

St Peter's News



19th December 2025

No assembly this week due to The Service of Light

Coming up in January:

- Children return to school Tuesday 6th January

This week in school..

Dear Parents and Children,

It was with more than a tinge of sadness that we held our celebration of the 21 years of service of Mr Jacek on Monday. Father Michael led our service with Year 6 children reading scripture, prayers and poems, including an acrostic they had written especially. Father Michael spoke of his service to the school community and voiced so well how much we will all miss him. We wish Jacek, Barbara and his family every joy and happiness as they embark on this next chapter in their lives.

Our wonderful kitchen staff have done us proud—twice! - with our Christmas lunches this week. FOSP volunteers were invaluable in setting up the festive tables and we are very grateful to all who made these events possible.

Our Carol service at St Michael's church in Ashted was led so beautifully by Year 5 and 6. The singing was wonderful, readings thoughtful and respectful and the children were

such fantastic representatives of the school.

A huge thank you to Mrs A Kelly, Mrs Flaherty, Mrs Ballard and Mrs Dutton along with all our Year 5 and 6 staff who helped the children prepare for this.

One of my favourite gatherings of the year was today—Service of Light—where we take time to consider the choice Mary made and then the joy and wonder of the events in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.

A lovely end to what has been a fantastic term.

Thank you for all the support you give us from home and wishing you all a very happy, healthy and joyous Christmas and very best wishes from us all for a prosperous 2026!

Goodbye and good luck Mr Jacek!

Kind regards,
Mrs Kelly and Mrs Hall

From Sunday's Gospel...

Fourth Sunday of Advent Matthew 1:18-24

Today we hear how an angel appeared to Joseph to tell him what a special baby Jesus would be. We are going to be thinking about parents and babies around the world.

Loving God, as we wait for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of new life. We pray for all parents around the world and for their children, that they will be healthy, happy and love one another. Amen

On the days coming up.. The Nativity of the Lord - December 25th

This is a very special day. It is Christmas day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Even though he is the Son of God, Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, not in a big palace or soft bed. Let's think a bit more about that on this day.

Sunday December 28th –The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday 4th January – Second Sunday after Christmas John 1:1-18



Winnie and Mrs McWilliams came in to visit Chestnut this week. We were so pleased to see them both!



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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

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Supporting Families

We are able to offer
support to any
families experienc-
ing financial difficul-
ties. Please contact
us in confidence and
we will do whatever
we can to help you.

Making our parishes stronger

Bishop Richard is calling the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton to a 'change of era', focusing our parishes entirely on their mission of evangelisation. This means reorganising ourselves to better share the Gospel.

The current Epsom Deanery, which includes our school, is preparing to become one larger parish in 2026. While many changes will happen 'behind the scenes' at first, this new structure will help us collaborate more closely, including better supporting all the Catholic schools across our area.

We want all members of our school community, including those who may not be regularly involved in parish life, to be informed and to have their views heard. There will be meetings in all our parishes early in the new year to explain this process, share the proposed response and answer your questions.

You can also submit your views, opportunities you see, challenges you anticipate and any questions online at www.epsomdeanery.com/haveyoursay.

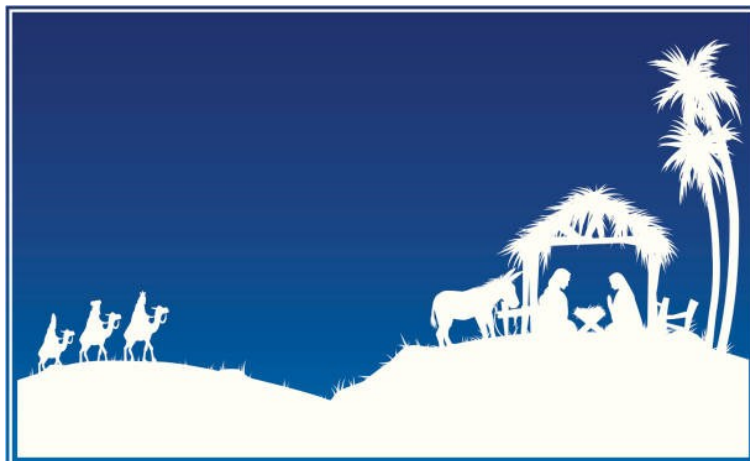
Please think about how you can get involved in shaping the future of the Catholic community in our area.

