



# Newsletter 12

## 28/11/25



### A BIG Thank you!

Open Day was a real highlight this week, and we want to say a huge thank-you to all our wonderful children who helped make it so special—whether you sang in the choir, performed, guided tours, or supported in other ways.

A special thank you to those who came back in the evening to help too!

We were incredibly proud of every single one of you, and it was a real privilege to show our visitors just how fantastic St Peter's is!

We're sadly saying goodbye to Miss Gardner next week, and we want to wish her all the very best for the future—thank you so much for all your hard work and everything you've brought to our school. At the same time, we're excited to welcome back Mrs Lucas (Hubbard) to 5BN after her maternity leave.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mr Whitehouse



### Christmas lunch

Last call to book your child's Christmas lunch!

Bookings can be made via School shop until 9am on Monday.



### Attendance

If your child is absent please email [attendance@stpetersthanet.co.uk](mailto:attendance@stpetersthanet.co.uk), call 01843 861430 or message via Arbor.

Please report on each day of absence.

Please also send any requests for future appointments to the attendance email.

Thank you

Mrs Hart

### Pantomime letters

Please remember to return your pantomime letters by **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**. This is especially important for Years 4&5 who will be returning to school late.

Thank you

### Drop Off Zone

Please could we remind parents that the Drop Off Zone in the mornings, is for a **30 second drop off ONLY**.

If your child needs walking to the gate, please **DO NOT** park in the drop off zone but use the road or the Rugby Club car park instead.

Thank you.



# We are the Champions!



Last Friday our Basketball team were crowned Thanet Champions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running. It was also our 6<sup>th</sup> championship in the 11 years of the event being held.

Our Basketball squad have been training every Thursday from September and picking a team of 7 from it was hard work. It really was a team effort and each member of the squad played their part.

Two weeks ago we progressed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying round, competing against 6 other schools to earn our place in the final, with a record of D, W, L, D, W & W.

Mistakes and decision making were addressed and worked on for the finals where we dominated and won the event with a game to spare. A record of W, W, W, W, D, W & D and only conceding 2 points.

I'm so proud of the team. They worked incredibly hard and pushed themselves to their limits for each other and the school.

Well done team!

Mr Allen





# Dates for your diary

## December



Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - PTFA Christmas shop (see poster below)

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Pantomime at Sarah Thome Theatre.

Years 3&6 a.m. / Years 4&5 p.m.

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - YOTA Radio in school.

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 6 - Christmas Unwrapped.

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper Day (see poster below)



Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 3 Christmas Performance. (Please refer to your letter for ticket information).

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10am Year 4 & 5 Christmas Church Service. St. Peter's Church.  
Parents welcome to attend.

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10am Year 3 & 6 Christmas Church Service. St. Peter's Church.  
Parents welcome to attend.

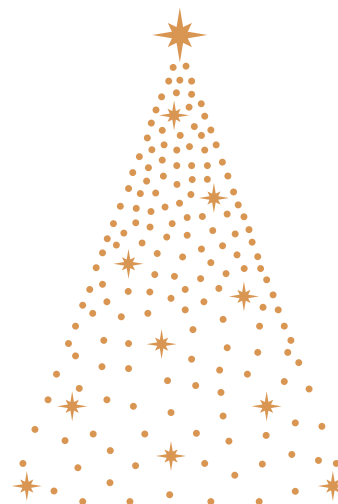
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas lunch for pupils. (Please book on Arbor by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December)

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - **Last Day of Term 2 - 1.30pm finish.**  
**(No clubs or Extended Day).**

## January 2026

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Inset Day - Pupils do not attend

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Start of Term 3



# Total Sports Coaching



## HAF Camps

Does your child receive Free School Meals?

Total Sports Coaching HAF camps are back this Christmas break, offering Sport, Arts & Crafts, and so much more!

Every child who attends a camp will receive a Hot Meal totally **FREE** supplied by The Cow Shed.



Tickets for Total Sports Coaching HAF camps are available now. Using the link below, you'll be able to check where they are running camps near you and book your place

[Book your place here by clicking here](#)

The HAF Programme offers families of children aged 5 to 11 years old, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, opportunities to access a range of free activities in the Christmas holidays.

# Christmas Events



DISCOVERY PLANET  
**SUNDAY 2025  
 30 NOV**  
**SANTA'S SCIENCE SLEUTHING**  
 SECRETS, SLEIGHS AND NAUGHTY GONKS!  
 ALL AGES WELCOME  
**FREE**  
**CAN YOU SAVE THE DAY?**  
 NEW POP UP LOCATION!  
 Ramsgate Space & Charlotte Ct  
 Ramsgate CT11 9DN  
**FREE - No booking required**  
 Drop In anytime - 12 noon to 4.30pm  
 Looping LOOP  
 THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS  
 Funded by UK Government

Please note time and location for this sale!

**Baby and Children's Nearly New Sale**

Clothes, Footwear, Maternity, Equipment, Toys, Bedding, Shoes

**Saturday 29th November 2025**  
**10:00am - 12:30pm**  
 Sandwich Technology School,  
 Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0FA

Register now to sell  
 If possible please avoid bringing buggies

Cash only  
 Please bring your own bags

Admission £1.50  
 Children Free

To register to sell or for more information please email:  
[fosis2019@yahoo.com](mailto:fosis2019@yahoo.com) Sandwich Nearly New Sale

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## Raffle tickets



A reminder to return your raffle tickets, sent home last week, by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

The draw will take place on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you would like any extra tickets, please come to the school office.



