

St Peter's Catholic Primary School

School Year 2025 - 2026

School Newsletter

April 2026



Welcome

During this sacred and reflective time of Holy Week, we are reminded of the values at the heart of our school community—faith, love and respect.

This special season invites us to pause, reflect and renew our commitment to one another, walking alongside each other with kindness and understanding. It is through this shared sense of purpose that our community continues to flourish.

Together, with a common goal of nurturing every child to grow, learn and shine, we look ahead with hope and gratitude for all that we achieve as one.

Mrs Vedamuttu

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than just sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you.

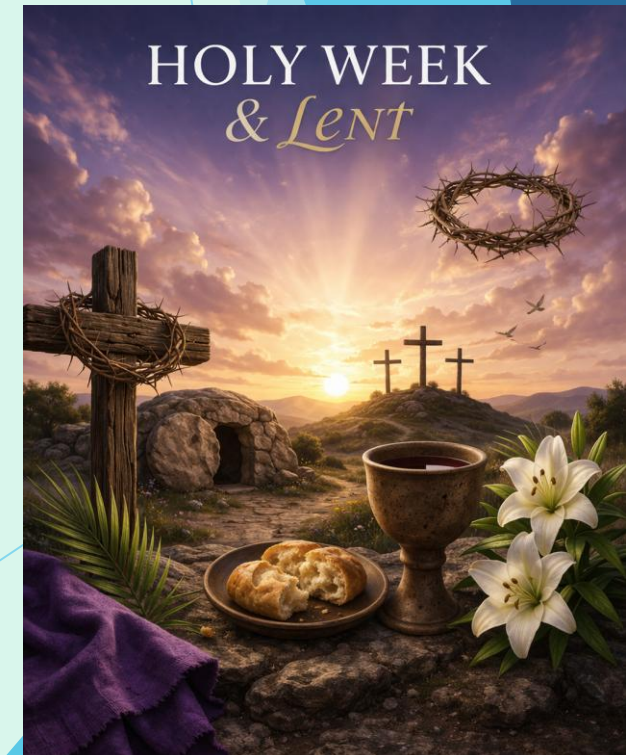
Help us to realise that humanity was created to shine like the stars and to live on through all eternity.

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.

Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children will rejoice in one common band of humanity.

In the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

(Dr Martin Luther King Jr)

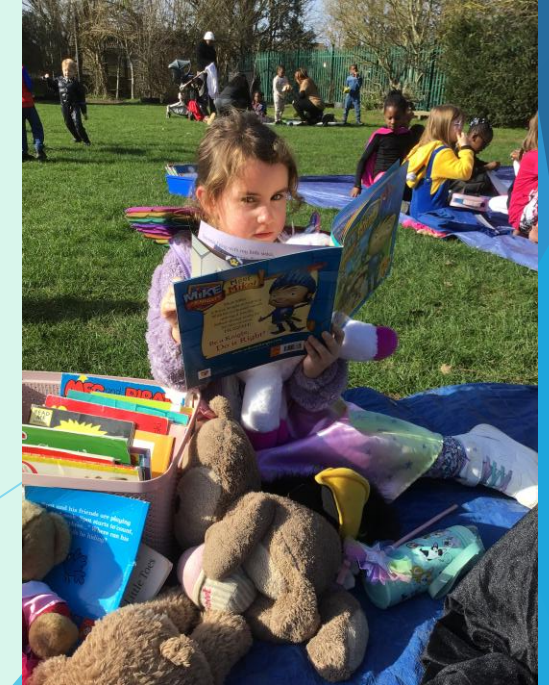


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World Book Day - come as a word!

Thank you for
participating in
World Book Day
2026!



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Visit our new
website from
1st April to
see more
photos!

Staffing

You will soon see an advert for a teaching post at St Peter's. This is because Mrs Cooper and her husband are relocating in the summer. Mrs Cooper has made incredible contributions to St Peter's over the past five years and we will miss her dearly. Mrs Cooper's last day at St Peter's will be 17th July 2026.

