



St. Peter's Academy Newsletter

28th March 2025

Welcome



Headteacher Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at the parent-teacher meetings last week and I was glad to see and hear so many positive comments about the children when reading the mid-year progress checks.

The school has had plenty of visitors recently - Bishop Neil of Swindon had a tour of the school and met with the childrens' worship council last week. He sat in the courtyard with them answering questions that ranged from his favourite football team (Nottingham Forest) to why he became a bishop (a much longer answer). He was very impressed with our children and our school. Leaders from Blue Kite Trust have also visited regularly, working

with the staff to understand how they can best support us as we move forwards. These visits have been very positive for the school.

School has also been buzzing this week about the FOSPA Wonderlicious chocolate bars. The children are very excited about redeeming their golden prizes; wearing slippers, special pens, sitting on the bench in assembly and especially 'extra playtime with their bestie'. Thank you to FOSPA to organising a fun new event.

Hope you have a great weekend,

Gordon Nunn & Tamsyn Wallis

Attendance



Blue Kite Trust have updated their Attendance Policy, which is now adopted by St Peter's as well, replacing our previous policy.

The full version is on the website, the following part of it represents a change that affects everyone:

In order to ensure parents are aware of any cumulative absence which is becoming concerning, school will operate a 3-stage process for informing families.

- *Stage 1 – when attendance is below 95%. An end of term communication will be sent to make parents aware that their child's attendance is below that expected. This may be in the form of an email, text, ClassDojo, or letter. School will monitor attendance over the next half term to ensure that attendance is improved.*
- *Stage 2 – when attendance is below 92%. An end of term letter will be sent to warn parents that their child's attendance is nearing Persistent Absence and to offer support to help improve this. Medical evidence may be requested for any future absences.*
- *Stage 3 – when attendance is below 90%. A letter will be sent to invite parents to a meeting to discuss how to improve attendance. During this meeting, minutes will be taken and actions for home and for school agreed. At this point, a period of 6 weeks*

will be given to demonstrate improvement. If no improvement is seen, there may be a resultant referral to the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) for further intervention. Earlier intervention from the EWO may be required and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A notice to improve may be issued where attendance remains a concern despite support being offered.

As we approach the Summer, another part of the policy serves as a reminder about term-time absences:

Exceptional leave is a national term that is used for a request to authorise your child's absence from school in cases such as to attend a wedding/funeral or visit a sick relative, or to take a holiday for an exceptional and unavoidable reason (this does not include cheaper holidays, holidays booked by relatives, unavailability of flights, surprise events, family birthdays or celebrations, visiting relatives or work constrictions of parents).....a holiday taken in term time will not be authorised.

There is no entitlement for the school to agree your child's absence from school per academic year and the right for your child to be granted exceptional leave cannot be earned through good attendance.

Stars of the Week



The latest stars of the week are:

Explorer Class - Charlotte and Arlo

Discovery Class - Archie and Abrielle

Voyager Class - Willow and George

Odyssey Class - Maneli and Jaxon

Pioneer Class - Jasper and Ella W

Navigator Class - Harry A and Reuben B

Endeavour Class - Sophia and Mitchell

Congratulations to them all.

Tesco Tokens GOLDEN HOUR



We have won the £5000.00 Golden Coin, thanks to Ted for pulling the golden coin out of the many coins in a bag!!!

Keep your eyes out for new outdoor play equipment.

Easter Concert Wednesday 2nd April



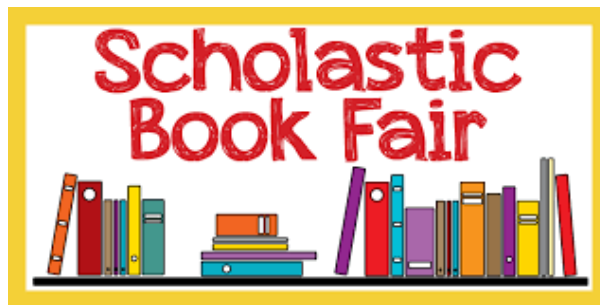
We are really looking forward to our first Easter Concert which Mr Robinson has been working very hard on with the children. All are welcome for a 2pm start in St Peter's Church.

Friday 4th April Easter service and 2pm finish



The Easter Service will take place at 1pm on Friday 4th April in St Peter's Church. Guests are welcome and school will finish at 2pm, with no wrap around care after school that day.

School book fair Tuesday 29th April - Friday 2nd May



On Tuesday 29th April the Book Fair starts after school in the school hall. Friday 2nd May is the last day.

Scholastic are offering a special offer: buy 2, get 1 free sale!!

FOSPA - EVENTS



THANK YOU!!! We have raised over £400 from the event and loved seeing the excitement from the children as they found the golden tickets.

