

## House Points

St Therese—45  
St Margaret—36  
St Francis —35  
St Philip—21

## Achievement certificates awarded to:

Oak - Whole Class  
Rebecca  
Ash - Whole Class  
Beech - Max  
Rowan - Harry  
Elm - Mark  
Birch - Luca  
Cherry - Whole Class  
Hazel - Whole Class  
Hawthorn - Claudia  
Poplar - Phoebe  
Sycamore - Lucy  
Chestnut - Christian

## Attendance

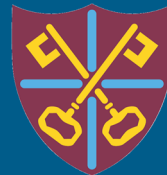
Poplar—100%

## Coming up next week:

### Meet the teacher :

Year 6 Monday 11th 9am  
Year 2 Tuesday 12th 9am  
Year 3 Wednesday 13th 9am  
Year 4 Thursday 14th 9am  
Year 5 Friday 15th 9am  
Year 1 Monday 18th 9am

# St Peter's News



8th September 2023

## This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,  
Welcome back to school. We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. We are very much looking forward to an exciting and successful year.

The school year began for our staff last Friday, with two days of preparation for the children's return including Safeguarding training for all staff that work in the school. We would like to thank Mr. Jacek and the whole staff team for all their hard work over the holidays preparing the school for the children's return. In particular the KSI toilets are looking fantastic!

We began the school year for our children on Monday with special assemblies to welcome them back to school. It has been wonderful to welcome Mrs Kelly as well as Mrs Tucker, Miss Chapman, Miss Smith, Miss Dolan and Mrs Cousins o our staff

team—we hope they have long and happy careers with us.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents and children joining us this year, both our new Reception children and those joining us in other year groups. It has been great to see our new children in school this week.

Thank you for your co-operation and consideration during drop-off and pick-up times; it has meant that the children have been able to establish their arrival and departure routines which enables a smoother transition for them as they start their new classes. In order to ensure maximum safety for the children, families and staff please refer to Mrs Kelly's letter earlier this week regarding use of the school drive. We very much appreciate your co-operation with this.

As we settle into the swing of

the term, our programme of after school clubs is being compiled and you will be invited to sign up for them from next week, Thank you to the staff who have offered to run clubs this term. It is testament to their dedication to our school and your children that they give their time voluntarily, in addition to their other commitments.

Our Meet the teacher sessions will be starting next week, further details are included in this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend - the children have certainly earned a good rest after their hard work this week.

Best wishes,  
**Mrs Kelly and Mrs Hall**



## From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday we celebrate the **23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In this week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20) Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

We learn how conflict is a fact of life and are encouraged to deal compassionately and fairly when disagreements and disputes emerge.

Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Winnie has loved being back at school this week—she is very much enjoying getting to know the new Year 6 children as well as seeing old friends and meeting new ones! Winnie will be delighted to give some certificates in assembly next week; teachers will be keeping an eye out for some fabulous and exemplar behavior so that they can let her and Mrs McWilliams know.



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**Mrs Lisa Kelly**  
**Deputy**  
**Headteacher:**  
**Mrs Ruth Hall**

## School Safeguarding Team

If you are worried about something that your own, or another child has told you, or you think that they may be at risk of harm, please contact our Designated

Safeguarding team:  
**Mrs Kelly** (Lead)  
**Mrs. Hall** (Deputy)  
**Mrs. Walsh** (Deputy)  
**Mrs McWilliams** (Deputy)

[dsl@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk)

## Supporting Families

We are able to offer support to any families experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact us in confidence and we will do whatever we can to help you.

## We need your help!

We would like children to help us name the room at the end of the main corridor (previously SKEATS) and also to name our 3 corridors of the school—Reception, KS1/Year3 and Year 4,5and 6 (we can not keep calling it the new build!)

Please think of a British Tree (such as Juniper, Aspen, Cypress) that has not already been used for the room and for the 3 corridors a British Forest.

Maybe Sherwood, New, Grizedale, Whinfell or Delamere to name but a few?

As you can see, we have a lot to choose from!

Please write your ideas on a piece of paper and put in the envelope on Mrs Hall's office door by **Tuesday 12th September**.



## Drop Off and Collection arrangements - All Children

### Mornings:

To help ease the flow of pedestrians, we ask parents to continue to use the one-way system wherever possible. You can enter the school site near the electric gates and exit onto the Pit Path through the double pedestrian gates. We find that this really helps with congestion and the general flow of 425 children being dropped off and collected each day.

### Drop & Go:

Please say your goodbyes to children before they come to the gate. We would ask parents not to stand at either the main or the reception gate as groups of adults can be intimidating for our children. There are staff ready to greet children at each gate and supervise their entry into school.

- 8.45am - gates open for all children, (please say goodbye to your children before the gate)
- 8.59am prompt - gates locked
- 9.00am - school starts

If you arrive after 9.00am you please take your child to the office where they will be marked as late. Families that repeatedly arrive late will be monitored by the Educational Inclusion Team.

### Afternoon collection arrangements:

- 3.15pm - Playground gates open
- 3.20pm - Children in Y1-6 are dismissed from their usual place (Year Reception begin dismissing a little earlier at just after 3.15pm)
- 3.30pm - playground gates closed so that our after-school provision can use the playground safely.

