



Autumn 2024 - Newsletter 10

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



There's something truly magical about Christmas, and it never ceases to amaze me how this season comes alive in school. The excitement is palpable, and I wish you could all feel the buzz that fills the school. This term, I have been incredibly proud of the children—their hard work, enthusiasm, and conduct have shone brightly in both the Early Years Nativity and the Whole School Christmas Performance. I want to reiterate how lovely the Christmas Fayre was, and the inaugural Jingle Bell Jog! **I am proud to say the team raised £2960 for the school - incredible!** Thank you everyone. Zoe, Yvonne and Kirsty - I forgot to mention you on the Christmas Fair email - thank you for all you did too! Thanks too to the kitchen team for an amazing Christmas dinner. It was the best yet! They are a wonderful team.

Christmas is a time for hope and reflection. As we look back on the trials and triumphs of 2024, we can also look forward to the many exciting opportunities ahead. However, I know **this time of year can be challenging** for some. If you or your family need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thanks to the generosity of the Budleigh Lions and some anonymous donors, we've been able to spread a little extra Christmas cheer to families in our community.

I'd also like to thank our wonderful fundraising team and Budleigh Town Council (and the PTA wrappers!), who have made it possible for **every child to take home a book as a Christmas gift**. This thoughtful gesture is just another example of the incredible community spirit we share here at St Peter's.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I'm excited to launch our **New Year, New Classrooms** campaign. This initiative will focus on making vital upgrades to our temporary classrooms, improving energy efficiency and creating better spaces for learning. If you have any ideas for

how you can support the campaign—whether through fundraising, donations, or participating in events—please start planning now! We'd love for everyone to get involved. In addition, I'll be meeting with South West MPs to advocate for the support schools so desperately need.

Finally, I'd like to extend **my heartfelt thanks to all of you**—our parents, staff, governors, PTA, and volunteers—for your unwavering support this term. Together, we've made this a fantastic term for the children and the wider school community. I'm so grateful to be part of such a special place. Our school values of respect and our ethos of being a Good Samaritan really shine through.

Before you go, please take a moment to read the important online safety messages below. I also strongly recommend the recent **Channel 4 programme on Smart Phone Free Schools**—it was deeply shocking and highlights how much more needs to be done to protect our children online. Until we have stronger laws in place, the responsibility falls to us as parents and educators to stay vigilant.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas:

As we celebrate this festive season, let us carry the light of kindness, hope, and peace in our hearts. Inspired by the story of the Good Samaritan, may we look for ways to help those in need, show compassion to everyone we meet, and build a community of care and understanding.

We wish warmth and joy to all our families, friends, and those who may be struggling this Christmas.

Mr Hitchcock

REMINDER! Don't forget - all new school shoes have to be plain black - even the soles!

Jingle Bell Jog Winners

Group 1

Ellabie Knight, Emma Crisp

Group 2

Edward Dutton, Archie Shields, Reggie Gavagan

Group 3

Jemima Duffelen, Clay Vickery

Group 4

Harry Boatwright, Jess Linacre

Swimming Payments - if you have not paid the contribution for your child's swimming this term, can you? We simply can't afford to run the pool if we do not receive your contributions. Thank you!



**New Year,
New
Classrooms**

Help St Peter's upgrade their old classrooms.
Take part in sponsored events, or create
your own!

Starting January 2025
Get your ideas ready now!

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BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

St Peter's CE Primary School,
Budleigh Salterton



1 - Fabulous nativity



2 - Glorious and joyful performance



3 - Amazing Big Band



4 - Show stoppers from Chestnut!



5 - Santa giving everyone a present today!

Swiped! Smartphone free



We recommend that everyone watch "Swiped: The School that Banned Smartphones." Whether or not you have signed our school parent pact, we think everyone will benefit from this candid, in depth look into how screens are affecting young people. You can watch the programme on catch up on Channel 4: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/swiped-the-school-that-banned-smartphones>

If you do decide to 'give the internet access to your child' please consider this:

Getting new devices at Christmas? Here's a handy reminder of how to keep your child safer online:

- A - Activate parental controls.
- B - Balance screen time.
- C - Check and chat.

Find more support here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/abc-online-safety-checklist/>

Thank You To The Carnival Club...

Massive, massive thank you to The Carnival Club who donated £300 during our Jingle Jog! We are so grateful!

Do go along to their amazing panto on Sunday 5th January, 3.30pm @ Budleigh Public Hall. Tickets £10. To book, call Julie on 01395 442067 or 07531131686. Tickets can also be purchased at the Budleigh Information Centre.

