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Orchestra Day

Last week, a group of St. Peter's musicians attended an Orchestra day at Dane Court Grammar school.

They had the fantastic opportunity to play together in an orchestra developing their listening skills and understanding of teamwork in music.

They had a great time playing three pieces of music and they showed great enthusiasm throughout the event. The day inspired a greater appreciation of music and left everyone feeling motivated to continue enjoying their instrument and musical learning.



Sports Day!

What a wonderful Sports Day we have enjoyed today!

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA for providing much needed refreshments, all of the parents and carers who came to cheer their child on, Mr Allen for his organisation of the races and our fantastic pupils for making the day such a success. The children showed incredible determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day, and it was lovely to see so many families cheering them on. Thank you also goes to Mr Irwin, who did a brilliant job as our compère, keeping everyone entertained and informed from the microphone all day long!

Not forgetting our two wonderful Mr Cooks, our caretakers, whose hard work in setting up all of the equipment ensured that the event ran smoothly from start to finish.

We are very grateful to everyone who helped organise, support, and take part in such a memorable day for our school community! ☀





Bee update!

Our new colony of bees is settling in wonderfully!

They are very calm and have already doubled in size since they were first introduced to the hive. This is a fantastic sign that the colony is healthy and thriving.

During our latest hive inspection, we were delighted to spot the queen bee. Seeing the queen is always reassuring, as it confirms she is active and leading the colony.

We also found BIAS, which stands for Brood In All Stages. This means we saw eggs, larvae, and sealed brood (pupae) all at the same time. Finding brood in all stages is excellent news because it shows that the queen has been laying eggs consistently over the past few weeks and that the colony is developing exactly as it should.

Our bees are making great progress, and we look forward to watching the colony continue to grow throughout the season!

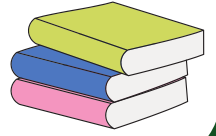
A massive Thank you also goes to Mr & Mrs Muslun for their very generous donation towards our new bees.



Return of books

Please could we ask you to bring back all school reading books into school next week before summer break.

Thank you



Breakfast Club and Extended Day.



Please ensure all of your Breakfast club and Extended Day fees are paid up to date before the end of term. Anyone with an outstanding debt maybe taken off the booking system for September.

Thank you

Lost property.

Please check lost property next week as anything left, after the last day of term, will be disposed of over the summer.



School dinners

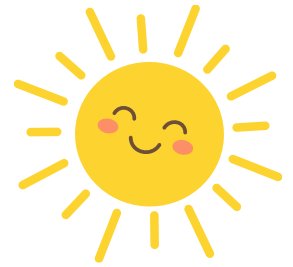
Please make sure you have paid for all meals provided, by 9am on Tuesday 21st July. If you have a credit balance for pupils in Yr 3, 4 & 5 this will be rolled over to the next academic year.

Thank you.

Dates for your diary



July



Mon 13th July - Year 6 Performance Dress Rehearsal

Tues 14th July - Year 6 Performance - Dane Court 1.30pm & 4.30pm)

Fri 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Event (More information to follow)

Mon 20th July - Year 6 Leavers' church service - 10am - 11am St. Peter's church.

Parents welcome to attend.

Tues 21st July - **Last Day of Term 6 - 1.30pm Finish.**
(NO CLUBS OR EXTENDED DAY).

September



Tues 1st Sept - Inset Day - Pupils do not attend

Wed 2nd Sept - Inset Day - Pupils do not attend

Thurs 3rd Sept - First Day of Term 1 for pupils

Year 3 start at 8.40am, Years 4,5 & 6 - 10am start

Mon 7th Sept - Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am

Extended Day and Clubs start (Year 4,5 & 6 only)

Thurs 10th Sept - Kent Test for Year 6 pupils

Mon 14th Sept - Clubs for Year 3 start

Sun 20th - Wed 23rd Sept - PGL for Year 6

Mon 21st - Wed 23rd Sept - Activity Week for Year 6



Child Online Safety

Are you switched on to your child's online privacy?

At St Peter's, we teach children about staying safe online as part of our curriculum. But online safety doesn't stop at the school gate. If you're a parent or carer of a child aged 4-11, there's a new campaign that could make a real difference to their safety online.

Every time children use apps, games or websites, information is collected about them - often without them realising. This can include their location, habits and even their mood.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched a free campaign called Switched on to privacy to help parents and carers of children aged 4-11 start these conversations. It's built around three simple steps:

Chat with your child about online privacy.

Choose actively what personal information to share.

Check the settings whenever your child uses a new device or app.

Just like we teach children to cross the road safely, we can help them build smart habits online. Small conversations now can make a big difference as your child grows up.

Find free tips, videos and conversation starters at ico.org.uk/switched-on-to-privacy/?utm_source=toolkit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sotp.

According to UKIE, 4 in 10 parents say that they don't talk to their children about making good decisions online. To make these conversations easier, Ask About Games have published their Power Up Pact, designed to guide conversations about online video games and help families to agree on boundaries around screen time, spending, online interactions and age-appropriate content.

More advice for supporting neurodivergent children who play games online is available from Internet Matters, including guides about scams in games, managing screen time, and avoiding warnings or bans in games.



Star of the Week

3L: All of 3L - for showing fantastic effort and sportsmanship today on your first Sports Day at St Peter's.
Well done!

3B: Ben A - for an amazing sporting attitude during Sports Day and stepping up at the last minute!

3S: Henry B - for always being so enthusiastic and motivated in all areas of learning.

4B: Barnaby C - for continuing to try his best and always showing the 3R's.

4W: Hannah F-H - for always showing the 3R's - every day!

4S: Alfie G - for some super artwork this week and good focus in lessons.

5S: Roman G - for amazing newspaper writing this week.
Well done.

5L: Frankie G - for amazing attitude and effort when producing her geography advert.

5BN: Teddy F - for fantastic English work this week - well done.

6I: Marina M - for her super artwork this week.

6A: Phoenix M - for his dedication to our school play and his wonderful acting.

6WG: Billie B - for bringing positivity and energy to everything she does including Sports Day and the Y6 production.



Local summer activities



BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

BOGGARTS

Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROW A GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by our Volunteers.

STORY WALK Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING: Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot compost. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs		Story	Pond	11th:	Worms	Story	Folklore
23rd:	Bugs			Pond	13th:	Pond		Garden
24th:	Bugs			Pond	14th:	Bugs		Boggarts
28th:	Pond	W.C'rm	Story	Folklore	18th:	Bugs	Story	Walk
31st:	Bugs			Boggarts	20th:	Walk		Pond
AUG 11AM		12PM	1PM		21st:	Bugs		Folklore
4th:	Boggarts	Story	Pond		25th:	Folklore	Story	Garden
6th:	Bugs		Walk		27th:	Bugs		Walk
7th:	Folklore		Garden		28th:	Pond		Boggarts



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

Visit our museum, cafe, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LN

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG
THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)



CALLING ALL THANET FAMILIES

WHOSE CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAS OR MAY HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES AND WANTS TO MEET WITH SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA! WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE THAT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT THROUGH AGES 0-25 YEARS.

10.30AM - 12.30PM, 16TH JULY 2026

**NORTHDOWN ROAD FAMILY HUB,
ZION PLACE,
MARGATE,
CT9 1RP**

MORE INFORMATION

No need to book just come along anytime between 10.30am and 12.30pm, refreshments will be available. If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk

What families have said about the SEND Roadshows -

"I have more information to support my child's learning"

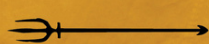
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"what I've been looking for"

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