

Spring 2025 - Newsletter 3

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



We had an incredible day in school last Friday, kicking off our Fundraising Challenge in true St Peter's style—with crazy hair and a neon disco! The atmosphere was electric, and thanks to your generosity, we've already raised an amazing **£4,000**—with lots more activities to come. Next up... deciding a challenge for Mr H! [Photos below]

A huge thank you to Emma, Bron, and Gen for organising, DJ Rob for keeping the tunes going, Kirsty for her brilliant face painting, and all the fantastic volunteers who made the day such a success. The children's energy was off the charts—helped, of course, by the surprise appearance of a **mysterious dancing monkey** who had some serious moves!

In other good news, **Mrs Pester is recovering well in hospital** and should be home soon for rehabilitation. Your good thoughts, wishes, and prayers have meant so much—thank you! We can't wait to welcome her back to school when she's ready.

Can you help?

🎨 **Artist needed!** Do you know a talented artist who could help us create a timeline mural on the school playground wall? We've reached out to local art groups and secondary schools but haven't had any luck yet!

🛴 **Scooters & Balance Bikes:** If you have any unwanted (but good condition) scooters or balance bikes, we'd love to give them a new home at school!

Have a fantastic half-term break—enjoy reading about all the brilliant learning and activities happening at St Peter's, including a **win for the girls' football team** and a whole host of **Headteacher Awards!** 🎉



1 - Disco fun!



2 - Dancing mad!

Can You Help...

The churches together in Budleigh are running a creative exploration of Easter at St Peter's Church, where each class will have a one-hour session to engage with the Easter story through interactive stations.

We are looking for volunteers to help walk the children to and from the church and to assist at a station during the session. Each class will need six adults (including staff) so that every group of children has an adult to support them at a station. This is quite a lot!

If you are available to help, please can you let Mr Hitchcock know? The dates and times are below, so just let me know if you can please. Your help is greatly appreciated—thank you for your support!

Tuesday 25th March - 9.30am - 10.30am (Chestnut)

Tuesday 25th March - 10.40am -11.40am (Beech)

Tuesday 25th March - 1.30pm - 2.30pm (Oak)

Wednesday 26th March - 9.30am - 10.30am (Rowan)

Wednesday 26th March - 10.40am -11.40am (Ash)

Wednesday 26th March - 1.30pm - 2.30pm (Apple)

Friday 28th March - 9.30am - 10.30am (Willow)

Friday 28th March - 10.40am -11.40am (Cedar)

Friday 28th March - 1.30pm - 2.30pm (Cherry)

Booking School Dinners...

We have quite a large amount of parents who do not book school dinners on SchoolGateway each day. This is a significant, time-consuming admin task that we would be really grateful for parent's help with, especially while running at a reduced capacity.

If your KS2 or nursery child is having a school dinner, please book AND pay for this on the day or in advance. Those entitled to free school meals do not need to book or pay. To make a booking:

- Open SchoolGateway
- Click on your child's name
- Click on Clubs
- Click on Dinner Money 24/25 or Dinner Money Junior 24/25 if your child has junior meals
- Click on Make a Booking
- Select the dates you want your child to have a school dinner and click BOOK
- This will take you to a new page where you need to click on PAY NOW
- This will take you to a new page where you need to click on ADD TO BASKET
- This will bring up a pop up where you can either continue shopping to add siblings dinners or view basket to checkout
- This will take you to a new page where you need to click on CHECKOUT
- This will take you to a new page where you can choose how you want to pay

A couple of years ago, we had to start **charging parents a small admin fee (25p)** for each time the office booked a school dinner for your child. We really would rather not do this, so please could you help us out by ensuring your child's dinners are booked in advance? Thank you!

World Book Day...

Celebrating World Book Day – 6th March 2025

World Book Day is just around the corner, and we are excited to celebrate the magic of reading on Thursday, 6th March! This special day is all about inspiring a love of books, encouraging creativity, and having lots of fun along the way.

We have a fantastic line-up of activities planned for children and families to enjoy, both in and out of school.

Fun Activities to Take Part In

1. Unusual Places Reading Challenge - Where's the most unexpected place your child can read a book? Whether it's up a tree, inside a fort, or even under the kitchen table – we want to see their creative reading spots! Snap a photo of your child enjoying a book in the most unusual place and share it with us.

