

Summer 2025 - Newsletter 3

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



The Fundraising Challenge is Gathering Momentum!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already taken part in our fundraising challenge — from selling homemade flower perfume and giving up screens for a week, to car washing and so much more! We've seen some real superstars in action — check out a few of our shout-outs below.

If you haven't joined in yet, it's not too late! Scroll down for more ways to get involved and help us reach our goal.

Many of you are planning to sell your creations at tomorrow's Gala Week fete — we can't wait to see you there! The fete kicks off on **The Green at 10am**, with setup from **9am**.

Don't miss the other brilliant Gala Week events, including the **Pebble Dash Fun Run** (starting from Lime Kiln car park at **11am on Sunday**) and the **Bike Competition** at school on **Saturday 31st May at 10am**.

Let's keep the momentum going — thank you for all your support!

Do you have an old Yoto Mini or Toniebox at home? We're exploring ways to make listening to stories and audio learning more accessible in school, and we'd love to trial a Yoto Mini or

Toniebox in our classrooms. If you have one you're no longer using and would be happy to lend or donate it, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you!

Apple Class - are in desperate need of some hat donations. Please bring them into the office if you have any spare. Thanks!

Pupil Photos – First Day Back After Half Term

Individual pupil photos will be taken on the **first day back after half term** by the brilliant Fran, our school photographer.

Please ensure all pupils come to school in **full school uniform**, including their **St Peter's green jumper**.

Year 6 pupils may wear their **leavers' hoodies** for their photo, but only with **parental agreement**.

Support for year 6 transition

MHST are offering an online session for year 6 parents to support their child with transition to secondary school - link below:

[Supporting a successful secondary school transition with MHST - Children and Family Health Devon](#)



1 - Already finished their challenges! Thank you everyone - we are getting closer to the £3k target!



2 - Thank you so much to Elsie for a sell out plant sale!! Elsie raised £93 and a further £10 selling 'perfume' with Ava, making a total of £103 - wow!!



3 - Thank you so much to Jasmine who ran a preloved jewellery and hair clip stall at a Mayday fete in Wales and managed to sell the remaining bits to friends here in East Devon. She raised £30 for the school!



4 - Emma did an amazing job with the plant sale yesterday - nice work! And thanks to Jess too!

Kids Run the School for a Day

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!

Phones - **Loan rather than right**

We've recently had a few online safety concerns involving pupils and their phones (outside of school), which really brought home to me how important it is for children to experience a smartphone-free childhood for as long as possible (more info here <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/smartphone-free-childhood/>). No matter how sensible or well-educated they may be, they're simply not ready for unlimited access to the internet.

That said, one of our parents shared a brilliant tip for those who feel their child does need a phone—perhaps for safety when out and about:

Think of it as a loan, not a gift.

By framing the phone as something that is loaned—not owned—you help shift the mindset. It's not "their" phone, but a tool they're allowed to use under your guidance. This makes it much easier to set boundaries from the start: time limits, filters, app restrictions, and expectations around behaviour.

Most importantly, it keeps the focus on communication and safety, rather than ownership and entitlement. It's a simple idea, but it can really help maintain a healthy balance and open up conversations about trust and responsibility.

I would still advocate a smartphone free childhood!

Chickens



Thank you so much to all who have contributed to the care of our three lovely girls this half term.

By signing up to put the chickens away at the end of the school day you are supporting us to keep a lovely, nurturing part of our school community running.

If you are able to help out on any of the dates next half term, please complete [this form](#).

Kind regards, The Chicken Team

Netball Success



Laura Gregory's netballers played their first ever match against two very experienced Lympstone Primary teams, with some year 3 players going up against Year 6 opposition. They really held their own, scoring some great goals and getting some unbelievable intercepts. They all showed great sportsmanship, supporting each other and cheering each other on. Very proud of how far they have come and their amazing attitudes!



5 - Thank you!!

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>

Who's Who? Mrs Joe Cooke...



