

Summer 2025 - Newsletter 2

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



I've been absolutely amazed by the pupils' enthusiasm for our fundraising challenge—especially the chance to *run the school for a day*! They are so keen to take charge, and many have already raised money by asking neighbours, extended family, or selling simple items. Remember, if every child raises just £10, we'll hit our target! If you're planning to sell something, **Gala Week** could be the perfect opportunity. We have stalls on **The Green on Saturday 24th May (1st Saturday of half term), 11:00–3:00**—a great chance to join in. Please message info@stpetersfundraising.co.uk if you can. Look below to see examples like lovely Marilyn, who raised an impressive £90 at her sale. Well done!

We've been buzzing with enrichment at St Peter's!

It's been another exciting few weeks, packed with memorable learning experiences for our pupils:

- **Escot Adventures** – Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time at Escot. This trip is a real highlight of their year and creates lasting memories through outdoor learning and team-building fun.
- **Rugby Inspiration** – We were thrilled to welcome Susie Appleby, former Exeter Chiefs coach and England rugby staff member, who gave an inspiring talk about her journey in sport. A huge thank you to former top rugby player Kat Watkins for arranging this special visit!

- **KS1 Aquarium Trip** – Our Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed a brilliant visit to the Aquarium. Travelling by coach to somewhere new always adds to the excitement of learning beyond the classroom.
- **Reception & Nursery Magic** – I spend time each week with our youngest pupils, and I'm constantly amazed by their curiosity and creativity. (See below for their fantastic chicken machine!) Their energy is infectious and reminds us how joyful learning should be.
- **Five Stories a Day!** – I'm incredibly proud of the strong reading culture across our school. All our younger pupils hear five stories a day, building vocabulary and imagination. Did you know that 80% of the words children learn come from stories? The more words they know, the better they'll do – not just at school, but in life. If you're not confident reading aloud, CBeebies Bedtime Stories are a brilliant use of screen time!

Thank you to our wonderful staff for making all this happen. Special thanks to Mrs Walshaw for leading the Escot trip- always a tiring one!

Requests for help

FSU - does anyone have any old toy cars they'd like to donate, FSU would be so grateful! Thank you!

Plant clippings - We're supporting Emma in year 1 (and mum Jess) with a brilliant idea to help with the fundraising challenge —and she needs your help! If you have **any plant cuttings** from good propagators (like geraniums, lavender, mint, etc.), please send them in. Jess is happy to collect or provide a pot of fertiliser for you to bring them in. She'll split and nurture them at home, ready for planting and selling. All plants will be available to buy at a **plant sale after school on Thursday 22nd May**. To donate or find out more, feel free to contact Jess directly on **07462 930093**. Thank you!

Year 6 SATs

And good luck to our year 6s this week as they sit their SATs tests. Up next are the year 4s, with their times tables tests.

SENDCo Update for Next Year

We have a small but important staffing change to share for the coming academic year. Mrs Barahona has decided to step down from her role as SENDCo. She has made a significant and lasting impact during her time in this role, helping to shape the inclusive and nurturing

environment we are so proud of at St Peter's. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication, care, and expertise.

We're pleased to announce that Mrs Walshaw will be taking on the role of SENDCo from September. She brings great experience and a deep commitment to supporting all children to thrive. We know she will build on the strong foundations already in place.

Thank you, Mrs Barahona – and welcome, Mrs Walshaw!



1 - Escot rocks!



2 - Susie Appleby speaking to the whole school



3 - Susie Appleby coaching 'Girl Power'.



4 - Reception and nursery children enjoy a story - one of 5 a day!



5 - An amazing chicken-making machine made by the boys in Reception - very creative!

School Dinner Menu Feedback

We would be really grateful if all parents could take 2 minutes to fill in a very short survey about the school dinners we offer.

Please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/bminx8Tn4xVzqbSP7>

PTA Quiz

A big thanks to Kate and Matt Maslen for hosting the quiz this year. It was a very close call, but the dad's team (Bar S##'s) clinched it to retain their title. A very big thanks to the PTA team for organising it, with some amazing food platters! Thanks a million to Gen, Kirsty and Emma.



6 - Winners with Kate

Kids Run the School for a Day reminder!

If pupils collectively raise £3,000 through community-based challenges (with no direct sponsorship from parents), they'll take over St Peter's for the day—stepping into roles such as Headteacher, class teacher, office staff, or lunchtime supervisor.

Adults will supervise—but the pupils will lead the day!

This is a brilliant opportunity to build confidence, leadership, creativity and teamwork, all while supporting our £100,000 fundraising goal.

And here's the exciting bit:

Whoever raises the most money gets the first pick of their dream role!

£3,000 might sound like a lot, but it's just £10 per pupil.