2. Dress-Up Day - Children are invited to come to school dressed as:

- Their favourite book character
- A colour (inspired by a book)
- A word (get creative with how you represent it!)

Let's make the school as bright and bookish as possible!

3. Book Stall – Fundraising for Our New Classroom - At the end of the school day, we will be holding a book stall outside Cherry Class. This is a great opportunity to find a new story to take home and enjoy together. Money donations are welcome, and every contribution will help us create an even better learning environment.

4. Support Our School Library - If you'd like to donate a book to our school library, we have an Amazon Wish List where you can choose a title. Your generosity will help enrich our collection and inspire even more young readers!

<https://amzn.eu/8yCz80d>

We only need these types of book donations at present. Due to storage issues we cannot accept donations from home at present.

Exciting In-School Activities

5. Bookmark Design Competition - Children will have the chance to design their own bookmark, and the two winning designs will be professionally printed so that every child can have a copy. Time to get those creative ideas flowing!

6. The Masked Reader - Can you guess which staff member is reading behind the mask? Our Masked Reader challenge will see different members of staff reading stories while disguised, and children will have to guess who is behind the mask. A fun and mysterious way to enjoy storytelling!

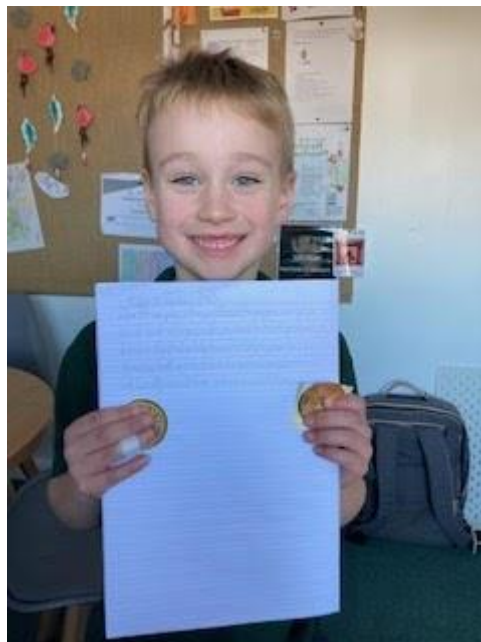
We can't wait to celebrate World Book Day together and make it a memorable event for all.

Thank you for your support in making reading fun and exciting for our children!

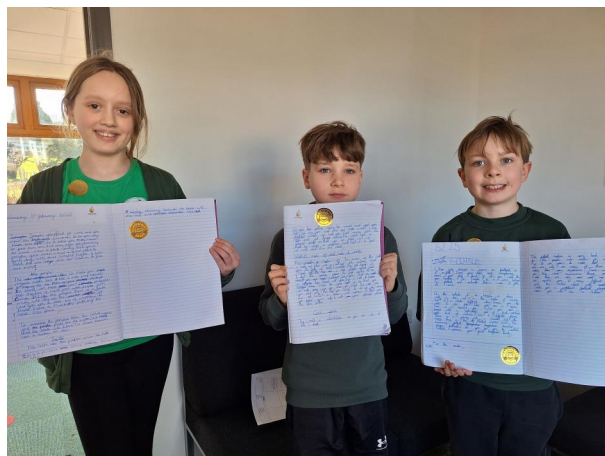
Headteacher Awards...

