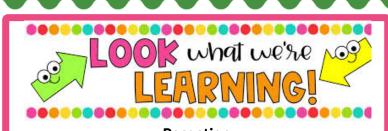


St Peter's School Newsletter: 7th July June 2025



Reception Mulberry made these beautiful group collages this week of underwater sea life:





Key Stage 1 Still on a nautical theme, Years 1 and 2 have created a collaborative beach scene using different media:



Lower Key Stage 2

Years 3 and 4 have been busy developing their sketching and drawing skills; they have drawn these marvellous Roman soldiers.



Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5 and 6 have been experimenting with "blackout" poetry. Using pages from our Windrush Child novel, they created these decorated free verse pieces:



School dates

newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

	July			
8th-9th	Year 5/6 performance - 6.30pm			
9th	Y1/2 Wyvenwood trip			
10th	Silver Birch library visit			
10th	'Moving up' morning (3 of 3)			
11th	School reports out to parents			
13th 10-11.30am	FOSP - New Reception intake (Sep 2025) 'Meet & Play' - Coggeshall Village Hall			
14th	Parent coffee morning (ASD) - external host [email sent 12 th June]			
14th	Year 6 - pizza night (details to follow)			
15th	iRocks concerts 9.30am and 2pm			
16th 5pm-7pm	Celebration evening			
18th 10.30am	Year 6 church leavers' service (Y6 parents welcome)			
18th	Parent Picnic (weather dependent)			
	September			
1st	Non-pupil day			
2nd	First day back at school			



FOSP update:

This week we delivered six new pedestal fans to the school so that every class has one each, plus two industrial fans for the school hall. We are also planning with the school to make ice pops available for any more hot days for the children to have as a post-lunch treat to help keep them cool.

While we hadn't planned for these expenses, thanks to the fundraising efforts throughout the year we were able to quickly buy the fans. If anyone would like to contribute towards FOSP to help us in providing the school with these kind of resources, you can make a donation via our website at any time: <u>https://fospschool.co.uk/#donate</u>

School Expansion / Building Works



We're pleased to share some positive news regarding the upcoming building works at St. Peter's. As you know, the local authority has been planning to provide additional school places and enhance our learning environment with new facilities. While the start date has been shifted, we're now hopeful that construction could begin as early as October or November of this year!

While we're excited about the benefits these improvements will bring to our school, we understand that a project of this scale will require some adjustments, particularly concerning drop-off and pick-up procedures. Please be assured that we are already working closely with the contractors to develop a comprehensive logistical plan that prioritises the safety and convenience of children, staff and families. We are committed to sharing these arrangements with you as soon as they are finalised and confirmed with all parties.

Your understanding and cooperation during this period of growth for St. Peter's are greatly appreciated.



Get Ready for Our Annual Parent Picnic!

Join us for our much-loved Parent Picnic on the last day of term (weather permitting!) Gates open at 12pm for you to find a spot on the school field. Pack your own lunch (NO NUTS, please!), chairs, and blankets. Children will join you for lunch from 12pm-1pm. Please note gates lock at 1pm. We

New starters event

We look forward to welcoming children due to be starting in Reception next year at our new starters event on Sunday 13th July, 10:00- 11:30am at Coggeshall village hall. There will be refreshments and fun activities for children, and it is a great opportunity for parents to meet other families too.



If you can help for 30 minutes with set up or packing away, or help with refreshments it would be much appreciated. Please sign up here: <u>https://volunteersignup.org/RBB77</u>

Planet and wallet friendly school uniform

Next Friday after school, FOSP is setting up a stall of professionally laundered school uniform saved from the depths of the lost property bin. You might not have rummaged through, but we did!

Over 120 kilos (that's around 6 family suitcases and hundreds of £s) of lost property has been rescued, washed and sorted to save the planet and save you money.

So please stop by, stock up on a few bits for next year, save money and raise some funds for FOSP. We'll be able to take voluntary cash or card donations, and really hope the uniform will find happy new homes. Find us on the Juniors playground.



Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online purchases into free donations for our PTA, at no extra cost to you. For example, one of our supporters switched their phone contract and earned us a £23 donation from EE - it's that simple, whether you're booking flights, switching insurance or doing your weekly food shop. In the autumn term we received over £250 from Easyfundraising donations! Find out more how to set it up here: <u>https://fospschool.co.uk/easy-fundraising/</u>

can't wait to see you there!





We're incredibly pleased to share some excellent news regarding our school attendance! As you may be aware, there has been a significant national drive by the Department for Education to improve school attendance rates, which have seen a decline since schools fully reopened following the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have collaborated with families over the past year to support children's consistent attendance, and our overall attendance has increased by 1.1% from 93.1% to 94.2%. We've also significantly reduced persistent absence (missing more than 10% of school) from 17.2% to just 11.2% as of June 26th, 2025 - a huge improvement!

Your commitment to your children's regular attendance truly makes a difference, and we thank you for your continued partnership.

National attendance percentiages up to 26th June are shown below.

	2024/25			
	Total	Primary	Secondary	Special
Attendance rate	93.2%	94.8%	91.5%	87.1%
Overall absence rate	6.8%	5.2%	8.5%	12.9%
Authorised absence rate	4.6%	3.8%	5.3%	9.6%
Unauthorised absence rate	2.2%	1.4%	3.2%	3.3%
Persistent absence rate	18.4%	13.6%	23.5%	35.5%

