



Spring 2026 - Newsletter 5

Thank you Ms Lewis and Ms Spence



This term, we say a heartfelt thank you to two very special members of our school community, Janet Lewis and Abi Spence, as they move on to the next chapters of their journeys.

Janet retires after an incredible 36 years in education, finishing her career here at St Peter's. She has been a constant source of kindness, calm and generosity, always willing to go above

and beyond for our pupils and families. From music and trips to care home visits and the famous cress heads, Janet has quietly enriched school life in so many ways. Her impact has been far-reaching, and she will be greatly missed.

Abi leaves us to take up a full-time role at West Hill Primary, and we are so grateful for the energy and passion she has brought to St Peter's. Her work in developing our Forest School provision has been exceptional, giving pupils memorable outdoor learning experiences and building confidence, resilience and joy in learning.

Both Janet and Abi have made a lasting difference to our school. We thank them for their dedication, warmth and commitment, and wish them every success and happiness for the future.



Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



Firstly, a big thank you to Kirsty and Julia for organising and providing the Mother's Day gifts – a thoughtful and generous gesture that was much appreciated by the children and families alike.

As we reach the end of the spring term, it is fair to say it has been a long stretch of dark mornings, wet playtimes and unpredictable weather. Despite that, the school has continued to thrive with energy, ambition and plenty of success to celebrate. Across the term, pupils have produced some excellent work in class, shown real resilience in their learning, and represented the school brilliantly in sport, performances and wider opportunities.

What stands out most, however, is the way our children consistently live out our Good Samaritan values. Whether supporting each other in lessons, showing kindness in the playground, or stepping up to help around the school, they continue to set a strong example of what it means to be part of our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing everyone a lovely Easter.

Building Independence: A Team Effort

At school, we have been practicing some techniques to help pupils go from 'stuck' to 'starting' without becoming overly dependant on waiting for an adult to help them.

You can help at home, too! When your child says "I'm stuck," try to resist giving the answer. Instead, ask: *"What's the first step?"* or *"What do you need to do first?"* Breaking a big task

into tiny, manageable pieces helps children see they can do it. By letting them take that first small step themselves, you are building the resilience they need to succeed in everything they do.

Leaving the school site after school

As the evenings get lighter, our after-school club will now be using the outdoor equipment. We are really pleased to see children enjoying the climbing frames and play spaces, however we politely ask that all families leave the school site promptly by 3:45pm.

If you are waiting for swimming lessons, please make use of the pool waiting area and remain in the designated outdoor space there.

Football club thank you



A big thank you to Elliott, Emily and Miss Birch for running our football clubs this term and giving up their time each week to support the children.

A special mention to the girls' football group, who have shown outstanding commitment throughout the winter months. Week after week they turned up in challenging conditions and gave everything they had. On Wednesday, despite freezing winds and intermittent rain, they played a brilliant 30-minute match that finished 5–5 – a fantastic, competitive game.

It was great to see clear progress in ball skills, teamwork and confidence across the group. Their effort, attitude and resilience have been excellent throughout the term. Well done to all involved, and thank you again to the staff who have made it happen.



New menu support coming up

We are delighted to announce that we will be working with *Educatering* to provide the very best meals for our pupils. Due to this venture we will be delaying the change of menu next term, and will be moving from a 2 week to a 3 week rolling menu offering more variety and all locally sourced ingredients. We are aiming for the new menu to go live w/c 18th May.

Watch this space for tasting sessions! We're very excited about this as Educatering already work with a large number of schools to improve the overall lunch experience for pupils.

Watch out for Tesco Blue Coins



We're delighted that **Budleigh Youth Club** – has been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme – and now we need your help! From **28th April to the end of July**, every time you shop in selected Tesco stores, you'll receive a blue token – please drop it into our slot to support us at **at our youth club**, helping create a safe space where they can connect, build skills and thrive. You can vote in Exmouth Superstore, Budleigh Salterton Express, and Exmouth Churchill Road and Rolle Street Express stores. It's one token per shop, but every single one makes a difference – so please support us whenever you can and spread the word to family and friends. Thank you!

Mother's Day Gifts photos





Chance To Shine Cricket...!