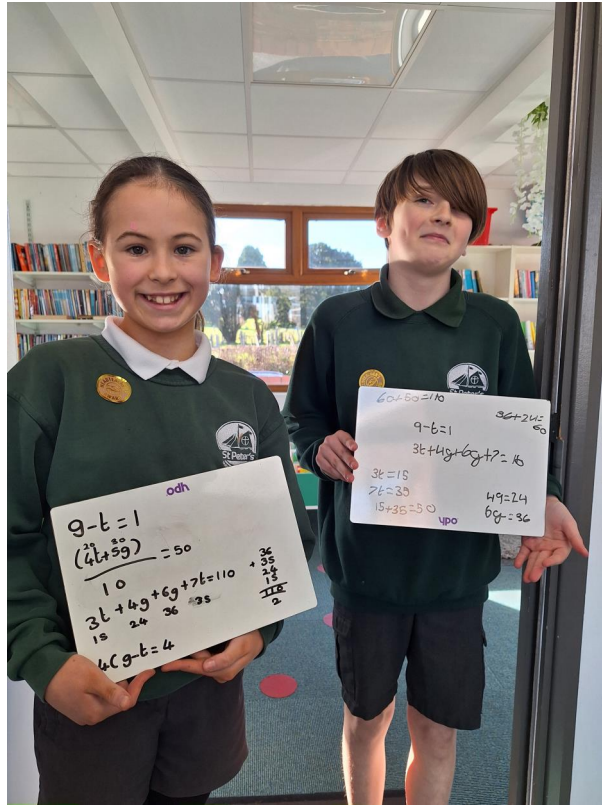






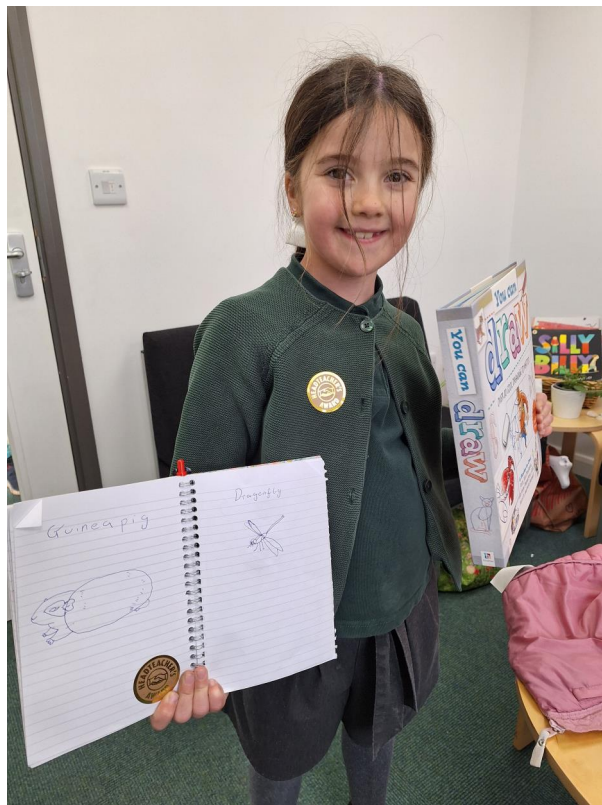


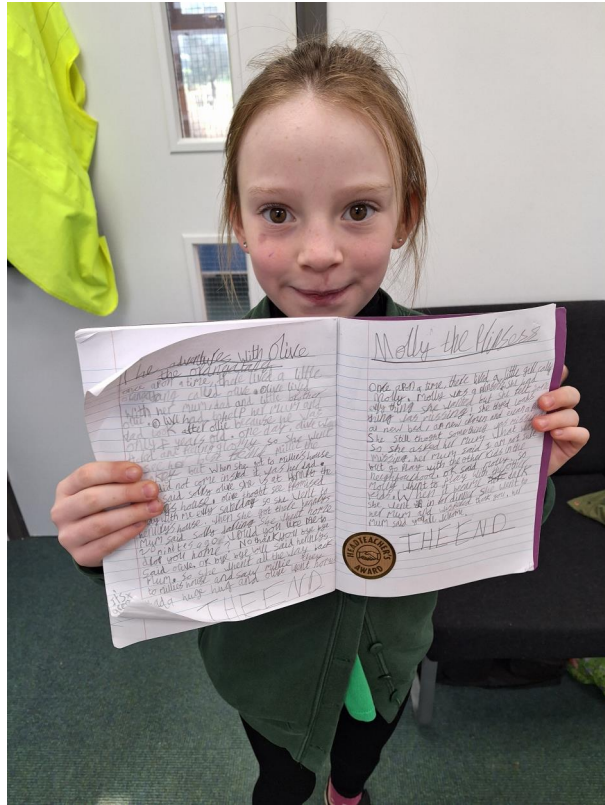


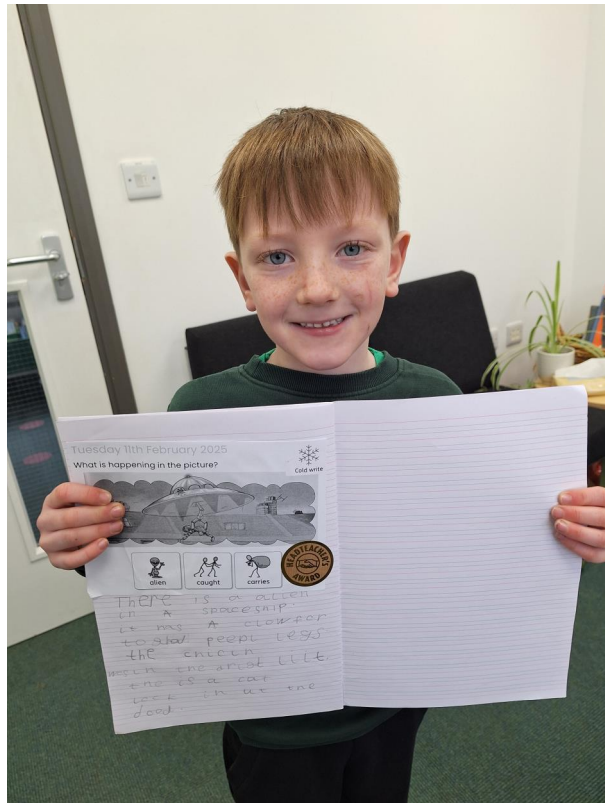
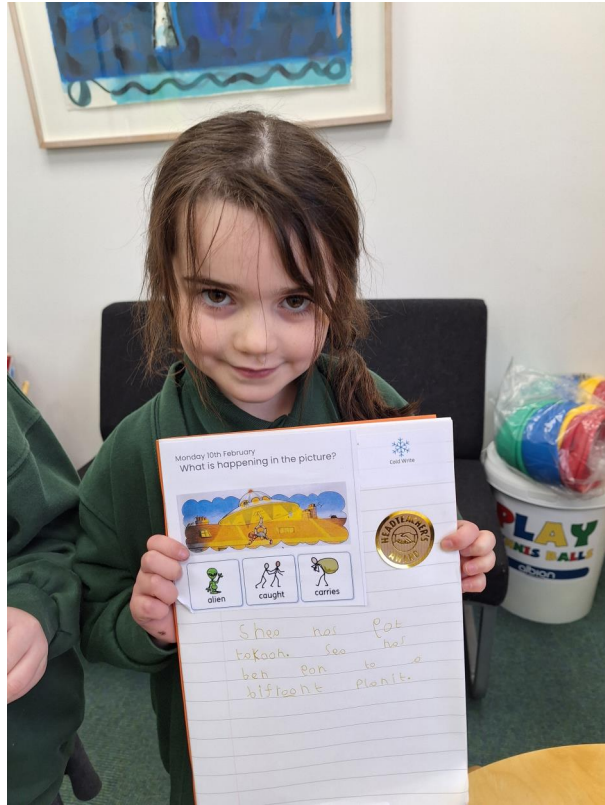














What's Been Happening In School...

Huge THANK YOU to the amazing Ms. Mason for organising an incredible INSPIRE trip to Go Ape at Haldon Forest yesterday! Despite the weather, our