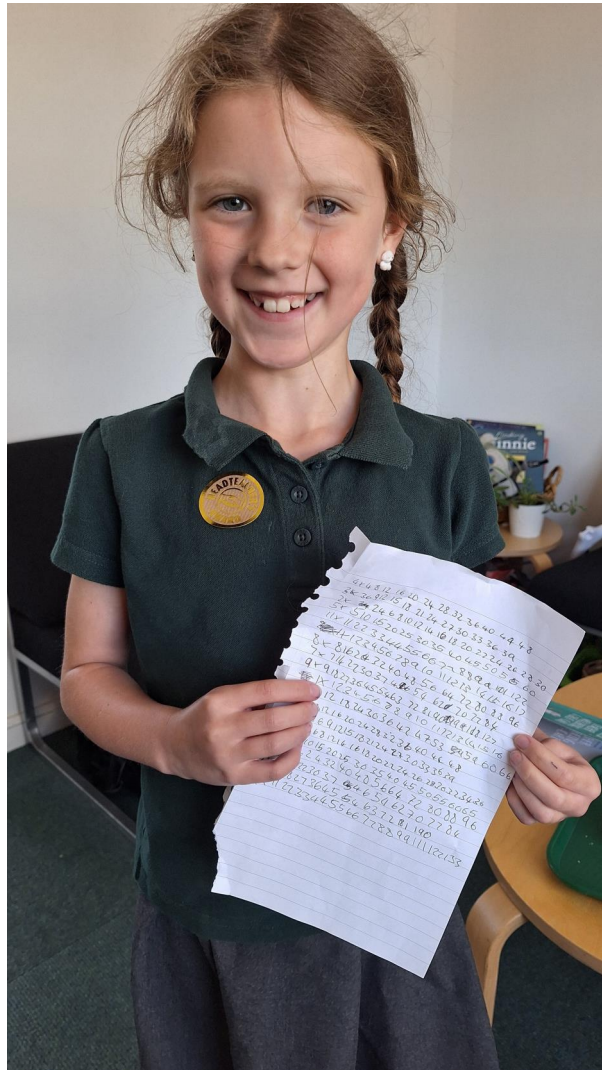
Mrs Joanne (Joe) Cooke has been at St Peter's since May 2011 after previously being one of the founders of Carousel Childcare, formerly Little Buds Pre School which was based in what is now the school library. She began her time at school in the Nursery which she loved but is now supporting Lenny 1-1 and is often seen whizzing up and down the playground on a scooter board having way too much fun. Mrs Cooke went to St Peter's herself, her Nan was one of the school cooks and her Mum (Mrs England) is still a dinner lady. Her favourite teacher was Mrs Michael, she was a kind gentle lady and she taught netball which was a big favourite. Mrs Cooke is a qualified chef and patissier so it's no surprise that baking is her favourite thing to support Lenny with, often the staff are treated to some of their creations. Mrs Cooke has also cooked for Princess Diana and Sir John Mills to name but a few from her time working in The Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge when she was 19. Her favourite adult book is Barefoot Soldier- a story of extreme valour by Johnson Beharry VC. An emotional inspiring read. As a child Mrs Cooke's favourite books were The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe series. Mrs Cooke loves to run and take part in crazy events, from 100km hikes, muddy boot camps, cycling from London to Brighton twice, tri-athlons, night hikes, Spartan events and recently ran the Bath Half Marathon. Her biggest achievement was guiding a friend who is visually impaired around the London Marathon in 2019. She is also a big rugby fan and watches her sons play regularly and is excited for The Lions Tour in July/August. Mrs Cooke has also enjoyed her trips to Escot, especially the Swamp Walk as the picture shows. If she had a wish for school it would be for a school dog.