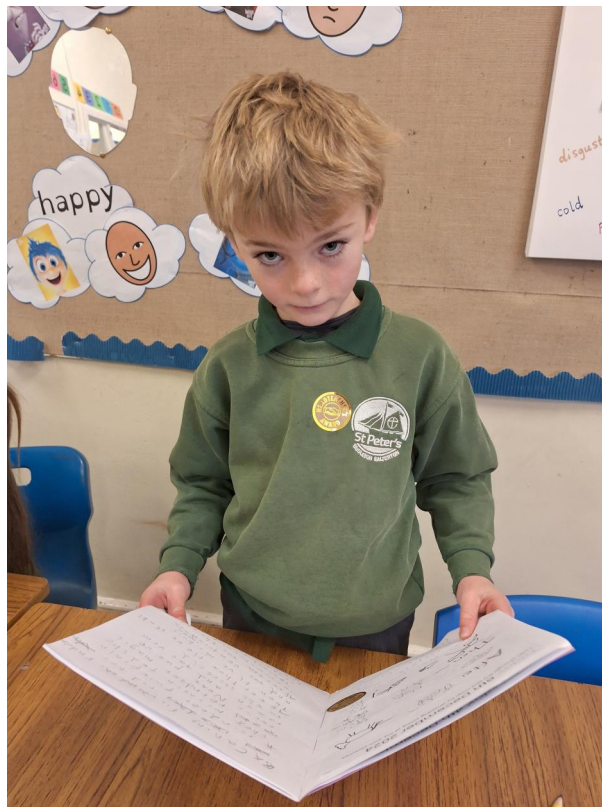


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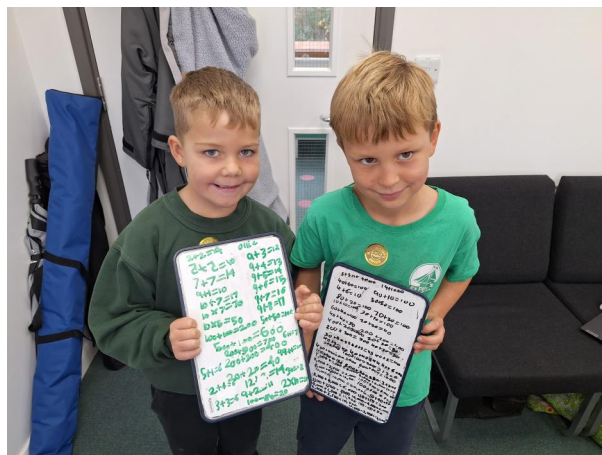
Miss Emma Forbes is a Teaching Assistant, working with two diabetic pupils, while also supporting the rest of Chestnut class with their learning. She is happiest when surrounded by children because they are full of energy, fun, and affection. She strives to help them become their best selves, not just academically but also in their overall wellbeing. At secondary school, Miss Forbes was inspired by her English teacher, Mrs Wilding. She was cheerful and encouraging, fostering Miss Forbes' passion for English Literature, which she later studied at university. Still an avid reader, one of her top picks for adult fiction is *Jane Eyre*, which sparked her love for classic literature. Among children's books, *Matilda*, is a firm favourite - she can't count the amount of times she watched the film as a child! In her spare time, Miss Forbes enjoys curling up with a good book, a warm cuppa, and her housemate's fluffy Maine Coon cat. She also spends plenty of time outdoors, swimming, and catching up with family and friends. If Miss Forbes could wish for one thing in schools, it would be better funding. Each class would be smaller, with more staff and plenty of resources, ensuring that every child receives the support they need to flourish.



Headteacher Awards...