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Parking Poster Competition - results

We were very pleased to welcome Matt from Matt Matt's Café and Heather, a resident of West Ridge and long standing friend and past colleague of St Peter's, to join us for the judging of the poster competition.

The children's work was displayed in the entrance hall and the judges spent time discussing the posters and the wonderful effort that had been put into them. The children's names were not displayed and Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Barker oversaw the judging.

They chose a winner and a runner up.

The winner was: **Jacob Buckwell** (Year 1)

Runner up: **Aidan Frawley** (Year 3)

Click scroll to see the winning entry.

The winner will be awarded a £10 book voucher and the runner up received a small prize too.

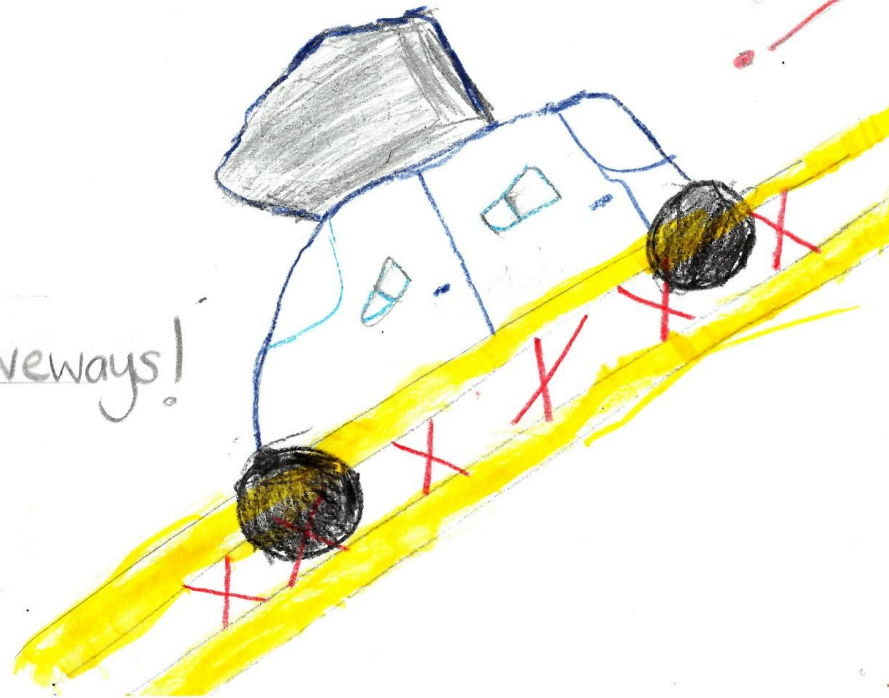
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PARK SAFELY



Do Not park on
double yellow lines!

Do not
block driveways!



PLEASE!

Parking continued..

I would like to thank those in our community who park responsibly and do what they can to ensure our pupils and safe and come to school ready to learn. Thank you also to those who made contact with the police and parking enforcement team as we have seen an increased presence in both since then.

We will be delivering the winning poster to the houses on West Ridge and Windsor Drive in the hope that seeing it in people's windows will serve as a reminder that all drivers are responsible for safe and considerate parking.

What is important to note is that, whilst we absolutely want all children to be safe, it was made very clear at a recent KCC Travel Plan meeting, attended by Mrs Gillespie, the we are not to be held accountable, as a school, for the parking outside of our school gates. Therefore, we rely on our parents and community members being law abiding citizens who park safely and responsibly.

Drivers must not:

- Park on double yellow lines unless you are displaying a Blue Badge
- Park on the zig zag lines of the school
- Park on the driveways of local houses
- Park on kerbs in such a way that you are blocking the footpath or driving at pedestrians.

Science Photograph Exhibition

Thank you to all who entered the Science Photograph Exhibition (massive apology for calling it a competition in the last newsletter!!)

The contributions from pupils were stunning as always.

The potatoes were particularly fascinating!

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St Peter's Parent and Carer Group

We're delighted to share that our recent parent carer meeting was a real success. With refreshments and biscuits available, the session had a welcoming feel.

