

Spring 2025 - Newsletter 4

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



What a fantastic World Book Day!

It does take effort, but the joy it brings makes it all worthwhile. The pupils absolutely loved it, and the creativity on display was incredible. A huge thank you for all the effort put into costumes—we held a parade at breaktime, and I was seriously impressed! As a *Vampire Rat Headteacher* (who knew?), I was especially pleased to have a little gang of fellow vampires and vampire fairies by my side! *Thanks to Mrs Jones, Mrs Warren and Miss Forbes in the library team for putting it all together in school.*

One of the standout features of our school is just how much our pupils love reading, and events like this only help to nurture that enthusiasm. Speaking of reading, I'm delighted to share that **81% of our Year 1 pupils are on track to pass their phonics screening check**. This is such an important milestone in achieving reading fluency, and it simply wouldn't be possible without the support you provide at home—so thank you!

A safeguarding reminder

Last week, I had some really insightful conversations with pupils about safeguarding. One common theme that came up was their fear of telling parents when something has gone wrong, worried that they'll be shouted at. As a rule of thumb, if your child has owned up to something or confided in you about a problem, **praising them for being honest is crucial**. If

they associate honesty with getting into trouble, they may not come forward again. Of course, it's a tricky balance, but a little reassurance can go a long way.

Fundraising update

Our **Fundraising & Community Challenge** is gathering momentum, with more brilliant ideas coming through! A huge **thank you to Millie**, whose beautiful bracelets and cakes raised an incredible **£164.37** for our campaign—amazing work!

Next up: **Car wash and Cakes - Saturday 15th March**

Scooter Day – 24th March

Bring your scooters to school, take part in the challenge, and help raise money and awareness for our fundraising effort. Plus, you'll get the chance to pick **Mr H's challenge!**

30-Second Survey

How well do you think the school has communicated with you this year? Let us know:

<https://forms.gle/TngqPGWZbDv7Sswt6>

Finally, a proud moment...

I'm delighted to share that **the St Peter's Staff Quiz Team came out on top**, beating all the Exmouth schools last week in support of the fantastic mental health charity **Heads Up**. A great effort for a great cause!





1 - Mrs Rogers, Mr H, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mr Greenwood - victorious quizzers!

World Book Day...



2 - Harry Potter gang galore!



3 - Vampires!



Valentines Day...

Spreading Love in Every Way on Valentine's Day!

Before half term, we were reflecting on how we show love—to ourselves, to each other, and to our school community.

Years 5 & 6 learned vital **CPR and defibrillator skills** with the amazing team from **Jay's Aim**, helping them understand how to care for others in emergencies. Huge thanks to **Miss Pritchard** for organizing this important session!

Our **Eco Champs** spread love to the environment with a **litter pick**, making our school a cleaner, greener place.

Meanwhile, a big group from **Willow** have been showing love to themselves by working incredibly hard on their **writing presentation and content**—such dedication!

Super proud of everyone! Keep spreading kindness in all the ways you can.





Vote for St Peter's in Tesco Stores!

Great news! St Peter's has been shortlisted for Tesco's **Stronger Starts** scheme, which could provide funding for our **Breakfast Club**—helping pupils start the day with a nutritious meal in a safe and supportive space.

You can support us by **voting in Tesco stores** from **April to June 2025**. The project with the most votes will receive up to **£1,500!**

How to vote: Simply collect a blue token when shopping and place it in the **St Peter's Breakfast Club** slot at one of these Tesco stores:

 **Tesco Superstore, Exmouth (EX8 2TS)**

 **Budleigh Salterton Express (EX9 6NG)**

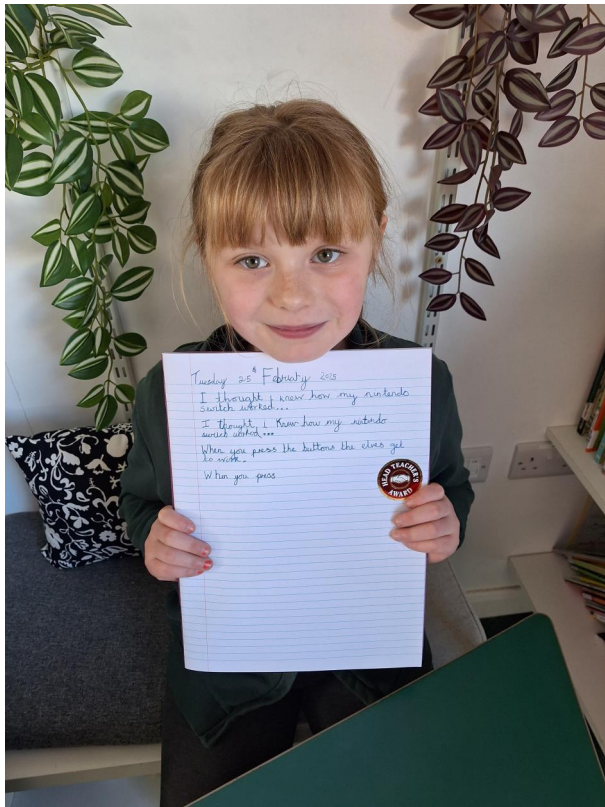
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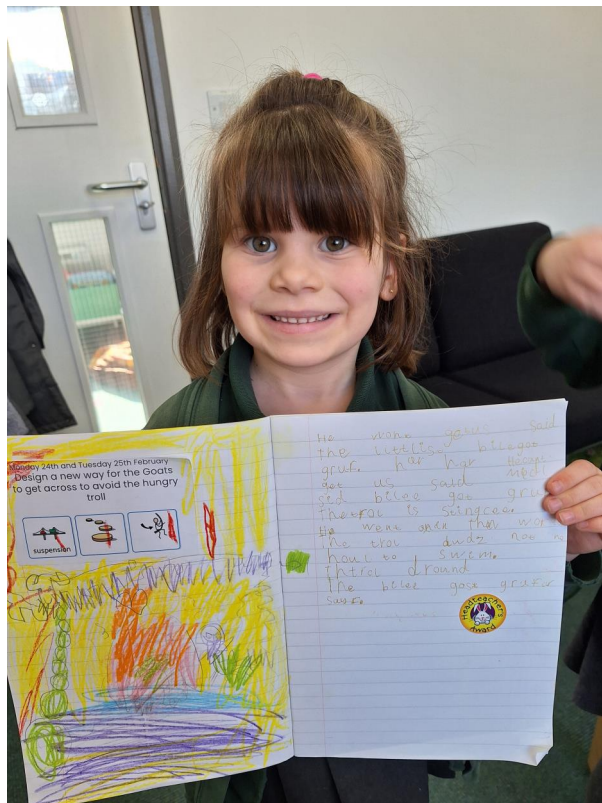
 **Exmouth Rolle Street Express (EX8 1HE)**

