



Newsletter 24

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Red Nose Day!



WHAT? Wear Red / Party Clothes

WHEN? Friday 20th March 2026

WHERE? St Peter's Junior School



Callis Drop Off Area

Please do not let children play in the drop off area by the Callis entrance in the mornings.

Their nursery children are going through at that time and there have been a couple of problems with balls, bikes and children climbing trees.

Thank you.

Secondary School places – Sept 26

All Secondary school appeals MUST be submitted before Monday 30th March 2026. This will be considered by Wednesday 17th June.



Competitions

Bird competition

Don't forget about the Eco School Council 'Design a Bird Competition'! Get your amazing creations in by Monday 16th March!



Name the Bunny Competition

Reminder, pupils can pick up a colouring sheet from the school entrance hall to colour in and return to school, with their £1 entry fee, by Wednesday 25th March.

Times Table challenge

This week's times table challenge results are as follows:

3S: 34.33	5L: 45.33
3B: 33.65	5BN: 47.66
3L: 36.96	5S: 43.03
4B: 42.59	6I: 44.51
4S: 44.54	6A: 45.24
4W: 43.96	6WG: 44.34

Foggy but fantastic Big Outdoor Day!

Our pupils had a wonderful Big Outdoor Day to Herne Bay on Monday. Although the day began with plenty of fog, it certainly didn't dampen the excitement!

They had great fun skimming stones and exploring the shoreline. Along the way, the children also spotted some of the town's well-known landmarks and learned a little more about the local area.

It was a fantastic day out and a brilliant outdoor learning experience for everyone!





Dates for your diary



March 2026

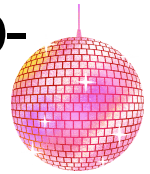
**RED
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Fri 20th March - Red Nose Day (wear something **red** or party clothes)

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th March - Prayer Space

Wed 25th March - Kent Test Meeting for Year 5 Parents 5-6pm

Fri 27th March - PTFA Disco (Yrs 3&4 6-7pm, Yrs 5&6 -7.30-8.30pm)



Mon 30th March - Yrs 4&5 Easter Church service -10am St. Peter's church (Parents welcome).

Mon 30th March - Secondary school appeals must be submitted by today.

Tues 31st March - Yrs 3&6 Easter church service -10am St. Peter's church (Parents welcome).

April 2026

Wed 1st April - Year 6 -Easter Cracked



Thurs 2nd April - Last day of Term 4 - **1.30pm finish**

Fri 3rd April - Mon 20th April -Easter Holidays

Mon 20th April - Inset Day

Tues 21st April - First day of Term



Chick watch!



Thanks to Mrs Powderham in 5L, we have 8 eggs that will hopefully hatch into chicks next week!

There are currently two incubators, one in 4W and one in 5L which has allowed the children to find out more about the lifecycle of a chicken and to see how they develop.

The children will hopefully be able to see the chicks hatch and may even be able to hold them.

Thank you to Mrs Powderham for providing all the equipment that is needed for this wonderful experience. We will keep you updated every week, to let you know how they are getting on.



Shakespeare for Schools Festival: Twelfth Night

The Years 5 & 6 St Peter's Performers group performed Twelfth Night at the Gulbenkian Arts Centre in Canterbury as part of the Coram Shakespeare for Schools Festival.

The day began with a visit to the Gulbenkian Arts Centre for our tech and dress rehearsal, where we worked with a professional backstage team to add lighting and sound effects to our show.

It was a wonderful opportunity to perform our production on a professional stage and perform alongside two secondary schools in the festival.

We were praised by the Shakespeare for Schools Team for our expressive and confident understanding of the Shakespearean language, fun and comical interpretation of scenes, and brilliant dance routines!

We are so proud of our performers, they were confident, enthusiastic and professional throughout the festival- well done to you all!



Weekly Weather report!

As a part of our Geography fieldwork at St Peter's, each class will be reporting a comparison in the weather at St Peter's and a different location around the world.

Please find below the comparison location for each year group:

Comparison location:

Year 3 - St Peter's and different locations in the UK

Year 4 - St Peter's and different locations in Europe

Year 5 - St Peter's and different locations in Africa and Asia

Year 6 - St Peter's and different locations in North America, South America and Antarctica

Monday: 3L	In St Peter's it was 7.7°C. However it was warmer in Hasguard Cross in South West Wales recording 10.9°C.
Wednesday: 3B	In St Peter's the minimum temperature was 6.5°C. However, in Truro in Cornwall it was 11°C.
Friday: 3S	In St Peter's, lightning was detected 25 days ago. But in Clacton-on-Sea, lightning was detected 1 day ago.