lucky pupils had an unforgettable day filled with challenge, support, adventure, and fun!

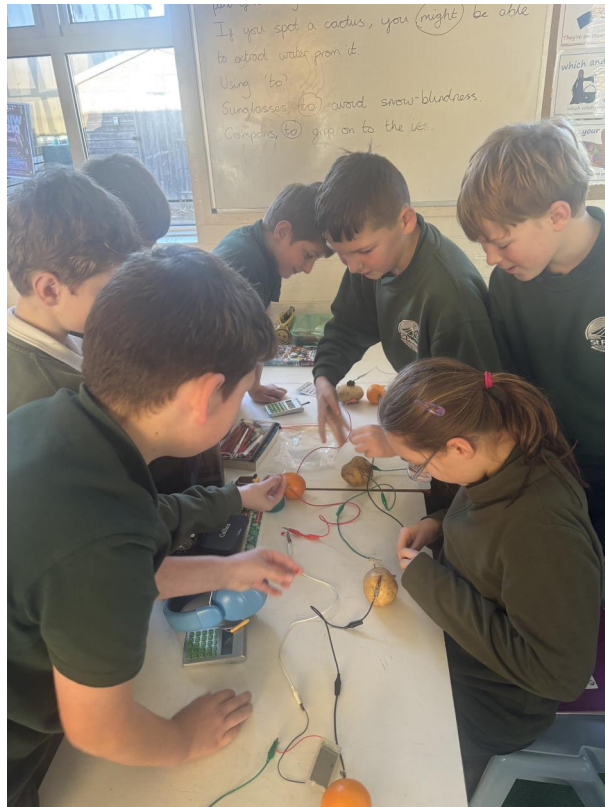
A special shoutout to Ms. Spence for extending her school day to join the adventure—she was beyond proud of our St. Peter's bunch for stepping out of their comfort zones, supporting each other brilliantly (and even her on those higher beams! Well done, everyone!







