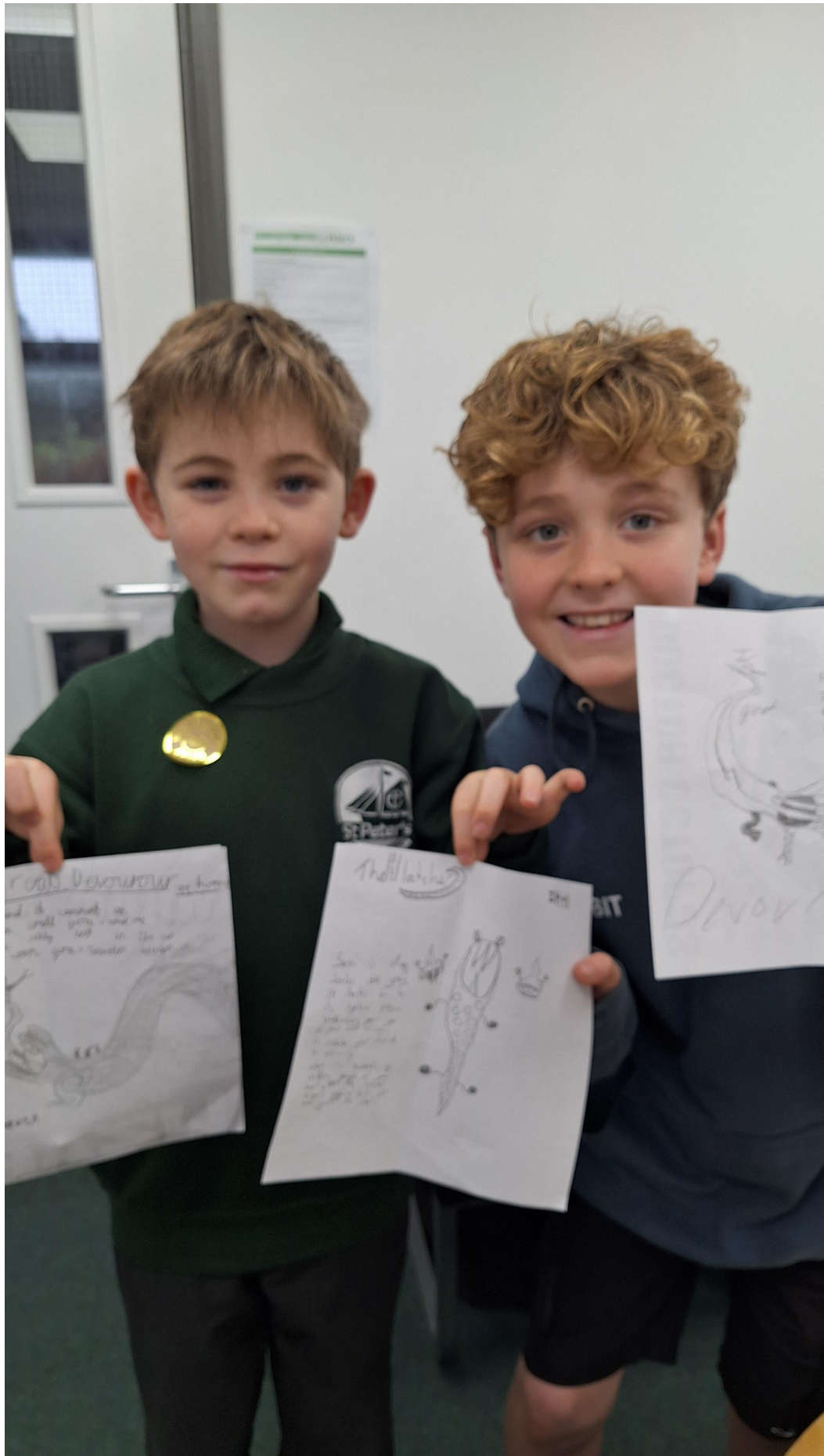




Spring 2026 - Newsletter 9

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the recent parents' evenings. Your partnership is invaluable in helping us ensure every child at St Peter's makes outstanding progress.

A few important reminders this week:

Parking Safety

We know many of you are concerned about dangerous parking, especially on corners. Please take a moment to review the examples we've included down below to help keep everyone safe.

Allergy Alert

Please remember the following allergies in these classes:

- Reception – dairy
- Willow – peanuts and nuts
- Cherry – nuts

- Rowan – nuts and kiwi
- Chestnut – nuts
- Ash – nuts

Social Media Guidance

It's encouraging that the government is considering a social media ban for under-16s, following the positive results seen in Australia. Early exposure to devices and social media can rewire young brains, so limiting use is crucial. For support navigating popular apps and games, this guide is very helpful:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/popular-apps-and-games-a-handy-guide-for-parents/>

Swimming Reminder

If your child has experienced sickness or diarrhoea, they must not swim for **7 days** after their last episode. This is especially important while the current bug is circulating.