Monday: 4B	In Broadstairs it is 7 degrees Celsius and foggy. In Verona in Italy, it is 17 degrees celsius and cloud
Tuesday: 4S	In Verona the highest recorded temperature was 16.1 degrees Celsius where the highest recorded temperature in Broadstairs was 11 degrees Celsius.
Thursday: 4W	In Broadstairs it has been very windy with a highest recorded wind speed of 29.8mph where as in Verona it is very calm with a maximum wind speed of 1.3mph

Monday: 5S	In Broadstairs today the max wind speed reached 6.5mph and an average of 1.8mph. However in Soma Bay (Egypt) the average wind speed was 8mph and it reached huge 25.9 mph!
Tuesday: 5L	In Broadstairs today the max wind speed reached 6.5mph and an average of 1.8mph. However in Soma Bay (Egypt) the average wind speed was 8mph and it reached huge 25.9 mph!
Thursday: 5BN	In Broadstairs today the wind was gusting up to 29.3mph. We compared this with Nigeria, where it was gusting up to 14.5 mph.

Tuesday: 6I	
Wednesday: 6WG	We were surprised to learn that the temperature in Antarctica was 22 degrees celcius which is 11 more than the temperature in Broadstairs.
Friday: 6A	The wind in Broadstairs yesterday reached gusts of 35 mph. In Antarctica the current gusts are 1.3 mph



Reading for Pleasure



Following on from another successful WORLD BOOK DAY we want to keep the spotlight on reading.

DID YOU KNOW?

If your child reads for 20 minutes a day during their time at primary school, by the end of Year 6 they will have read for 60 full school days! Imagine how many amazing books that would add up to? Or how many words that could be?

Research shows that reading for 20 minutes a day will enable your children to make accelerated progress in their reading skills which will benefit them in all sorts of ways across the whole school curriculum at primary school, secondary school and beyond. Reading for pleasure has so many additional benefits from reducing the symptoms of depression and improving wellbeing, improving relationships with others and increasing empathy, and increasing your understanding of your own identity.

Reading also makes you smarter! Reading is a complicated business so, when you read, your mind creates new circuits and connections. As your reading skills grow, these connections in the brain get more and more substantial and complex, actually strengthening your brain.

So, with all this persuasive information, please find just 20 mins a day to make a huge difference to your child.



READING IN UNUSUAL PLACES



Where do YOU like to read? On the sofa, on the train or perhaps somewhere more unusual!

We would like to create a display of St Peter's children reading in unusual places - there will be a sticker and a sweet for all entries.

Ideally, the children would be in school uniform (or PE kit). You can email your photo with child's name and class to the office, or hand in a printed out copy.

BY MONDAY 30TH MARCH PLEASE.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	60 minutes per school year
1800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.



Speech and Language

2026: National Year of Reading – Strengthening Speech, Language and Communication at St Peter’s

The Department for Education has announced that 2026 is the National Year of Reading, shining a spotlight on how reading underpins children’s speech, language and communication skills. At St Peter’s Junior School, we’re excited to build on this national focus and continue nurturing confident, articulate young learners.

As part of this, we’re encouraging all pupils to make the most of our brilliant local Broadstairs Library – just as our Year 3 children have already done through their recent library visits. These visits have shown how powerful a rich reading environment can be for developing vocabulary, comprehension and expressive language.

Broadstairs Library offers children the chance to:

- Encounter new and ambitious vocabulary in meaningful contexts
- Explore stories that deepen understanding and spark discussion
- Build confidence in talking about characters, themes and ideas
- Strengthen listening skills through shared reading and library activities
- Choose books independently, supporting language-rich conversations at home

You can find Broadstairs Library here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/libs> (search “Broadstairs Library” for details)

As we celebrate the National Year of Reading, we hope all our pupils will follow Year 3’s lead – visiting the library, discovering new books, and enjoying the huge communication benefits that come from being immersed in stories.

Together, let’s make 2026 a year where reading helps every child find their voice.

Mrs Perkins – Speech, Language and Communication HLTA



Star of the week!

3L: James S - for showing fantastic perseverance when designing your spinosaurus puppet in DT - it looks amazing. Keep it up. We're so proud of you!

3B: Atticus R - for excellent effort in maths and positive attitude in all of his learning.

3S: Amber B-M - for putting in HUGE amounts of effort in her work this week - especially in Maths. Well done.

4B: Jacob L - for his confident responses in class this week.

4W: Ralph B - for his great descriptive writing in English this week and for an improved focus in class. Keep it up!

4S: Orla B - for some superb dialogue writing this week. Well done.

5S: Harry S - for being an amazing member of the class and always having a wonderful attitude to his learning.

5L: Thomas H - for his positive attitude towards all of his learning.

5BN: Amy B - for being an amazing helper in class - always willing to do a job and for taking on board advice from adults.

6I: Faris B - for his amazing attention to detail within his English work.

6A: Mac G - for fantastic descriptive writing. Well done.

6WG: Gilbert N - for fantastic writing in English lessons. Well done.

Calling all Year 5&6 Super swimmers!

If your child is aged 9 or 10 and is a keen swimmer, we need to hear from you. We have an upcoming Swimming Gala on Sun 22nd March at Hartsdown Pool so are looking for a team of superstar swimmers to represent St Peter's!

Please email office@petersthanet.co.uk with their name, class and which races they would be interested in (Freestyle, Butterfly, Back Stroke or Breaststroke).

Parents will need to be able to attend the gala with their child as Mr Allen will not be present.