Thank you to the sponsors and to the bakers for the cakes and other yummy donations, we can not do this with out you.



On Thursday 3rd April FOSPA have organised an Easter Egg hunt for all children to participate in during school time.



Friday 9th May - Adult BINGO night, more information will come out after Easter

Wraparound Care

ST PETER'S C OF E ACADEMY

Accepting Childcare Vouchers

WRAP AROUND CARE
MONDAY - FRIDAY ALL YEAR GROUPS (Ages 4-11)



Breakfast Club	After School Club Session 1	After School Club Session 2 Mon-Thurs only
7:45 - 8:45 am	3:30 - 4:15pm	4:15 - 5:30pm
£6.00	£5.50	£7.50
Breakfast Included	Snack Included	Light Tea Included

BOOK NOW THROUGH YOUR PARENT PAY APP

Breakfast Club starts at 7:45 am, Monday - Friday

After-school club (Session 1) finishes at 4:15 pm, Monday - Friday

After-school club (Session 2) finishes at 5.30 pm, Monday - Thursday (no 2nd session on Fridays)

The costs are:-

- Breakfast Club £6 per session
- After School Club session 1 £5.50 per session
- After School Club session 2 £7.50 per session

You can book your places on [ParentPay](#) or if you pay by School Vouchers please use this form and you will receive a confirmation with payment details [Booking form for term 4](#)

In2Sport After School Sport clubs for Term 4



In Term 4 there is:

MULTI-SKILLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 on Thursdays after school, £3.00 per session

GYMNASTICS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Fridays after school, £3.00 per session,

Please sign up on [Parent Pay](#)

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coaching

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

EVERY WORKING DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **£28 PER DAY**

<p>CAMPS HELD IN:</p> <p>CORSHAM</p> <p>MELKSHAM</p> <p>BATH</p> <p>CHIPPENHAM</p> <p>MARLBOROUGH</p> <p>  @in2sportcoaching  @in2sportcoaching  @IN_2SPORT </p>	<p>TIME: FROM 9AM - 3PM Need an 8am start or 4pm finish? It's only £5.50 per additional hour!</p> <p>EXTRAS: SPORT SPECIFIC CAMPS Sport Specific Camps and Theme Days Available! Join us at our specialist football and street dance camps led by highly qualified coaches with years of experience OR look out for our multi-sport camp theme days including Nerf Wars, International Sports, Olympics and MANY more!</p> <p>Follow us on our social channels for updates on these.</p>
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 07799 268115 (Tash)  07968 778732 (Vicky)  info@in2sportcoaching.co.uk

BOOK ONLINE AT  www.in2sportcoaching.co.uk

IN2SPORT Holiday club

Free School Meals



Blue Kite is introducing a new provider for our Free School Meals check. In the next few weeks we will be sending a form home with the children for you to fill out and return to school. The data check will be done by Surrey County Council.

The form is also attached for you.

Dates for the diary 2024 - 2025



Easter Concert in Church - Wednesday 2nd April, 2pm

Easter Service in Church - Friday 4th April, 1pm

End of Term - Friday 4th April, 2pm Finish

TD day, no children in school - Tuesday 22nd April

Start of Term 5 - Wednesday 23rd April

Book Fair - Tuesday 29rd April/ Friday 2nd May

FOSPA Parent Bingo night - Friday 9th May

KS1 school trip - Wednesday 14th May

Year 6 Beacon Residential - Monday 19th-Friday 23rd May

Voyager Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 23rd May 9am

Discovery Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 20th June 9am

TD day, no children in school - Friday 27th June

Summer fete - Saturday 5th July

Explorer Class Sharing Assembly - Friday 11th July 9am

Term dates 2024 - 2025

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024 -25

Wiltshire Council

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25		
Tu		3	10	17	24		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	
W		4	11	18	25		W		2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	
Th		5	12	19	26		Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	
F		6	13	20	27		F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29
Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30
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December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24		
Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25		
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March 2025							April 2025							May 2025						
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Term dates summary:				Bank and Public Holidays 2024/2025	
Term 1	02 September to 23 October 2024	38 days		Christmas Day Holiday	26th December 2024
Term 2	04 November to 20 December 2024	35 days		Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2024
Term 3	06 January to 14 February 2025	30 days		Holiday	1st January 2025
Term 4	24 February to 04 April 2025	30 days		Good Friday	18th April 2025
Term 5	22 April to 23 May 2025	23 days		Easter Monday	21st April 2025
Term 6	02 June to 24 July 2025	36 days		2025 May Day Holiday	05th May 2025
TOTAL		195 Days		Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
				Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025

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School Holiday

Bank holiday

Term Time

TD Day, school not open to pupils

Advertising independent provider

Lacock Beaver & Cub



Lacock Scout Group Scouting is a youth movement open to boys & girls, and a fun & cheap way for children to develop skills, gain new friends and have adventures. Children between 6 and 10.5 years old can take part by joining Beaver & Cub section in Lacock, a short drive from central Chippenham.