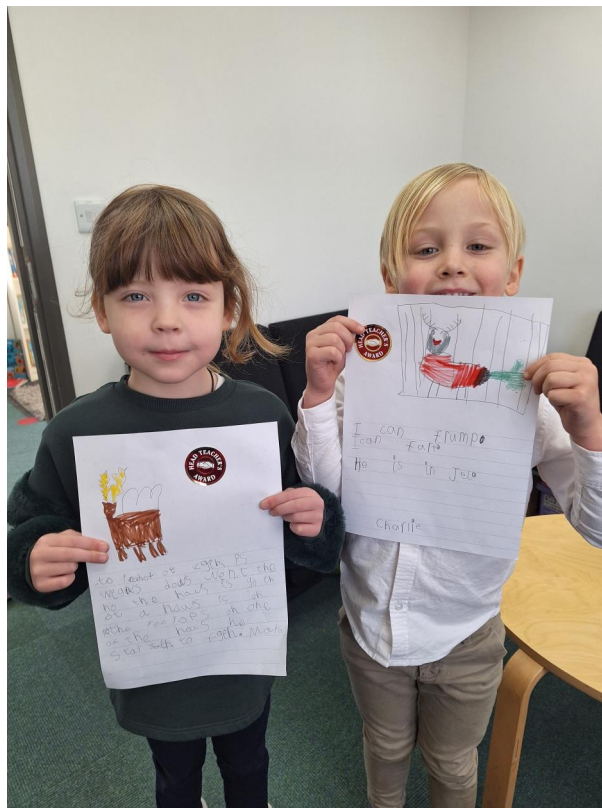
6 - For super effort in writing



7 - For excellent maths



8 - For helping with the FSU Nativity - Good Samaritans!



9 - For lovely writing

Football match vs Brixington - well done year 6



10 - We didn't win, but that didn't matter! The team played brilliantly together and lost by a small margin. All the boys are improving so well. Special mention to captain Riley and both Alfie who played very well.

What's Been Happening In School...



11 - Beech Class had a wonderful time visiting The Firs Residential Home to sing some christmas carols!

The children were absolutely *brilliant*—so confident and full of joy as they retold the story of Christmas. Their performance truly warmed our hearts and reminded us of the beauty of this special season.

A huge thank you to all in our incredible Foundation Stage team for their hard work and dedication. A special shoutout to Mrs. Rogers, our amazing music lead, and Ms Shepherd and Mrs Barahona for guiding the children so beautifully and organising the staging, scripts, music and lighting.

We're also so grateful to our brilliant PTA for providing delicious refreshments and to the parents, as well as the ever-talented Tina for the stunning costumes that made the children look simply wonderful. We are feeling *very* Christmassy now!

We can't wait for the whole school performance next week—it's going to be another festive treat!