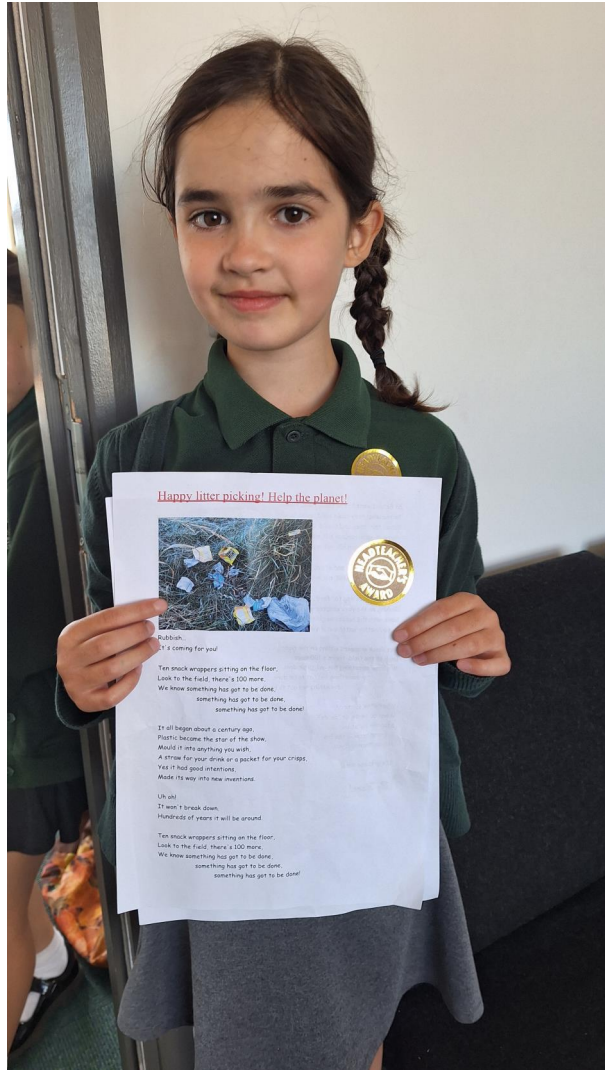
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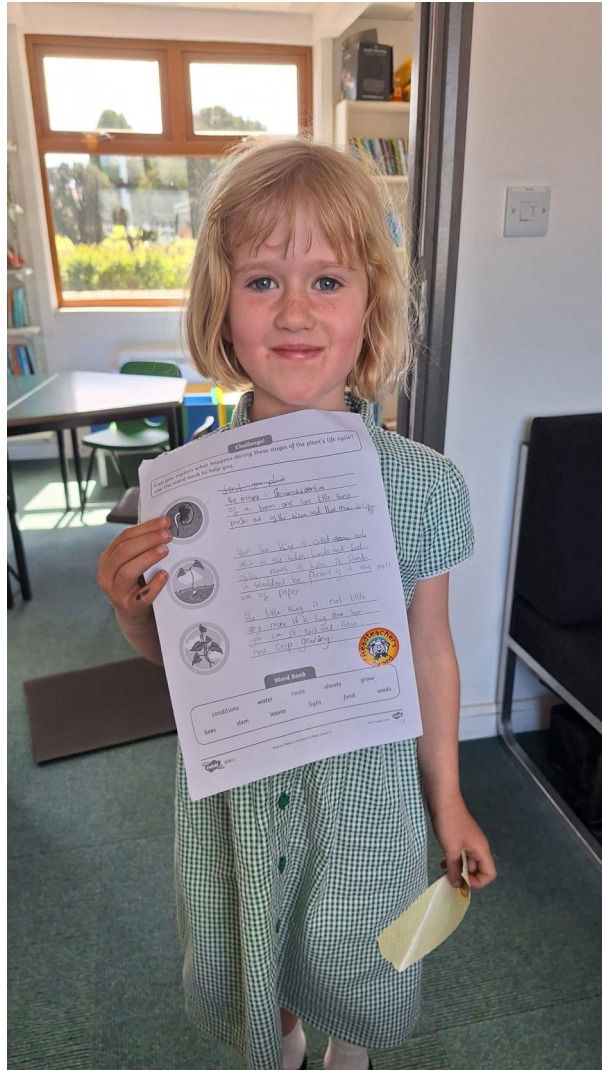
Don't forget to check the **NEED TO KNOW** page every Sunday, to check for events coming up in school that week