Ideas could include:

- A sponsored challenge (like Leo's 50km ultra!)
- A bake sale, toy sale or car boot
- A creative fundraiser—art, crafts, music or games
- Giving up Youtube, or speaking for a week (or longer!)

Pupils can raise money in cash, by cheque (payable to DCC), or by setting up a challenge on our official JustGiving page.

The key rule: no donations from immediate family, please—you've already been incredibly generous.

Instead, we're asking pupils to look to the wider community—neighbours, grandparents, friends at work etc etc.

To help your child take part in the challenge, they'll be bringing home a sponsorship form with all the details. You can support them by helping spread the word to friends, neighbours, extended family, and local contacts. They can collect donations in cash, by cheque (payable to DCC), or by setting up their challenge on our JustGiving page. While we're not asking for direct parent donations, your encouragement, sharing, and support behind the scenes will make all the difference—thank you!

The link to the online fundraising collection is here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/pupilsruntheschool?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

Thank you for your continued support—and good luck to all our young fundraisers!

Classes For September 25 - last chance for requests!

Dear parents/carers,

As you will know, St Peter's is not a single-form entry school. Because of our popularity, some of our year groups range in size from 30 to 45. This means that some children are taught in mixed aged classes. When deciding where to put your child, there are many different considerations that I take into account. It is important to me that your child has friends in their class.

So please indicate one or two friends your child would like to be with from September. I will do my best to match them up, but this is not a guarantee. We release the class list at the end of this term.

Reception starters for Sept 2025 do NOT need to complete this form.

Deadline is the end of May please. <https://forms.gle/5CgxJPohmPRd7nes7>

Who's Who? Mrs Julie Fardoe...



Mrs Julie Fardoe is a one to one teaching assistant, working with SEN children. Mrs Fardoe has been working at St Peter's for five years, but her son (now in secondary school) went through his primary years at St Peter's. Mrs Fardoe's favourite teacher while she was at school was Mr Sansom because he was such a great joke teller! Mrs Fardoe's favourite lesson at school was cookery; her most disastrous thing she ever made was cauliflower

cheese, made on a really hot day and by the time she had got it home, it had gone off!! Mrs Fardoe's favourite author is John Grisham and she enjoys reading anything written by him. Mrs Fardoe's favourite children's book (though suitable for all ages) is *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse* by Charlie Mackery as she has had many great memories reading this with her son, Jacob, as it was their favourite book to read together. Mrs Fardoe loves cooking for her family, is passionate about caring for people that may need her help and spends a lot of her summer holiday in her favourite place, Spain. Mrs Fardoe's one wish for schools would be smaller classes and more funding to enable more one to one support.

What's Coming Up Next...

Don't forget to check the **NEED TO KNOW** page every Sunday, to check for events coming up in school that week

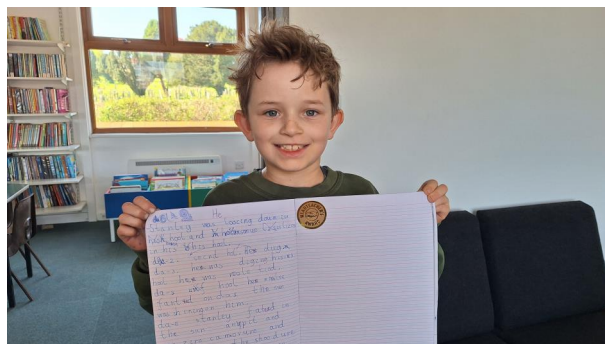
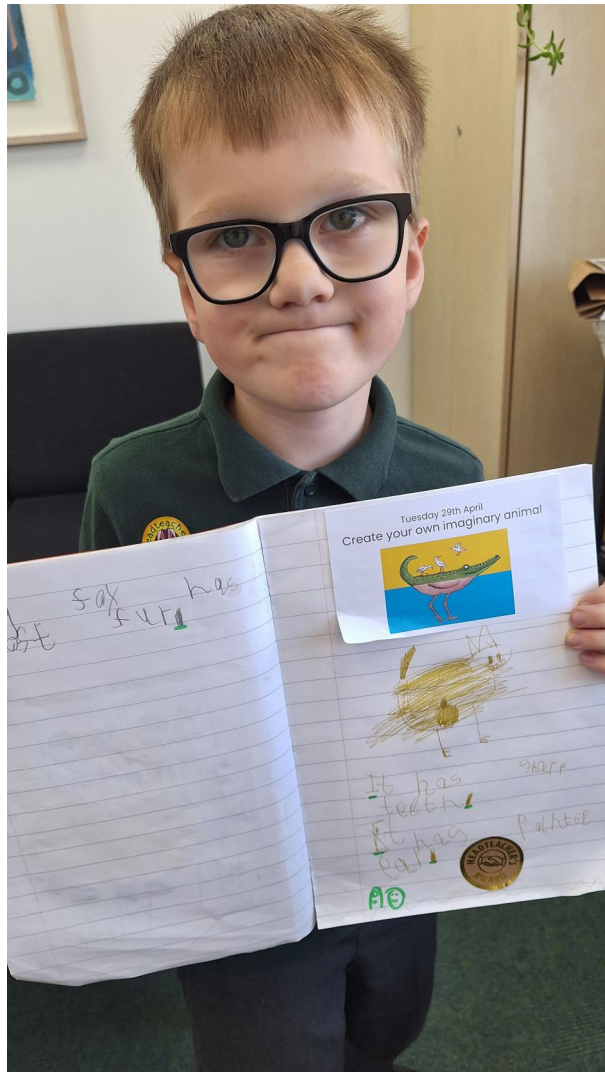
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Headteacher Awards...