**6th Ramsgate Sea Scouts**  
 Fundraising for our building refurbishment!

**6th Ramsgate Sea Scouts Santa's Grotto**  
**BOOK ONLINE TODAY!**  
 £5 per child  
 Everyone receives a gift!  
 November: 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 29th, 30th  
 December: 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 20th, 21st

<- Book Today

Come along to our festive market  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
 16:00-20:00

Santa will be kayaking with his illuminated boat at 18:30 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Squirrels BEAVERS CUBS SCOUTS**  
[www.6thramsgateseascouts.org.uk](http://www.6thramsgateseascouts.org.uk)

6th RAMSGATE SEA SCOUTS GROUP



# PTFA News

The PTFA held their AGM last week so it seems a good time to say a huge thank-you to our amazing PTFA for all their hard work fundraising this year—especially our outgoing committee members (Rea Lowe & Anna Fidalgo Kelly) —and a warm welcome to the new team!

- o Chair - Gemma Taylor
- o Vice-Chair - Jess Beverley
- o Treasurer - Matthew Gurney
- o Secretary - Lindsey Gartland

We're also happy to share the latest meeting minutes and financial report with everyone, please find below a link

Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Q23cyUeUAg-PgjnYMsfSblnDBLzy2whAb9Xk7avOuKU/edit?usp=sharing>

Treasurer's Financial Report:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Hz-d20Q6cc1yy5AJdwG1xjHpbZZzCOJY/edit?](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Hz-d20Q6cc1yy5AJdwG1xjHpbZZzCOJY/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110641848270403391624&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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## Clubs for Terms 3&4

The new Club Brochure, for Terms 3&4, will be emailed home next week.

Please follow the link on the letter to take you to the SchoolCloud where you can choose your child's preferences.

Please ensure you have paid all fees for Terms 1&2 to be considered for clubs in Terms 3&4.

Thank you  
Mrs Coyne

## Art

In Art this week, a few talented Year 6 artists, Freya W, Lexi S and Nyla S made some wonderful wintry collagraph prints from recycled cardboard.



ST PETER'S PTFA



# CHRISTMAS 2025

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC  
DRAW TO TAKE PLACE ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC  
TICKETS £1 EACH | GRAND PRIZE £100  
PLUS MANY OTHER PRIZES KINDLY DONATED BY LOCAL  
BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

A CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TO PURCHASE A GIFT FOR A LOVED ONE  
ALL GIFTS PRICED AT £3 EACH  
*(PRICE INCLUDES WRAPPING) CASH ONLY PLEASE*  
GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN AT LUNCHTIME IN THE ANNEX ON:  
MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> & THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC (YEAR 3 & 6)  
WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC (YEAR 4 & 5)

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP

1<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
DONATE OR SWAP YOUR USED, GOOD CONDITION JUMPERS  
OR PURCHASE A PRE-LOVED JUMPER FROM OUR RAIL  
FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £1

## CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE

MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER | 3PM OUTSIDE RECEPTION  
CAKE DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED VIA THE OFFICE ON THE DAY  
PLEASE SUPPLY INGREDIENTS LIST & REMEMBER - NO NUTS!

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

DESIGN OUR 2025 PTFA DIGITAL CHRISTMAS CARD  
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A VOUCHER  
*(DETAILS & HOW TO ENTER COMING SOON)*

[PTFA@STPETERSTHANET.CO.UK](mailto:PTFA@STPETERSTHANET.CO.UK)

# Star of the week!

3L: Sofia G - for an incredible diary entry including lots of exciting vocabulary.

3B: Marlo H - for always putting a huge amount of effort into his learning and producing a superb diary entry.

3S: Alfie P - for fantastic effort with his handwriting when presenting his diary entry in English.

4B: James S - for fantastic editing of his writing this week.

4W: Ben S - for producing a fantastic non chronological report in English this week.

4S: Orla B - for her excellent contribution to our Open Day.

5S: Jenson A-B - for fantastic effort, on his handwriting this term. Well done!

5L: Isla L - for always being such a kind and caring individual.

5BN: Jude F - for consistently working hard in all areas of the curriculum and for his fantastic contributions in all lessons.

6I: Millie R - for her hardworking positive attitude, her spelling success and work on percentages this week.

6A: Phillipa G - for fantastic writing and a wonderfully positive attitude. Well done.

6WG: Iris G - for great work in Maths (Fractions) this week.

# Speech and Language information

## 2026 – The National Year of Reading

The Department for Education and National Literacy Trust have joined forces to launch a National Year of Reading, starting in January 2026 to kick start a reading revolution. It is hoped that this will reverse the trend as just one in three aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2025.

Reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence.

Speech Language and Communication groups this year within school have been heavily linked to well-known children's stories. This has enabled the children to link new skills to an already known text that brings a sense of familiarity, engagement and achievement.

The children have demonstrated wonderful listening and attention skills, at the start of each session while listening to me read, often completing familiar parts, engaging in the flow of the story and noticing rhyming patterns and speech sounds. This listening time has improved their focus and the children have demonstrated an understanding of fluency, expression and tone

A lovely online resource that links widgit and reading with your child is Stories with symbols.

[Videos |https://www.storieswithsymbols.com/videos](https://www.storieswithsymbols.com/videos) [Stories with Symbols](#)

The Book Trust also has some great tips for engaging and encouraging children to read at home. [Motivating children to read at home: 8 practical tips for parents/n to read at home: 8 practical tips for... | BookTrust](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/find-resources/motivating-children-to-read-at-home-8-practical-tips-for-parents/n)

\*Widgit - Widgit refers to a set of visual communication tools that use symbols to aid understanding for individuals who may have difficulties with reading and writing.

Mrs Perkins  
HLTA – Speech and Language