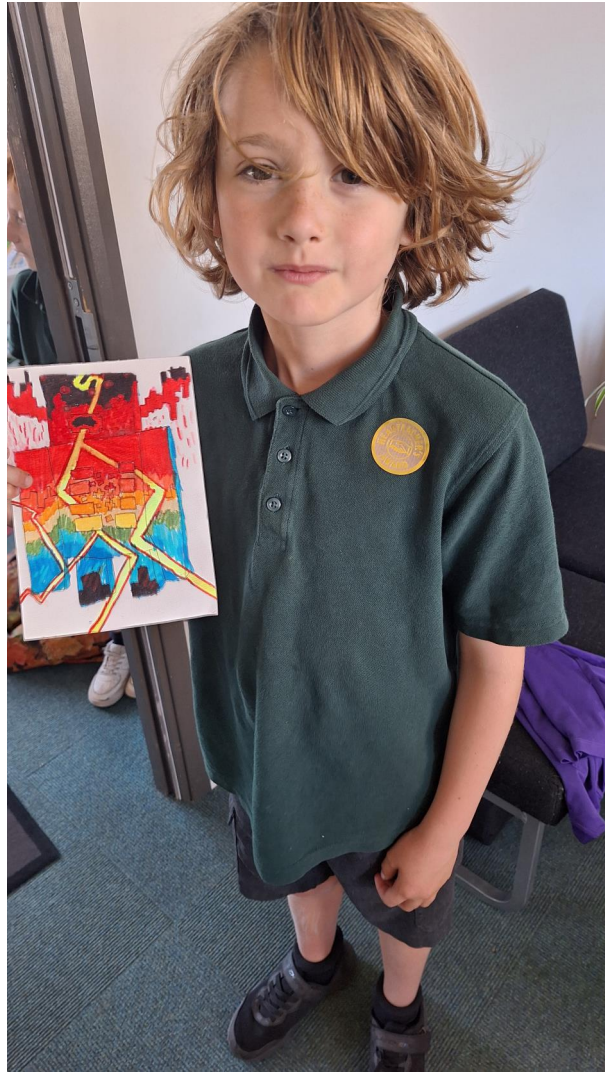
You can access it by clicking the following link <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/class-info/>

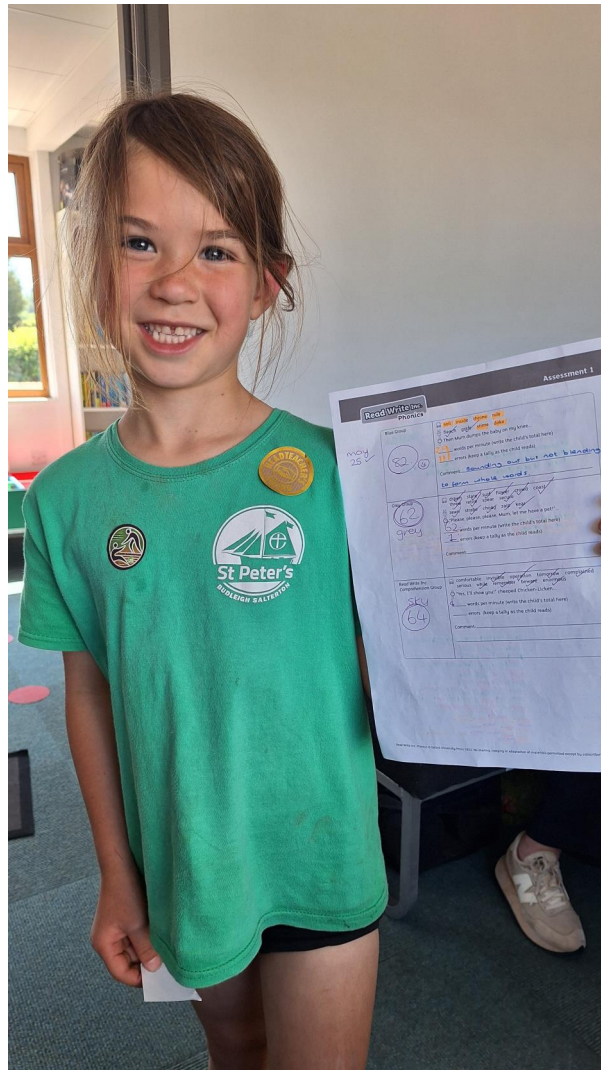
Headteacher Awards...











What's Been Happening In School...

Lynsey the snake slithered into Forest School last week and what an exciting encounter it was! Our amazing Year 1 & 2 children wowed us with their knowledge about animals, habitats, care, skeletons and so much more. They showed such care and confidence when handling Lynsey, and we absolutely *loved* their creative ideas for designing Lyndsey a new home. Such thoughtful and curious learners — we're so proud!