DRUM LESSONS are now available with Sam Pritchard for students of all ages and abilities. Lessons are fun, engaging, and tailored to each child, helping to develop rhythm, coordination, confidence, and a love of music. To get started, **£5 taster lessons** are available, giving students the chance to try a session and see if drumming is right for them. For more information or to book a taster lesson, Please contact Sam – spdrumtuition@hotmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to review these points and helping us keep St Peter's safe and happy for everyone.



1 - I had a lovely time (as always) in Reception last week. The team worked together to build this!

Disco coming up!

ST PETERS SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

February Disco

 KS2 6:20-7:45PM	THURSDAY 12TH FEB	R + KS1 5-6PM
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TICKETS £4
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Keeping Children Safe: Relationships & Behaviour



As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we teach age-appropriate **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** across the school. This helps children understand their bodies, develop healthy boundaries, respect others, and know how to seek help if something does not feel right.

We also teach children the **NSPCC PANTS** messages:

- **Privates are private**
- **Always remember your body belongs to you**
- **No means no**

- **Talk about secrets that upset you**
- **Speak up – someone can help**

Occasionally, schools may need to respond to behaviours between children that are not appropriate for their age or stage of development. These are treated as **safeguarding matters**, not discipline issues. Our approach is always calm, supportive and focused on keeping all children safe.

We encourage parents to reinforce these messages at home by using correct names for body parts, talking openly about boundaries, and reminding children that they can always speak to a trusted adult if they feel worried or uncomfortable. If you ever have concerns or questions, please speak to the school – working together is key to keeping children safe.

Girls football team come third!



The year 5 and 6 girls performed brilliantly at the Exmouth tournament on Monday. They had four matches in the group stage, winning three and only losing one in a close 0-1. They sadly lost 3-0 to the eventual winners in the semi final, but then drew 0-0 in the playoff match to be crowned joint third overall for the day. Fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. Thank you to Miss Burch for her great coaching as usual!

DEADLINE FRIDAY - give us feedback on SEND



As a school, we are committed to providing the best possible support for our students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). As part of this commitment, we have recently updated our **Annual SEND Information Report**.

This report outlines how we implement our SEND policy and the types of support, resources, and interventions we provide to ensure every child can thrive.

Why your feedback matters

We believe that the best support is built in partnership with families. Your lived experience and perspective are vital in helping us understand what is working well and where we can improve our provision.

How to share your thoughts

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to review the report, which can be found on our website at <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/SEND-Annual-Information-Report-Aut-25.pdf>

Please consider the following when providing feedback:

- Is the report clear and easy to understand?
- Does it accurately reflect the support your child receives?
- Are there any additional details you would like to see included in the future?

You can share your feedback by:

- Completing our brief online survey: <https://forms.gle/d8buiwuaE3HjBUhr8>

Deadline for feedback: Friday 30th January 2026

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make St Peter's a more inclusive environment for all our learners.

Warmest regards,

Caroline Walshaw SENDCo

Examples Of Dangerous Parking...Is This You...?





Walkability coming up...

We are pleased to be working in partnership with Devon County Council and Active Devon to deliver the **Walkability Child Pedestrian Training programme** at St Peter's on **Tuesday 3rd (year 3) and Tuesday 10th (year 6) February 2026**. This programme is designed for pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6) and supports the wider **Vision Zero South West** aim of reducing road injuries and fatalities. It also encourages active travel, helping children build confidence in walking safely while contributing to less congestion around school.

During the programme, pupils will take part in a classroom-based theory session followed by **fully supervised, risk-assessed practical training** on local footpaths and roads. They will learn how to identify safer places to cross, understand road signs, stay alert and avoid distractions, and use the **Green Cross Code** correctly. The training provides important road safety awareness but does not mean children are ready to travel independently; these skills should be practised and reinforced with families.

The programme is covered by the school's **general consent policy**. Parents are encouraged to talk with their child afterwards about what they have learned, and further information will be shared following the sessions. We would also welcome **parent volunteers** to support the practical elements of the training—please contact the school if you are able to help.

Who's Who? Miss Sammy Griffiths...