The conversations were open, honest and supportive. Parents spoke about the realities and challenges of parenting, such as eating a varied diet, attending birthday parties and particularly the journey of raising a child with SEND. It was equally uplifting to hear positive stories, including successful transitions to secondary school of our past pupils.

This group is open to all parents and we are excited to continue growing this supportive community. During the meeting, we discussed ideas for future sessions, including focusing on specific themes such as bedwetting—giving everyone the opportunity to share experiences, ideas and practical support.

A school representative will always be present to help facilitate and support discussions. However, as shared in the meeting, this space is first and foremost for parents and carers. It's not about formal presentations or information overload but about real conversations, shared experiences and building a genuine support network for our families.

At our next meeting, we will also be working together to create our group rules and a shared vision statement - something everyone is warmly invited to contribute to and help shape.

I wish to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed so openly. We look forward to welcoming even more parents to our next meeting. Details will be shared soon.



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Generous Donation

We are delighted to say that a parent in Year 2 has been able to secure 45 repurposed laptops for us from their business.

We will be using funds from the Knauf visit, our first Break the Rules Day and donation made by last years, Year 6 families, to purchase a new storage and charging trolley for us to store them.

The laptops will be kept in Upper Key Stage Two and will certainly take the pressure off the timetabling of our computing lessons and other online tasks.



New Website and New Management Information System

Sometimes the stars align in your favour and sometimes you have to change management information systems AND school websites all in the space of a month!

Thank you for bearing with us as “we” got our heads around the new management information system. Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Barker have worked like troopers to ensure there was as little disruption as possible to teachers and families. Thank you to them for their patience and dedication.

Our new website has gone live today, Wednesday 31st March, we have been working to ensure that we are transferring over information from the old website to the new in the last few weeks. The new website address will remain the same: [Home | St Peter's Catholic Primary School Sittingbourne](#)

We will be communicating with you **via email only** until we get you all on the new Parent App and Portal after Easter. Please look out for communications regarding this in the coming weeks.

Our
new - look
website!



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Community in Action Day

Many years ago, we ran some very successful community days during which parents and family members came to school to spruce up the school grounds. With budgets and resources tighter than ever, we would like to try and relaunch these as an annual event.

We will try to run this on

Saturday 9th May from 9am onwards.

Imagine if half of our families could give an hour, that would be 80 human hours of community spirit and hard graft! 😊

If you can spare just an hour, or a whole day, you will make a difference to the school environment.

If you are able to come along, please sign up on link [here](#).

Jobs will include, clearing around the Prayer/Pond area, adding “shingle” to the EYFS playground, dismantling playhouses, planting, pruning and jet washing!

We will provide a light lunch (roll with filling) and, biscuits, teas and coffees.

These days used to be great fun and new friendships were certainly forged across an over grown bramble in years gone by.

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Dates for your diary - April and May

Date	Event
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Maundy Thursday 8:30am - Lenten Prayer Group 9:10am - Stations of the Cross Led by Lourdes Class (Year 3) for all families. 2pm - End of Term 4
Monday 20 th April 2026	Term 5 starts
Friday 24 th April 2026	1pm - Lourdes (Year 3) Swimming starts (5 weeks) Helpers needed please.
Friday 1 st May	2:50pm - May Crowning Service - parents welcome
Saturday 9 th May	Community in Action Day - sign up here!
Monday 11 th May - Thursday 14 th May 2026	Key Stage Two SATS week 8:30am - Year 6 SATS Breakfast sessions - click here to register your Year 6 child
Friday 15 th May 2026	Sacred Heart Class (Reception) Assembly
Saturday 16 th May 2026	11am - First Holy Communion Mass 2pm - First Holy Communion Mass
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Bethlehem Class (Year 1) School Trip - details to follow
Friday 22 nd May 2026	End of Term 5 - 3:25pm finish
Monday 1 st June 2026	Term 6 starts Galilee Class (Year 6) Residential Trip

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