We are incredibly proud of our brilliant Year 3 children who represented St Peter's at last week's sports event!

Their energy, teamwork and sportsmanship were second to none – a true display of our school values: **respect, ambition, kindness**, and more.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents for making sure the children had everything they needed, to **Mr Murray and the office team** for organising all the logistics, and to **Ms Mason and the team at ECC** – as well as the fantastic young leaders – for hosting such a well-run, positive event.

What a team effort all round!



Wow, what a stunning morning to assist Budleigh Lions in collecting debris from our beautiful beach. Beech class found sharp nails, plastic ties, cans, cracked buckets and pieces of polystyrene. Thank you to Richard, Sue and Jon from Budleigh Lions and our two parent volunteers for helping us in our community.



We have had some excellent results from the Exmouth Rotary Club Competition!

- **Aria** took home **2nd place in the Junior Age Group** for her stunning work, praised for its content, imagination and style. Amazing Aria!
- **Healy** won **1st place in the Junior age group locally and 2nd in the District round** – an amazing achievement!
- **Eva** was awarded **1st prize in the local round and 2nd place in the district round**. - an amazing achievement!





A HUGE thank you to **Exmouth LED** for their incredibly generous donation of goggles for our children to use in our onsite swimming pool! We're so grateful for your support – the children are going to love them! Thank you for taking the time to drop them off – we can't wait to dive in and get started! #CommunitySupport #ThankYou #SwimmingFun #ExmouthLED #Gratitude #PoolReady #TeamStPs



Willow class enjoyed using their multiplication and division knowledge to play Stick and Split from www.mayploeeducation.com. Our thanks goes to David Tymm for creating this wonderful tool to help us with our learning.



Apple and Cherry Classes were fascinated to learn all about fracture clinics. The children were very good at identifying the broken bones in x-ray images and they loved learning about the different ways that broken bones can be treated. Thanks for coming in to speak to us Dr Brighton!



In preparation for our FSU triathlon after half term we were lucky enough to have an ex-GB triathlete visit us. We learnt about what a triathlon is and practised running through the 3 activities, swimming, running and cycling. We got to try on a real tri - suit and ask questions about how to become an olympian. The children were really inspired by meeting someone who loves their sport so much and had many questions. A big thank you to Nicole Robinson for her time!



A Huge Thank You to Chris Brown from Chance to Shine Cricket! What an incredible day we've had with Chris, who spent the whole day with our children, teaching them the key skills and techniques for this brilliant sport. The energy, enthusiasm, and expert coaching made it a day to remember! We're so excited to keep building on this momentum—not only with the rising stars in our local Budleigh Cricket Club, but also with our fantastic female cricket team, including the brilliant Mrs Hume, Mrs Cawthera, and Mrs Lewis! A special thank you goes to Mr Murray and Mr Newing for organising such an inspiring experience for everyone involved.





Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Felix, Max, Aria, Holly, Hugo, Dylan, Emma, Rainbow Girls



6 - Well done to Felix who was awarded a medal from his rugby club recently for all his hard work this season!



7 - Well done to Max who was awarded a medal from his rugby club recently for all his hard work this season!



8 - Well done to Aria who was awarded trainer of the week at her football club recently!



9 - Well done to Holly who competed in an inter club gymnastics competition recently, placing 2nd with her floor routine and 2nd on vault!



10 - Well done to Hugo and his football team who won the Exeter and District league recently!



11 - Well done to Dylan who won player of the year with his rugby club recently!



12 - Well done to Sam who won Coaches Player of the Year award recently at his rugby club!



13 - Well done to Emma who won 'most improved player' at her hockey club recently!



14 - Well done to Norah, Bella, Mia, Ani, Belle, Frida, Eva-Rose, Erin, Ruby, Oriana, Anna, Skye, Adelynn, Millie and Lexi who all took part in a beach clean with Budleigh Lions!

Coming Up In The School & Community...



CHOCOLATE BINGO

**Saturday 31st May
2pm Budleigh Salterton Public Hall**

Family friendly bingo

£1 a book for 7 games + 1 flyer

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**The Venture Hall
Budleigh Salterton
3rd June
5:30pm - 7.00pm**

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