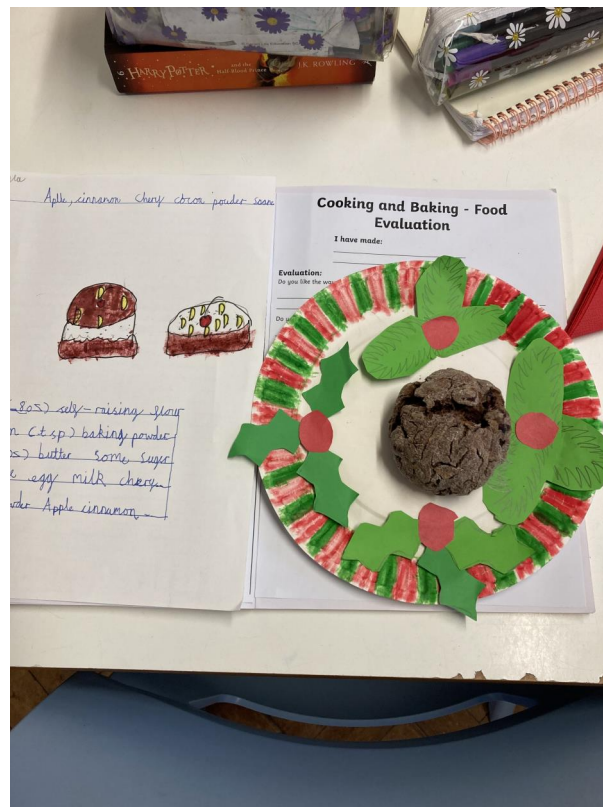


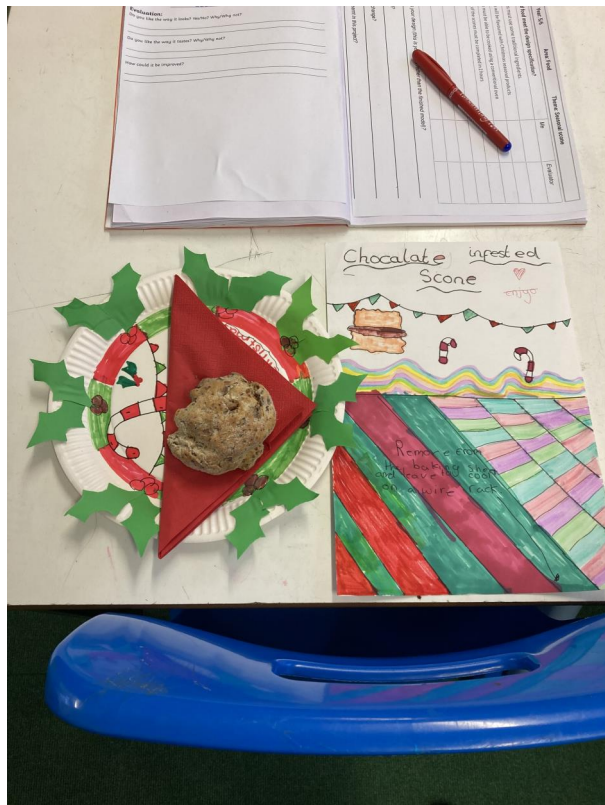
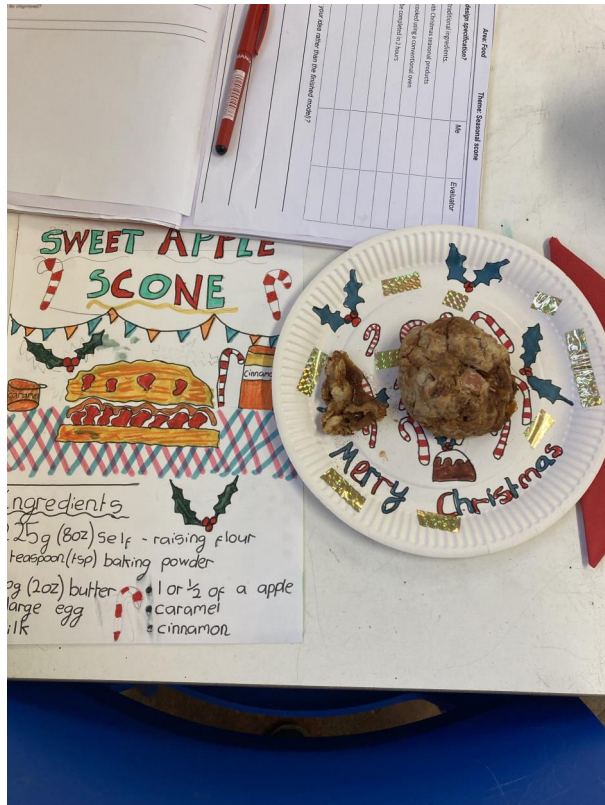
A huge well done to all the students in Oak Class for completing their fantastic Design and Technology projects in scone design and making! Our DT curriculum focuses on process over product, fostering independent, creative, and critical thinking. This project showcased exactly that—students explored, experimented, and reflected every step of the way.

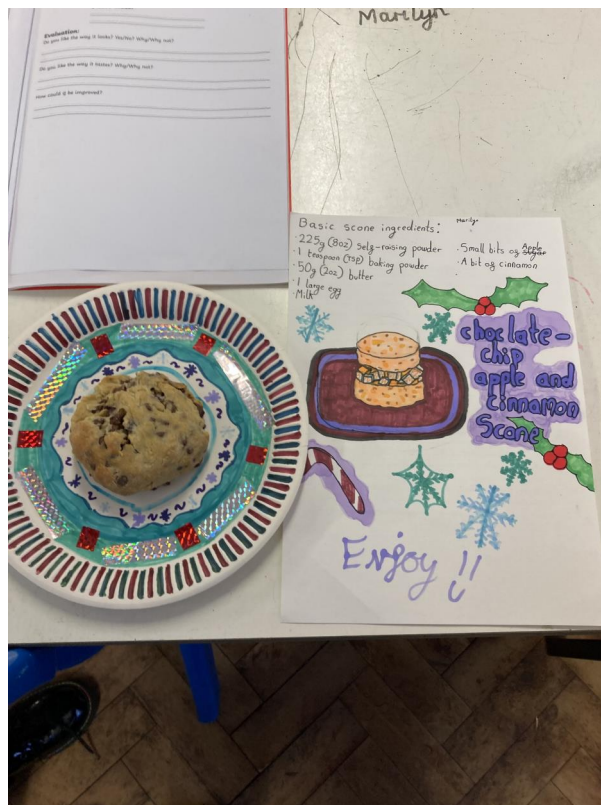
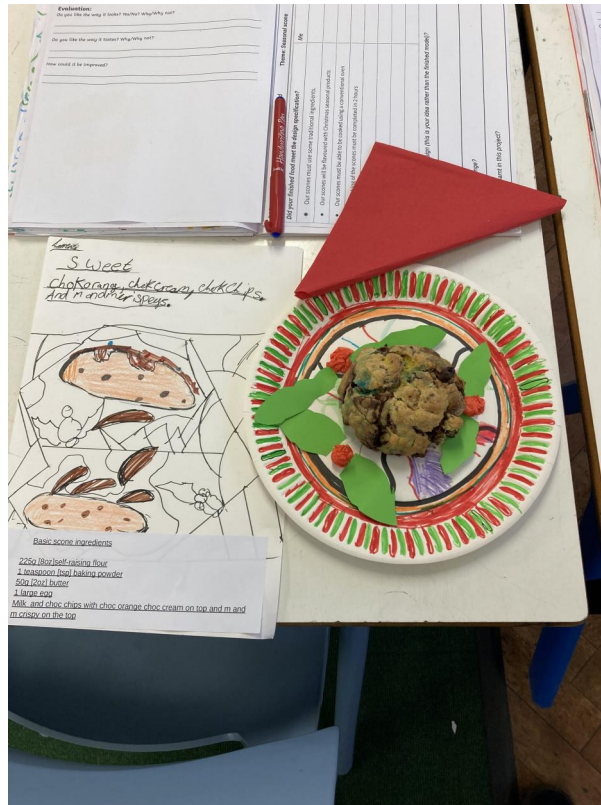
A big thank you to Mrs. Richards for guiding the project and sharing these delicious creations with parents at the end of the school day. And to Mrs. Walshaw, thank you for your unwavering commitment to nurturing the designers of the future!