Who's Who? Mrs Stacey James...



Mrs Stacey James joined St Peter's 5 years ago as an Admin Assistant. Her favourite teacher at school was Mr Eynon who taught Geography because he was funny, laid back and made learning enjoyable! As a result, Stacey decided to study Geography with the Open University and is due to complete her degree next year. Stacey is married to husband Robin and they have three lovely daughters; Poppy, Daisy and Alice. Her favourite grown-up's book is The Shack by William Young and her favourite children's book is anything by Julia Donaldson – The Snail & The Whale probably pipping as favourite! In her spare time, Stacey enjoys long walks on Dartmoor or out on the coastal paths with her husband Robin and their children, particularly if the sun is shining (though walking in the rain is quite fun too!). If Stacey had one wish for school, it would be smaller class sizes and better funding. Stacey is actually leaving St Peter's a week after the Easter Holidays, to go and work in a church administration role!

Calling All Remote Workers, Freelancers & Small Biz Owners in Budleigh And Nearby...

We're looking to start a new co-working space in Budleigh Salterton, and we've got a special offer for a limited number of Founding Members!

In Budleigh, right by the sea

Opening planned Spring / early Summer 2026 (subject to demand)

Founding members get early access + special pricing

If you're:

- working from home
- craving adult conversation
- missing structure or motivation
- wanting to meet like-minded locals
- fancy a change of scenery ...this might be for you.

What's planned: Flexible membership options | A variety of workspaces | Fast Wi-Fi | Great coffee | Networking + community | Business upskilling workshops | Talks from local experts | Bookable meeting room | Optional pre/post-work & lunchtime swims.

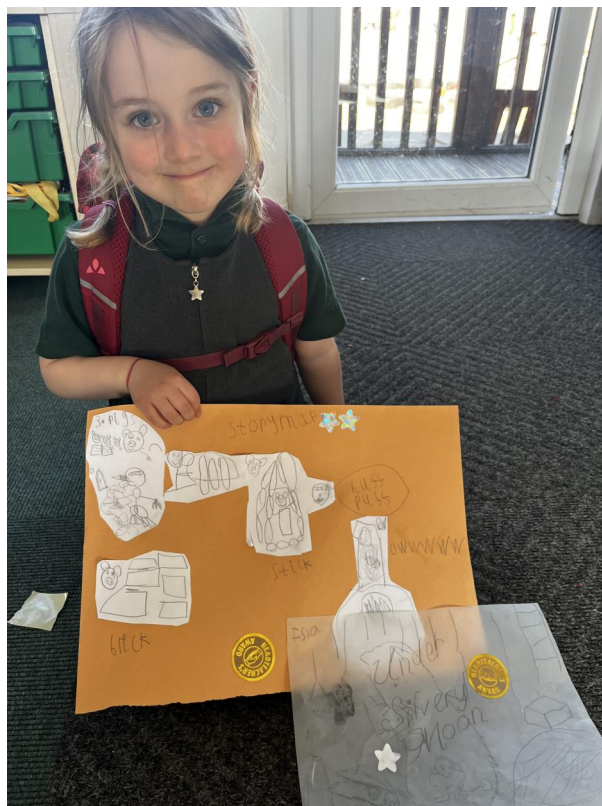
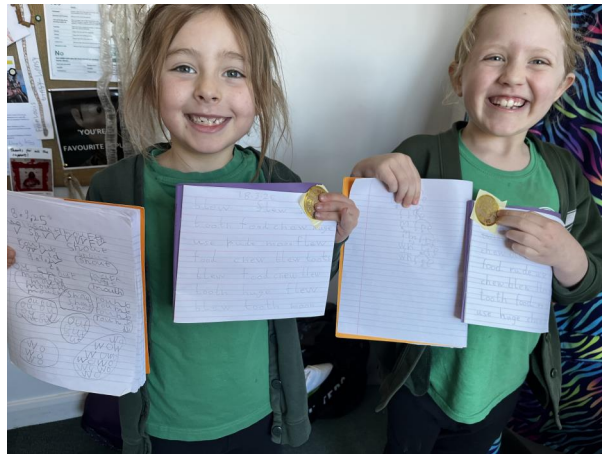
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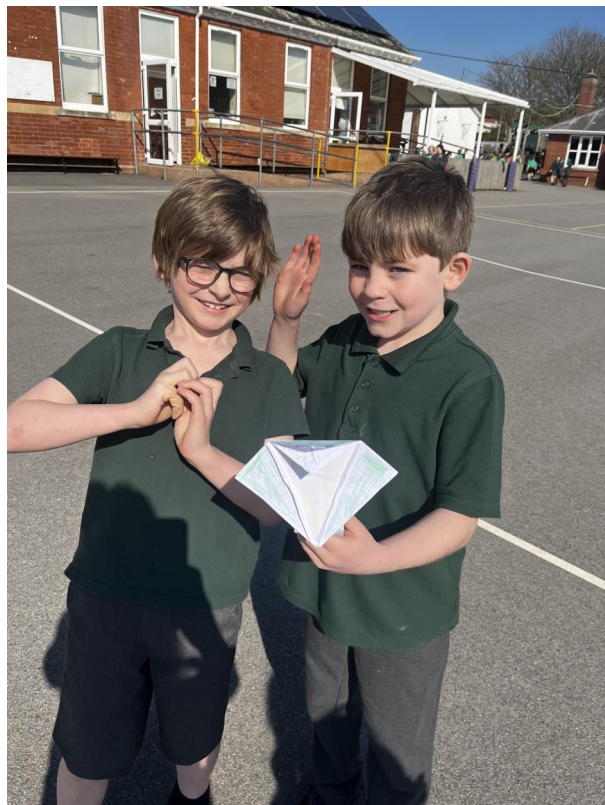
OFFER: Founding Member perks - Register your interest now and receive:

- 6 months for the price of 5

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

Headteacher Awards...









Menu

Starters

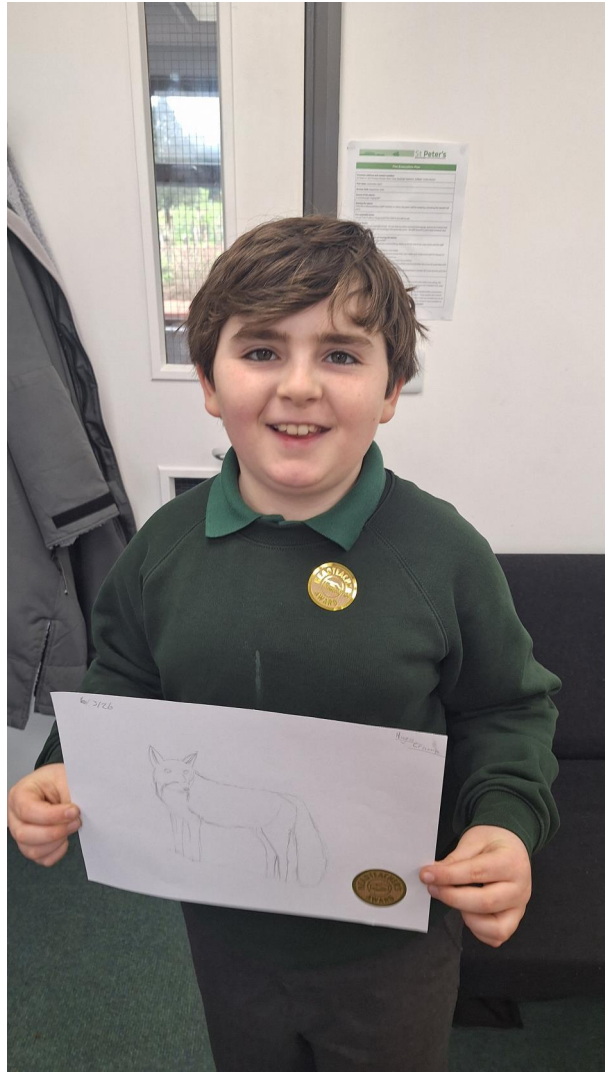