We meet in Lacock Village Hall every Friday from 6.30 to 8pm.

Week night activities are varied & exciting, including climbing, outdoor games, canoeing, crafts & navigation.

We also run Easter & Summer camps at minimal cost to Parents. Currently we have room for children to join us. If you'd like to bring your child along to see if they'd enjoy becoming a member, drop us a line at 1stlacockscouts@gmail.com

Tiger Month Free Club Letter St Peters



Dear Parents & Carers,

Instructor Nick here - Taekwon-Do is at **St Peter's Academy** & we are offering a Month Free! It's on **Tuesdays**. It's all about high performance freestyle Tae Kwon-Do & developing that Self-control and Confidence. Yes, we have the black belts, kicks and tricks, but it's all about:



*T*eamwork

*I*ntegrity

*G*rowth

*E*nergy

*R*espect

*S*elf-Control

The upcoming 4 week free trial will run at **St Peter's Academy** starting **next week** and will continue at that location going forward:

Juniors (School Yr 1-4): Tuesdays 3:15-4:00

Seniors (School Yr 5+): Tuesdays 4:00-4:45 [Seniors follow different syllabus with x2 belt progression]

Please do not enter the building on pickup, release will be outside.

Our classes are the lowest priced pro Tae Kwon-Do sessions in the area! After the free trial, should you wish to continue, classes are just £36 a month, which includes **all training, belts, gradings, replacement uniforms, patches, licensing & insurance**. Siblings train at a huge £9 per month discount too!

To register your child via mobile or desktop, please fill out this short form:

www.tigermartialarts.club/monthfree

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Kat, TMA admin by email:

admin@tigermartialarts.club or by phone between 10am-3pm **07921855900**.

Once booked, we'll contact you before the start to confirm details. To find out more:

www.tigermartialarts.club

Thanks as always for your support,

Instructor Nick

Head Instructor - Tiger Martial Arts



Game On

Making team sports more accessible to children in Chippenham

Enjoy new friendships, grow in confidence, handle the losses and celebrate the wins.



Want your child to keep healthy and active without the worry of costs?

Game On is a new charity dedicated to enabling children grow physically, socially and emotionally through team sport.

We offer:

- Financial support with club membership fees for primary school children
- Provision of sports kit, gear and equipment
- Access to a wide network of local clubs - football, netball, hockey, rugby & cricket

Participating clubs 2024

- Chippenham Town Youth FC
- Chippenham Hockey Club
- Chippenham Netball Youth
- Chippenham Cricket Club
- Chippenham Rugby Club

Want to learn more? Contact the club and ask about "Game On"



www.gameoncharity.com



Number Explorers

At Chippenham Library

Every Thursday from February 27 until April 3

3.30 – 4.30 pm

Join us for lots of interactive fun with numbers through stories, songs and play for children aged 2-6 years.



There is no need to book in advance but children and adults attending must have library cards. If you don't have a library card, it's free to join, just ask at the counter.

This group will run at the same time as Brick Creators' Club which older children are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please ask at the library or call us on 01249 650536

Untypical Parenting

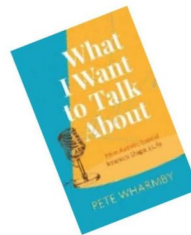
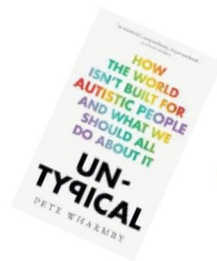
A talk by Pete Wharmby

At Chippenham Library

Thursday 1 May 7.15pm

Tickets £3 per person

In this talk, Pete will explore some of the experiences of autistic children and parents, and offer ideas for managing home life, school, communication with teachers and much more.



Since being diagnosed as autistic at the age of 34, Pete has immersed himself in working to improve autistic awareness, acceptance and making the world a more suitable place for the neurodivergent community. He has published two books and gained a huge following on social media.

Tickets must be booked in advance at the library or on 01249 650536.





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Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



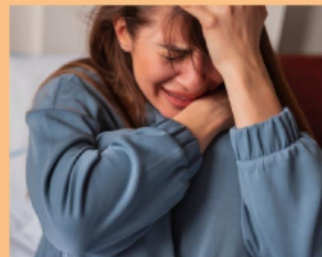
Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00
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**Responding to Angry
Behaviour**
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it
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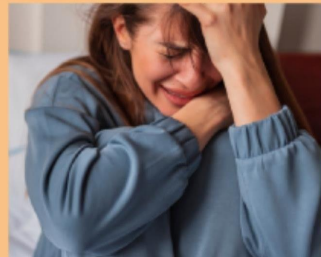
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