We also want to express our gratitude to the parents who took time out of their day to join us and celebrate their children's achievements. Your support makes all the difference!

Let's celebrate their hard work and creativity!







A HUGE thank you to the amazing Bikeability team for coming in to work with some of our Year 5 children! At St. Peter's, we're all about encouraging active lifestyles, promoting independence, ensuring safety, and supporting good mental health—and this session ticked all the boxes!

A big shout-out to Mr. Murray for organising these incredible events for our children, and to our fantastic office staff for making sure it all ran smoothly.

And, of course, thank you to our wonderful parents for providing bikes and helmets and working with us to see all of our children confidently whizzing along the beautiful bike routes we're lucky to have here in East Devon!



A huge THANK YOU to Ms Moore and our amazing Reception Team for organising our half-termly walk to the local green! Fresh air, adventures, and exploring local spaces are such an important part of being out and about with our active children.

This time, we used our tree guides to spot and classify what we could see around us in Winter. We also took our seasonal picture under "our tree," where we get to see how both nature and ourselves change throughout the year!

Lots of gloves and hats were needed this time around!

A special thank you to our wonderful parents and volunteers—Amanda and Hilary—for giving up their time to help make these adventures possible. We couldn't do it without you!







Once again, Willow class brought Christmas cheer to our friends who meet at the Venture Hall. They sang with joy and pride, followed by a joint Christingle making activity. Our thanks go to Mary Paluch at East Devon District Council for inviting us and kindly raising £47 Christmas raffle. Merry Christmas and we look forward to meeting up with you all in 2025.





Forest School is such a joy! Look at our Reception Class becoming creative engineers after reading Mr Bear's Winter House. Their imaginations truly came alive as they built incredible creations, transformed into Nordic skiers, baked "cinnamon pies," and ended the day with some delicious toasted marshmallows over the fire. Forest School teaches so many valuable skills: teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, and a love for nature. A huge thank you to Ms. Spence for her endless enthusiasm and passion in leading this wonderful resource across our school.







We loved joining in with decorating our fence panel for The Exmouth Christmas Market! Watching our wonderful Nursery children in their element, fully embracing their artistic flair and creativity, was an absolute joy. At St. Peter's, our art ethos is all about *process over product* – encouraging imagination, exploration, and a love for creating.

A huge thank you to Miss Evans for leading art at St. Peter's and inspiring us all to embrace our creative sides! And another big thank you to Ms. Spence and Mrs. Rogers in Nursery for taking on this festive and colorful task.

Pop down to the Christmas Market to admire the artwork and see if your child can spot their own bauble!





Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Jemima, Hugo



12 - Well done to Jemima who came 1st in her running club, Exeter Harriers U10, Devon & Cornwall XC championships recently!



13 - Well done to Hugo who recently had his Judo Club's award evening, scooping 5 awards, including Junior Progress Award!

Coming Up In The School & Community...

Wesley's Cafe & Community Larder - Christmas Opening Hours

- Monday 23rd December 9.30 - 4.00
- Tuesday 24th December CLOSED
- Wednesday 25th December CLOSED
- Thursday 26th December CLOSED
- Friday 27th December CLOSED
- Saturday 28th December 9.30 - 4.00
- Monday 30th December 9.30 - 4.00
- Tuesday 31st January 10.00 - 3.00
- Wednesday 1st January CLOSED
- Thursday 2nd January CLOSED
- Friday 3rd January 9.30 - 4.00
- Saturday 4th January 9.30 - 4.00

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