**Please supervise all your children on the play equipment as we would not want anyone to be**

## FOSP News

The **Annual General Meeting** for the Friends of St Peters will be on **Tuesday 12th September at 7pm** at the school.

All parents are warmly invited to attend and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers on the FOSP committee who show such dedication, care and commitment to supporting our school with fundraising. All around the school are examples of what their hard work has produced for the children.

### 100 Club winners!

August—Gemma Thorp

September—Joanne McLough



# Family Support Worker

My name is Mrs Walsh and I am the Family Support Worker at St Peter's. My role is to provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community. I can help you with any worries that you may have in relation to your child's wellbeing or if there is a tricky situation at home that you feel we need to be aware of. I am also here as someone to talk to if you need it and can help with signposting to other services in the local area. I may not have all the answers but hopefully I can help you to work out how to find them and support you in the process.

My working hours are Monday- Friday mornings and you can contact me by phoning the school office or by email on [fsw@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fsw@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk)

Unless I have a prior commitment I will be on the school gate at drop-off time on these mornings if you would like a chat or just to put a face to a name. I look forward to being able to support our St Peter's families.



## KS1 & 2 Meet the Teacher Sessions

Parents / carers are warmly invited to a 'Meet the Teachers' information session with the teachers from their child's year group. We will be holding them at 9am in the hall so that parents can combine it with drop off and the slides and information will be sent via ParentMail to anyone who is not able to join us. There is no need to sign up, everyone is welcome, just come to the hall after dropping your child off at the gate. The sessions will last for around 20 minutes and will cover:

- general expectations for the year group;
- the main teaching and learning to be covered over the year;
- assessments; and
- homework and how you can help your child at home.

These sessions are not designed for staff to talk to parents about individual children. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly. The dates are:

- Monday 11th September – Y6
- Tuesday 12th September – Y2
- Wednesday 13th September – Y4
- Thursday 14th September – Y3
- Friday 15th September – Y5
- Monday 18th September – Y1

Parents in Year Reception (EYFS) will have an information session later in the term. We look forward to meeting you then.

## Admissions for Reception 2024

### Important information for parishioners of St Michael's:

**Note to parent/carers of a Catholic child applying for a place in Year R at St Peter's Catholic Primary School for 2024 and who live in the Catholic parish of Ashted:**

In accordance with the school's admissions policy for 2024-25 concerning Catholic children (in over-subscription criteria 2-5), **the parish priest's signature on the SIF is required.**

As the parish of Ashted does not currently have a parish priest, a signature from the other member of clergy in Ashted (**Deacon David Pattinson**) or the priest from the neighbouring parish of Leatherhead (**Fr Michael Masterson**) will be equally acceptable to the governors. This will apply throughout the normal application period for the Reception Year (i.e., to 15 January 2024). This arrangement has been agreed by the school, the parish of Ashted and the parish of Leatherhead, and the Diocesan Education Service on behalf of the Bishop.

# Dates for your diary

11.09.23	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y6 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
12.09.23	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y2 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
13.09.23	Swimming Lessons start for Y5 classes (Hawthorn & Poplar Classes)	
13.09.23	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y3 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
14.09.23	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y4 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
15.09.23	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y5 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
18.09.23	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y1 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
6.10.23	Grandparent's morning in school 9.00am—11.00am	<b>NEW</b>
12.10.23	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (details to follow)	<b>NEW</b>
<b>Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October - Half Term Holiday</b>		
30.10.23	Children return to school	
30.10.23	Year 3 trip to Butser Farm	
10.11.23	Photographer in school	
<b>14.11.23</b>	<b>Open Morning</b>	
21.11.23	Class photos	
<b>25.11.23</b>	Photographer available for family photos	
1.12.23	Year 6 Visit to Hampton Court	
Week beg 4.12.23	Bikeability Year 4	
5.12.23	Reception Nativity 9am	
6.12.23	Reception Nativity 1.30pm	
7.12.23	Year 1 Nativity 9am	
8.12.23	Year 1 Nativity 1.30pm	
8.12.23	Year 3 and 4 Carols around the Christmas Tree	
11.12.23	Year 2 Nativity 1.30pm	
12.12.23	Year 2 Nativity 9am	
<b>15.12.23</b>	<b>School finishes for Christmas Holidays at 1pm</b>	
<b>2.1.24.</b>	<b>INSET DAY - School Closed for children</b>	
3.1.24	All children return to school	
<b>09.02.24</b>	<b>INSET DAY - School Closed for children</b>	
<b>Monday 12th -Friday 16th February- - Half Term Holiday</b>		
<b>19.02.24</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>	
<b>28.03.24</b>	<b>School finishes for Easter Holidays at 1pm</b>	
<b>15.04.24</b>	All children return to school	
<b>Monday 27th –Friday 31st May—Half Term Holiday</b>		
<b>14.06.24</b>	<b>INSET DAY - School Closed for children</b>	
<b>23.07.24</b>	<b>School finishes for Summer Holidays at 1pm</b>	