Please spread the word—every vote counts! Thank you for your support. 

Headteacher Awards...















What's Been Happening In School...

Cedar Class enjoyed a special visit from Nurse Margaret Earl, who gave them an insight into what to expect when visiting a doctor's surgery. She introduced the children to some of the

tools used by medical professionals and helped to make the experience feel familiar and less daunting. The session was both informative and fun, giving the children confidence for any future visits to the doctor. Thanks Margaret!





It's been a pancake kind of day this week! A huge thank you to Mrs. Walshaw and Mrs. Rose for leading our learning about religions. Also, a big shoutout to Mrs. Lewis for organizing delicious pancakes for Willow Class! And of course, thank you to Mrs. Cooke and Lenny for

sharing their special 'chicken' pancakes with friends—no chickens were harmed in the making of these pancakes!





This week, we were delighted to welcome Paddleboat Theatre into school to run drama workshops for every KS1 and KS2 class. Thanks to the generous support of our wonderful PTA, pupils had the opportunity to explore drama through the theme '*Songs from the Sea*'—a perfect fit with our school ethos of respecting the environment. The sessions were a huge success, with both pupils and staff giving overwhelmingly positive feedback. A big thank you to Paddleboat Theatre and our PTA for making this fantastic experience possible!





Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Iona, Eva-Rose, Evelyn , Niamh, Erin



4 - Well done to Iona who took part in a gymnastics competition recently!



5 - Well done to Eva-Rose who took part in her first ever dance competition recently and scored an impressive 81 points!



6 - Well done to Evelyn who has just achieved another Gymnastics Badge!



7 - Well done to Niamh who achieved 1st in gymnastics doubles and 1st in best conditioner and fittest participant!



8 - Well done to Erin who passed a recent gymnastics proficiency badge!

Coming Up In The School & Community...

Here at Budleigh Cricket Club, we can't wait to welcome five to eight-year-olds from St Peter's School to our All Stars cricket programme starting in May.

This national programme, designed to introduce cricket to children, teaches basic skills in a fun setting and pre-registration is open now to give parents priority access to booking! The BSCC All Stars is always hugely popular so we encourage parents to sign up for early access to booking <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest> or scan the QR code. The All Stars programme will run at The Holt, the new home for Budleigh Cricket, for eight weeks (no session in half term) starting from Friday May 9 from 5pm to 6pm. The club is hugely grateful to our new All Stars co-ordinator Spencer House who will be leading these sessions, but will need support from any parents able to help out. The All Stars course costs £50 which includes some fantastic ECB issue cricket kit especially for little-ones as well as the eight coaching sessions. As this is a nationally run programme, BSCC receives only a small proportion of this cost and the course here, and at other clubs, is therefore run entirely by volunteer coaches. For those who may struggle to cover the course fee we have a bursary scheme offering financial support – please visit www.budleighcc.co.uk and click on the M5 Spencer, who will complete an ECB-run All Stars training session, said: “All Stars Cricket offers a great opportunity for the youngest children to have some fun and get a taste of cricket, and for their families to enjoy the surroundings of the club and the hospitality on offer. These children and these families are the future of the club.” Many of our All Stars progress through the youth teams and then eventually into the senior teams. This programme is dependent on parent-helpers – if you are able to assist with the sessions, even if just for a couple of weeks, please contact allstars@budleighcc.co.uk

CAR WASH

15th March
12:30-16:30
St Peter's Primary
School
Budleigh Salterton

Fundraising for St Peter's PTA



**£10
CAR**

AND CREAM TEA

Indulge while you wait:

- Cream Tea: £4
- Savory Tea: £4
- Brownie & Squash: £2



To compete in the Budleigh Flower and Produce Show, could each child bring into class an empty egg shell so that we can decorate and grow cress in school. Please name and bring into class next Monday 10th March.

The show will take place at Budleigh Public Hall Saturday 22nd March 12:30 - 4pm.



Ilsham National English Hub would like to invite parents to attend a **FREE** session to support you with helping your child at home in their reading journey. During this free, hour-long session, The Ilsham National English hub team will be sharing videos and practical solutions to support practice at home. The focus will be on supporting your child to become an expressive fluent reader.

This session is targeted at families (including grandparents). The session is intended for children up to the end of Key Stage One (Year 2).

Booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kjhUjU312B>



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