Miss Sammy Griffiths' favourite teacher at school was her maths teacher, Ms Willcox. She had a real passion for the subject which made lessons engaging and fun. Miss Griffiths has a real love of science, especially when it relates to anything animal based. She has a mini zoo of pets at home including the scaly kind. Sammy's favourite childrens book would be the Kipper collection. She can remember reading them as a child and now thoroughly enjoys

reading them to her son, Luca. Sammy's favourite things to do in her spare time are spending time with her family, camping adventures and roller skating with her dog, Max. If she had one wish for school, she would like smaller classes so everyone gets the support they need and more hand on interactions with animals would be amazing!

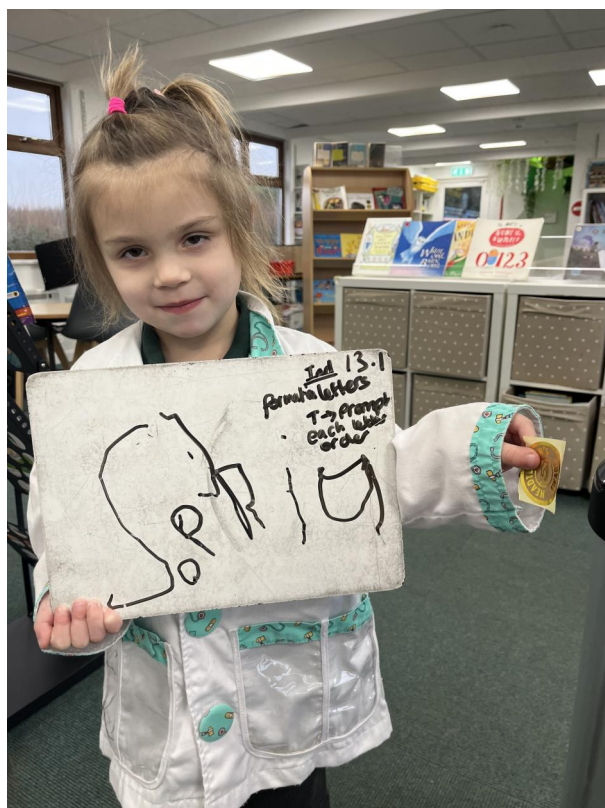
What's Coming Up Next...

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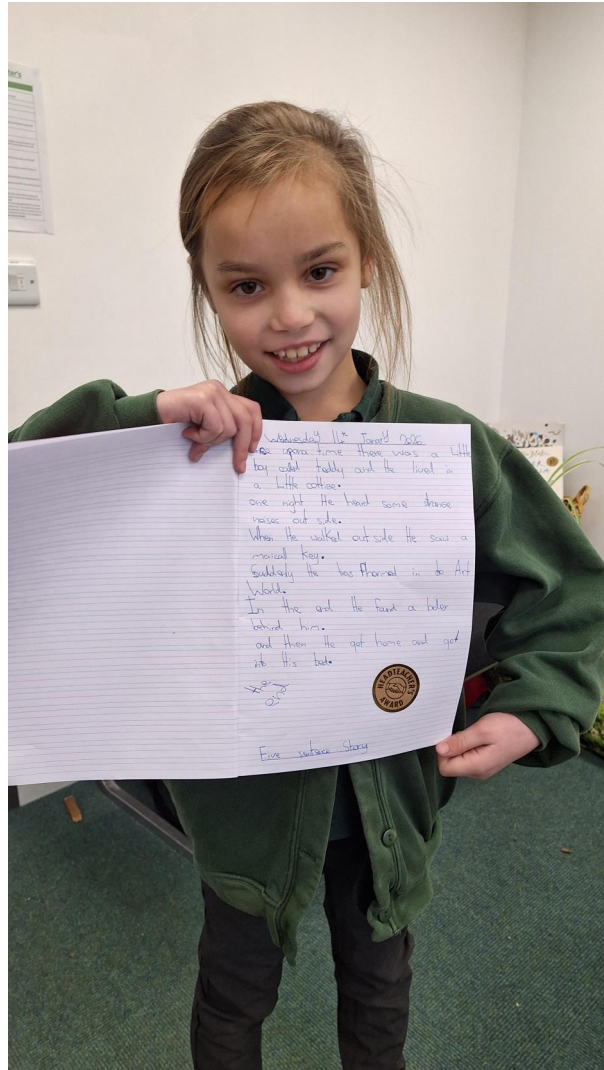
Don't forget to check the **NEED TO KNOW** page every Sunday, to check for events coming up in school that week.

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

Headteacher Awards...