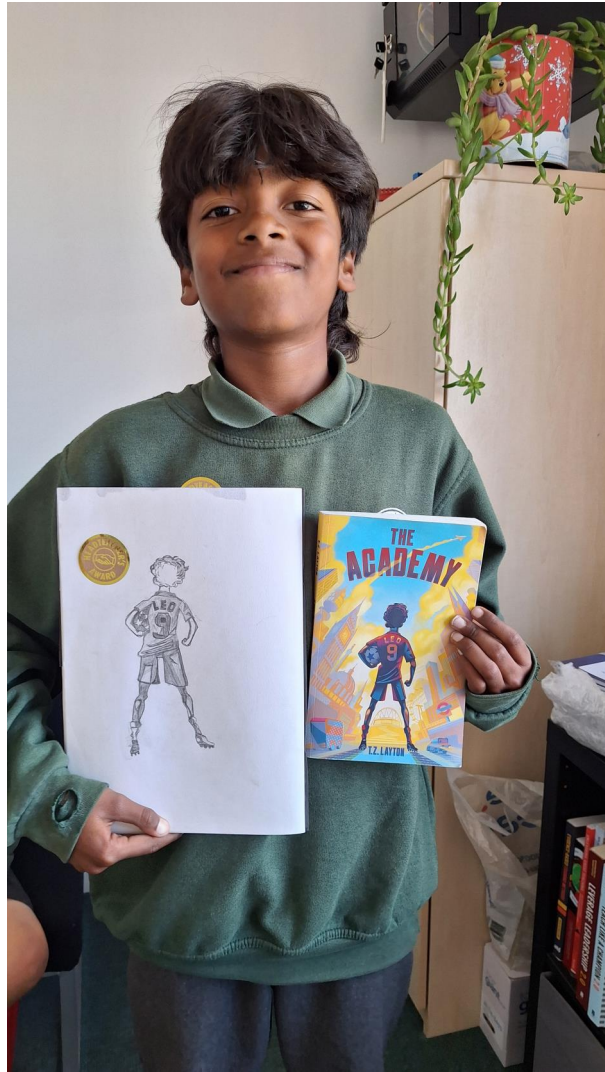


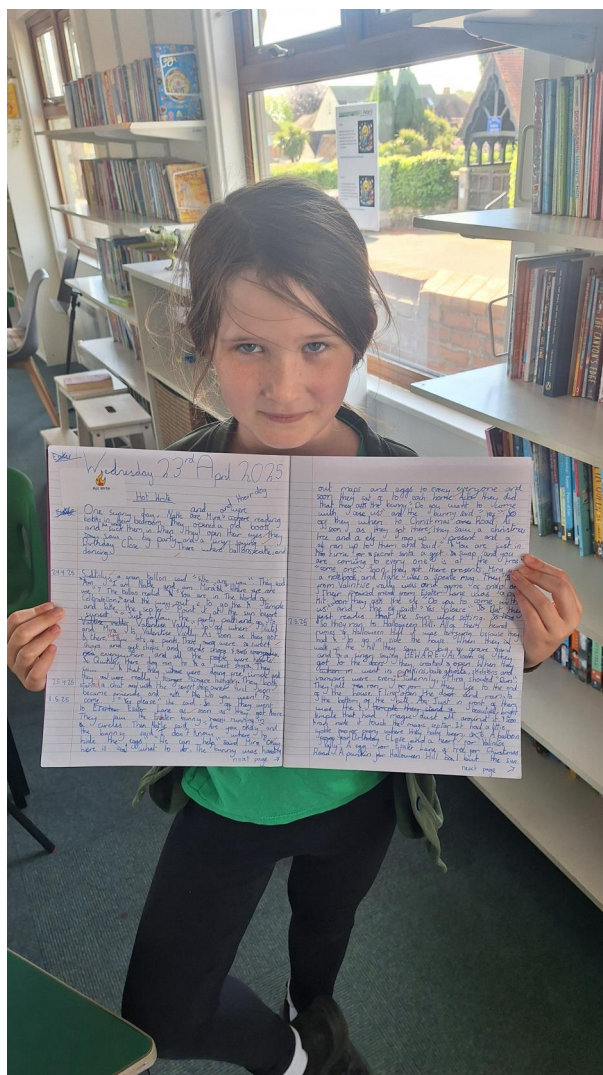




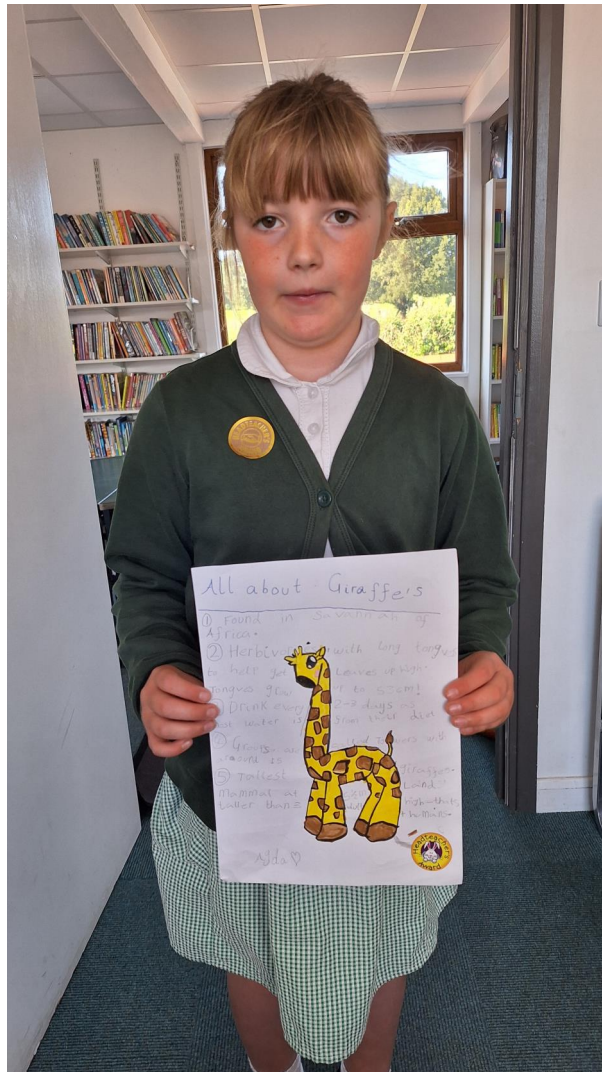












What's Been Happening In School...

Cedar Class visited Budleigh Beach to do their annual beach clean! They popped into Hays Travel to drop off their amazing colouring competition entries and stopped off in St Peter's Church for a look around on their way home!





Marilyn has brought in a donation for the school - over £90! She raised the money by making loads of bookmarks, bracelets and stickers, and with the help of her friend Molly (not from St Peters), sold everything at the street party on Sunday by going table to table. Massive THANK YOU and WELL DONE to Marilyn!



Key Stage One had a wonderful day out to Plymouth Aquarium this week. The children loved seeing sharks, a turtle, leopard fish, unicorn fish and so much more.

They are bringing all of the inspiration back to their Geography, Science and Literacy lessons in school with work about oceans, animal classification and non-fiction writing.





We were very fortunate that Dr Maurice Sims returned to speak to all the pupils in reception and KS1 about looking after their teeth - thank you Maurice!



Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Henry, Oscar, Tommy, Imogen, Florence, Piper, Oaklyn, Hugo



7 - Well done to Henry who was awarded his orange belt in martial arts recently!



8 - Well done to Oscar who won Trainer of the Day at Exeter City Football Camp!



9 - Well done to Tommy who played in a special summer event with the Exeter City Development Centre, alongside ECFC players!



10 - Well done to Imogen who was awarded her Silver Award at Brownies recently!



11 - Well done to Florence who went to her first show of the year with Exe Equestrian Club. They won 1st place in the Junior Combination Class and 4th place in the Solid Coloured Class!



12 - Well done to Piper who received the TRED'S award at her rugby club recently!



13 - Well done to Oaklyn who was awarded a medal at his rugby club for all his hard work this season!



14 - Well done to Hugo who played in the County Cup for Devon last weekend and did amazingly well!

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TIMES:
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2025 Dates:

Tuesday 27th May 2025
Wednesday 28th May 2025
Thursday 29th May 2025

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1 BEACON PLACE
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Booking Link:

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