You are welcome to attend any of the meetings, which take place across the deanery at various days and times. The meetings last about 90 minutes.

Parish	Date	Time
Ashtead	Tuesday 27 th January	7:30pm
Banstead	Sunday 1 st February	11:15am*
Cobham	Wednesday 21 st January	7:30pm
Dorking	Sunday 25 th January	11:15am*
Effingham & Fetcham	Saturday 31 st January	3:00pm
Epsom	Friday 6 th February	7:00pm
Ewell	Sunday 18 th January	11:45am*
Leatherhead	Thursday 22 nd January	7:30pm
Tadworth	Monday 12 th January	7:30pm

* after Sunday morning Mass

*Merry Christmas and very best
wishes for 2026 from us all!*



Friends of St Peter's

Christmas Grotto

Our Christmas Grotto was a huge success and full of festive magic! The children loved meeting Santa, supported by our fantastic Year 6 elves, and it was lovely to see so many smiles across the school. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly — these special experiences are only possible thanks to your support.

Laser Spectacular Update

We're delighted to share that the Laser Spectacular raised over £10,000 in total, delivering a fantastic £5,000 profit. These funds are being committed towards the school's Chromebook replacement programme, helping ensure pupils have access to reliable technology to support their learning. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or supported the event in any way.

School Discos – Friday 23rd January 2026

We're looking forward to our upcoming school discos on Friday 23rd January, always a firm favourite with the children. More details on timings and tickets will be shared in the early New Year.

Coming Up: St Peter's Bake-Off Festival

We're excited to be planning a brand new event - the St Peter's Bake-Off Festival, which promises to be a fun and delicious event for the whole school community. More information coming in early January, so start warming up those ovens!

Wishing all our St Peter's families a very Merry Christmas!

We hope you enjoy a joyful, restful break with family and friends. Thank you for all your support this term — we look forward to more FoSP fun in the New Year!



Dates for your diary

School closed for Christmas Holidays - Next Level Coaches in 22nd and 23rd December

- 5/1/25 INSET day—school closed for children
- 6/1/25 Children return to school
- 8/1/25 Smartphone webinar for parents, 5pm in school.
- 14/1/25 SEND Coffee morning –details to follow
- 23/1/26 Year 4 girls and boys football matches—details to follow
- 23/1/26 FOSP disco—details to follow
- 26/1/26 Year 1 Mission week
- 30/1/26 Indoor athletics—details to follow
- 30/1/26 Oak and Ash Class Celebration of the Word to parents—details to follow
- 30/1/26 Year 2 Cake and uniform sale
- 2/2/26 Children’s Mental Health week
- 3/2/26 Year 5 and 6 visiting St Andrew’s Dance showcase
- 12/2/26 **Children finish for half term break**
- 13/2/26 **INSET day for staff—school closed for pupils**

Half term break– school closed

- 23/2/26 Return to school
- 24/2/26 Year 1 trip to Surrey Wildlife Centre
- 27/2/26 Year 6 boys and girls football matches
- 2/3/26 Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
- Week beg 2/3/26** Spring Scholastic book fair
- 4/3/26 Year 6 Junior Citizen event
- 5/3/26 World Book day
- 6/3/26 Cross Country competition
- Week beg 9/3/26** Year 2 Mission week
- 11/3/26 Young Carer’s action day
- 12/3/26 Tag rugby tournament
- 13/3/26 FOSP Mother’s Day sale
- 13/3/26 Year 6 girls’ football
- 16/3/26 Reception Mission week
- 18/3/26 Parent consultation evening
- 19/3/26 **Netball tournament**
- 20/3/26 FOSP event—Bingo
- 23/3/26 Parent consultation evening
- 24/3/26 SEND Coffee morning
- 25/3/26 Primary Music festival Dorking Halls—choir attending