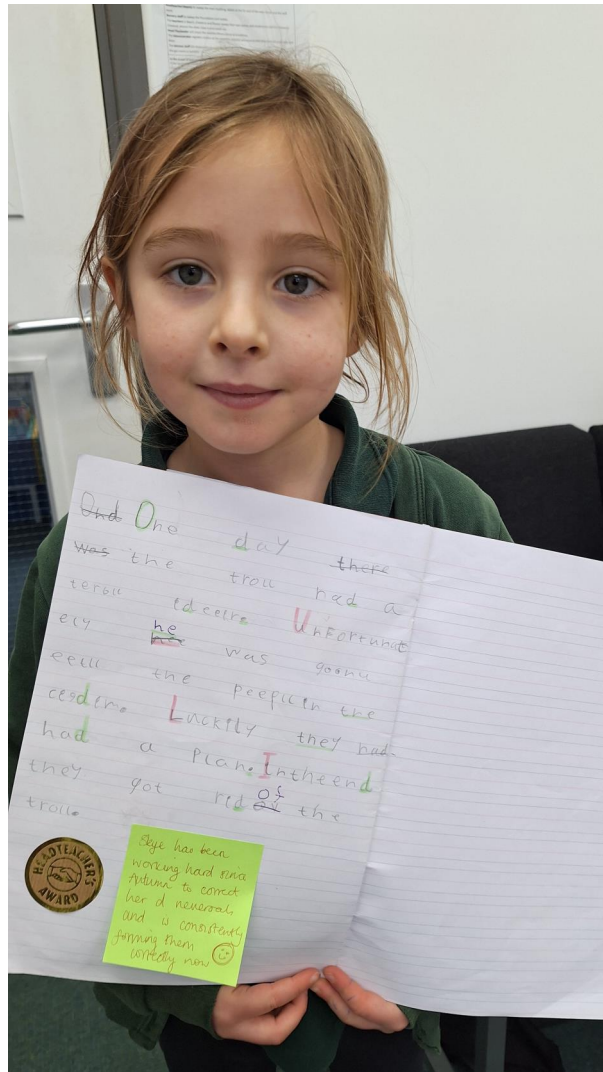






Wednesday 11th Forest Road
A long time there was a little
boy called Toby and the forest is
a little cottage.
One night he heard some strange
noises out side.
When he walked out side he saw a
man called Key.
Suddenly he has thrown in the first
word.
In the end he found a hole
behind him
and then he got home and got
into his bed.
Key
on
Five surface stories