Last week it was Chestnut, Cherry, and Oak classes turn to take part in Waste Awareness Workshops! Chestnut got busy papermaking, Cherry explored materials, and Oak learned all about batteries and alternative circuits. Great job, everyone!







Oak class had a lovely time sketching at the beach and at the green. We can't wait to see what they create during following art lessons. Well done Oak class!





3 - To raise awareness of our St Peter's Fundraising Challenge, children came to school with CRAZY HAIR!! They looked awesome! Here is OAK class.



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5 - To raise awareness of our St Peter's Fundraising Challenge, children came to school with CRAZY HAIR!! They looked awesome! Look at this!



6 - More crazy hair!



7 - More



Girls football win

Team: Bels, Isla, Evie E, Esme, Tilly, Nieve, Evie K, Katie and Lara

It was a cold afternoon on Monday 10th February, but these girls put in the effort to play a football match at Brixington Primary School. Their amazing coach was Miss Birch who led them to a victory of an incredible 5-3 win.

In the first half, Tilly was in goal and did wonderfully. Meanwhile the outfield players did an amazing job of dominating the opposing team with Bels scoring three goals in that first half.

The second half was a lot more challenging than they expected with Brixington fighting back. Nieve helpfully volunteered to be the goalie and saved a powerful shot which deflected off her knee. Even though the second half was challenging, the team started off really well with Bels scoring another goal and Evie E, Katie and Lara making some strong tackles.

Sadly, Brixington managed to score three goals. But that didn't hold the team back as they kept trying to persevere to not concede any more goals. Near the end Isla did some powerful throw-ins and free kicks. Whilst Evie K got a last minute goal to send the team to 5-3 and all the team had to do was to keep fighting and not let any more goals in. Then the whistle blew to signal the end of the game and the victory for the 5/6 girls St Peter's team.

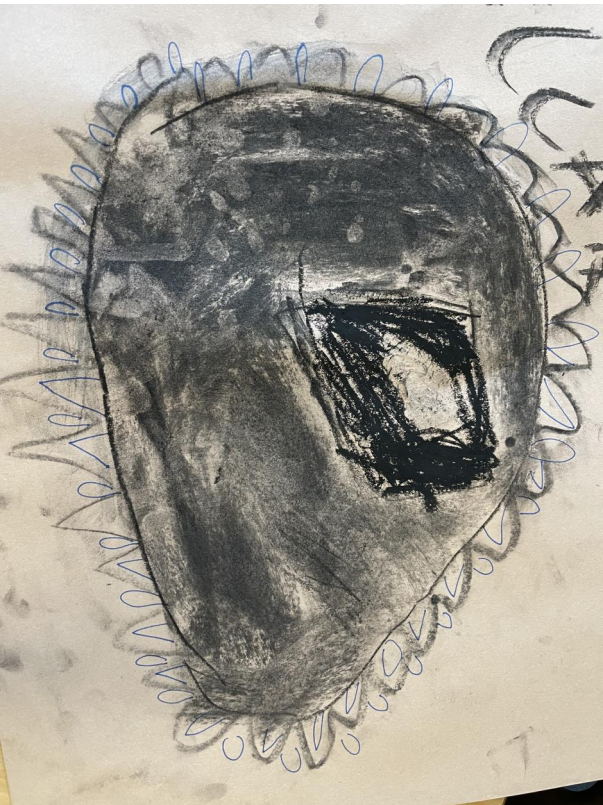
By Bels and Isla



The children in Apple Class have worked hard this half term to learn to sing and play glockenspiel to the song 'Round and Round'. At the end of the day they held an Art and Music showcase for their parents. We were so proud of how well they performed to a live audience!

