group Sizes - Limited Spaces Available

Flexible Bookings - Full Week or Individual Days

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Morning, Afternoon and Full Day Sessions Available

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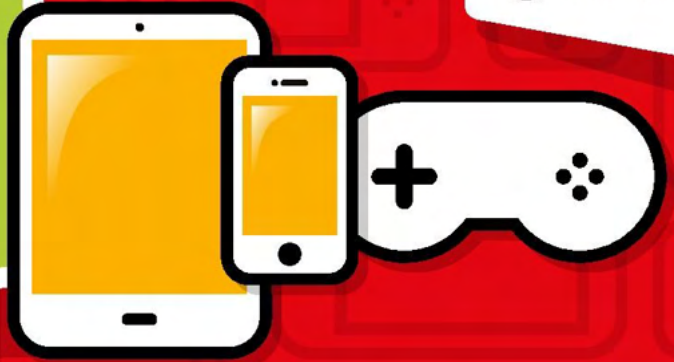
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MEET

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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