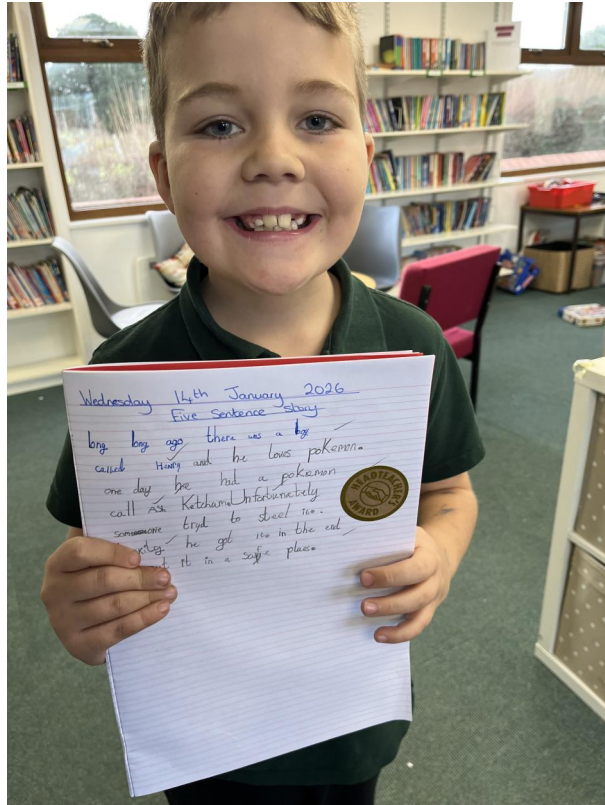


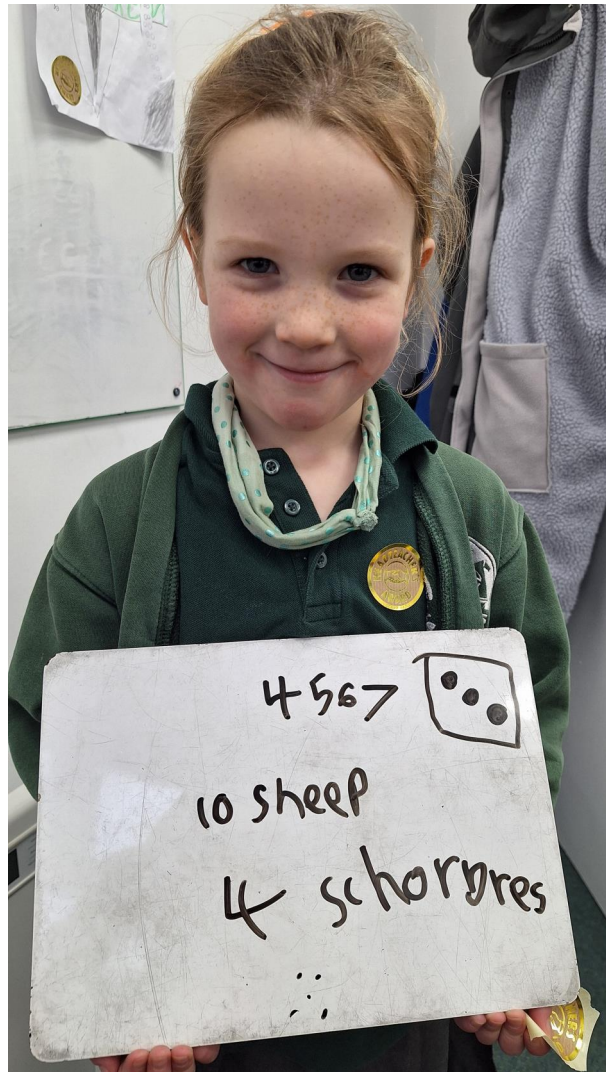


One day there
was the troll had a
terrible idea. Unfortunately
they he was going
to the perfect the
residence. Luckily they had
had a plan. In the end
they got rid of the
trolls.



Elyse has been
working hard since
Autism to correct
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improving them
wittily now 😊







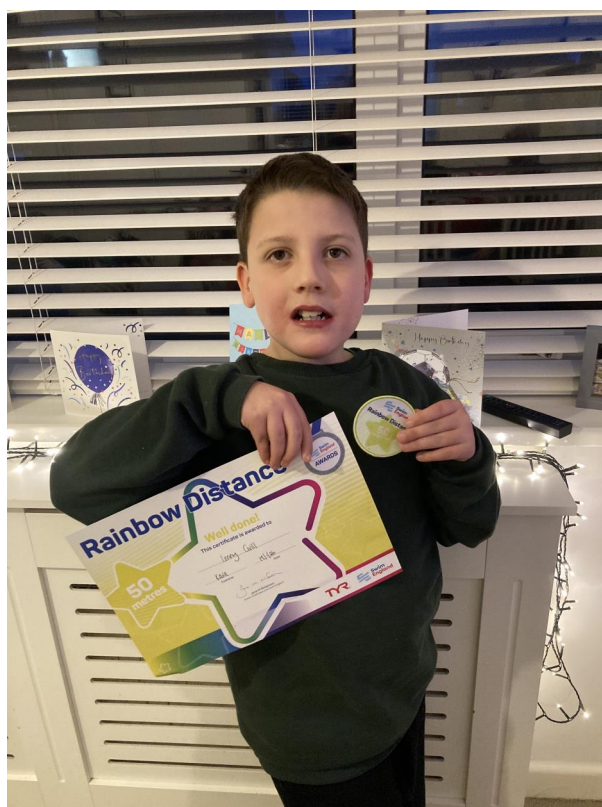
What's Been Happening In School...



Pupil Celebrations...



Well done to...Lenny, Mabel



2 - Well done to Lenny who achieved his most recent swim badge!



3 - Well done to Mabel who achieved her most recent swim badge!

Coming Up In The School & Community...





Balloons

Supporting bereaved children and young people in Exeter, East and Mid Devon



It's our 20th Anniversary! Can you help us celebrate?

Balloons was set up in 2006 to support the needs of bereaved children and young people in Exeter, East and Mid Devon and we are absolutely delighted to be entering into our 20th year as a charity!

We are proud to have helped thousands of children, young people, their families and professionals. But our service is still desperately needed and we are reaching out to our community to see how you could help us this year.

We run entirely on the generosity of grants and donations. Every pound really does make a difference and enables us to provide much needed bereavement support.



Scan here or visit
www.balloonscharity.co.uk



Could you get involved?

We are looking for schools, organisations, businesses and individuals to get help us raise funds as part of our 20th celebrations...

- Could you join our 'Walk 20km in our 20th year'?
- Could you collect as many 20p's as possible?
- Could you donate or set up a regular gift?
- Could you organise your own fundraiser?

Get in touch for a fundraising pack



01392 982570



admin@balloonscharity.co.uk

Please remember that we are here for you or someone you know who needs support.
Get in touch on support@balloonscharity.co.uk
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