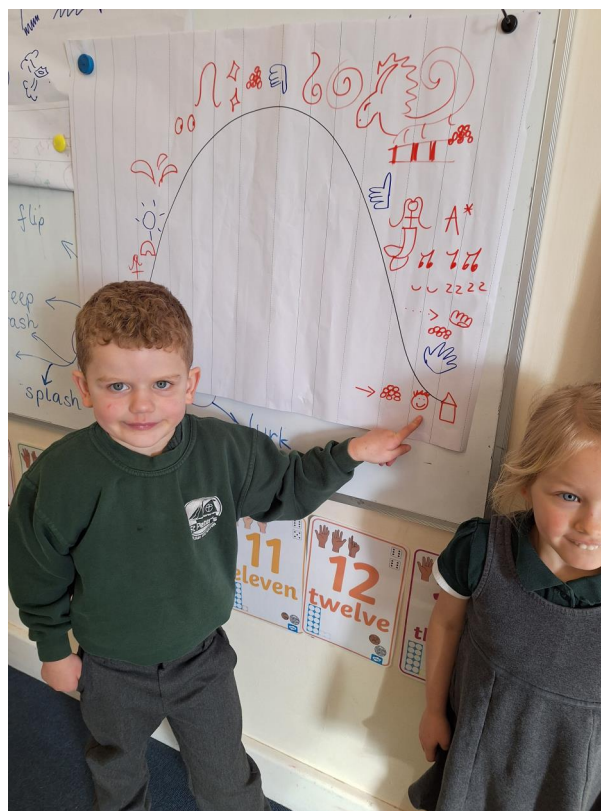
They then showed their grown ups their sketchbooks and final pieces from their Art this half term. They have learned to use charcoal, chalk, pen, water soluble ink, graphite sticks and oil pastels in their Dragon Eye drawing work and they're very pleased with the final results.







8 - I was able to pop into Apple and a wonderful interview as the children pretended to be story characters!



9 - They were also so good at telling me their story - good work Apples!



10 - "Fun Club" run by our Year 6 School Leaders, made a HUGE paper chain! Nice work!

Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Holly, Mia, Piper, Isla



11 - Well done to Holly who took part in a inter club competition vs Axminster Gymnastics. She finished 2nd overall in her age group and placed 2nd for trampette!

MUSICAL THEATRE.



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PERFORMER OF THE WEEK

PAULINE
QUIRKE
ACADEMY
OF PERFORMING ARTS
BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.

THIS WEEK MY POW WENT TO THE LOVELY MIA, EVEN THOUGH SHE HASN'T BEEN WITH US FOR LONG IN GREEN GROUP, I HAVE TO SAY I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED WITH HER THIS WEEK. SHE REALLY CONCENTRATED AND PUSHED HERSELF TO LEARN THE ADVANCED CHOREOGRAPHY FOR GREEN GROUP AND WAS TRULY AMAZING. SUCH A GREAT JOB MIA, KEEP UP THE HARD WORK - RHIANNA

12 - Well done to Mia who was awarded musical theatre performer of the week recently!



13 - Well done to Piper who achieved her bronze award at Brownies recently!



14 - Well done to Isla who achieved her 5m swimming badge!

Coming Up In The School & Community...



15 - Interested in half-term childcare?

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/ld-active-february-half-term-holiday-camp-exmouth-c8cf4c3c-78ee-4d66-aad3-5b1c03435c5d>



Devon Music Education Hub

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This spring, NCO is heading to Devon for a free orchestral workshop, giving young musicians aged 8-12, who are new to NCO, the chance to play alongside NCO tutors and create music inspired by the natural world. 🌿



Uffculme School



Sunday 23rd March 2025

Don't miss out! Applications close on Friday 21st February, and this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to make music, have fun, and learn!

Apply now:

<https://nationalchildrensorchestra.beaconforms.com/form/94cecff8> 🎵🎸

P.S. Sorry for the hiccup in our previous post!



CALLING 8-12 YEAR OLD ORCHESTRAL MUSICIANS IN DEVON

23RD MARCH 2025

Do you play an orchestral instrument at Grade 2-5 level?

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