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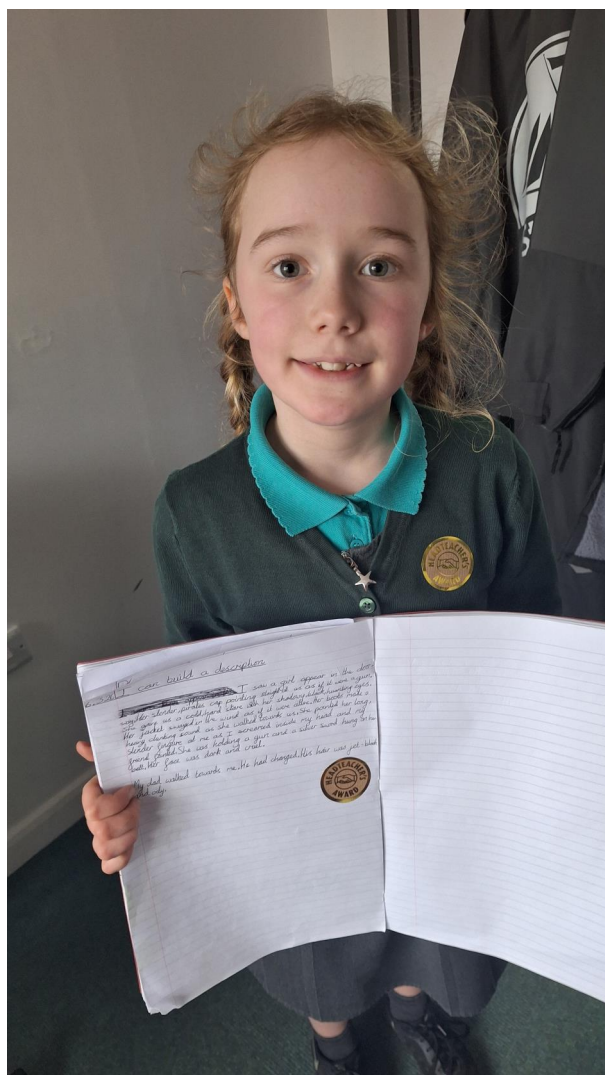
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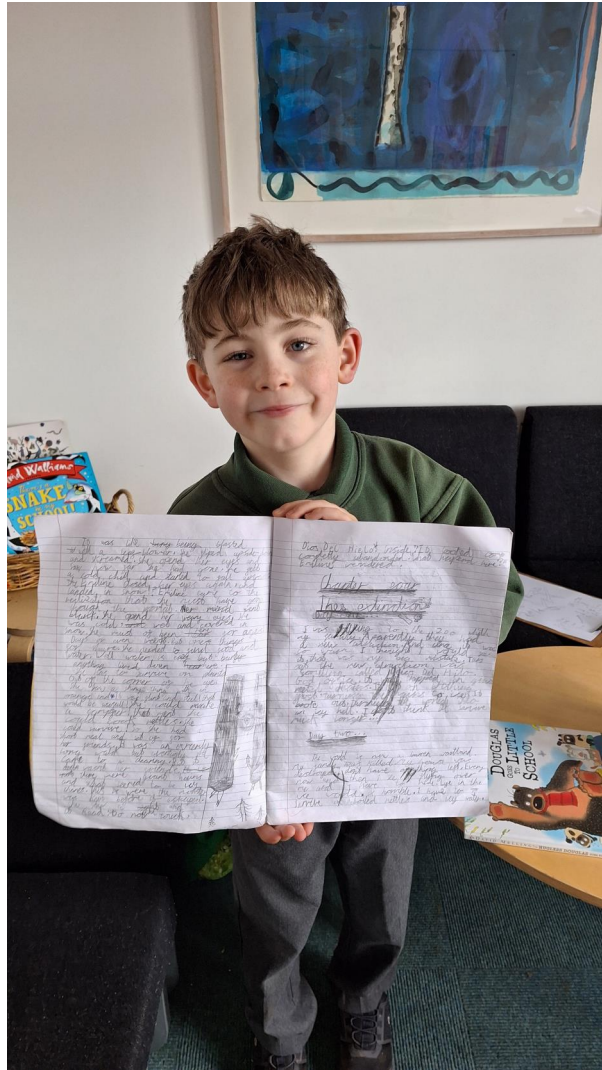
Chicken salad or spaghetti

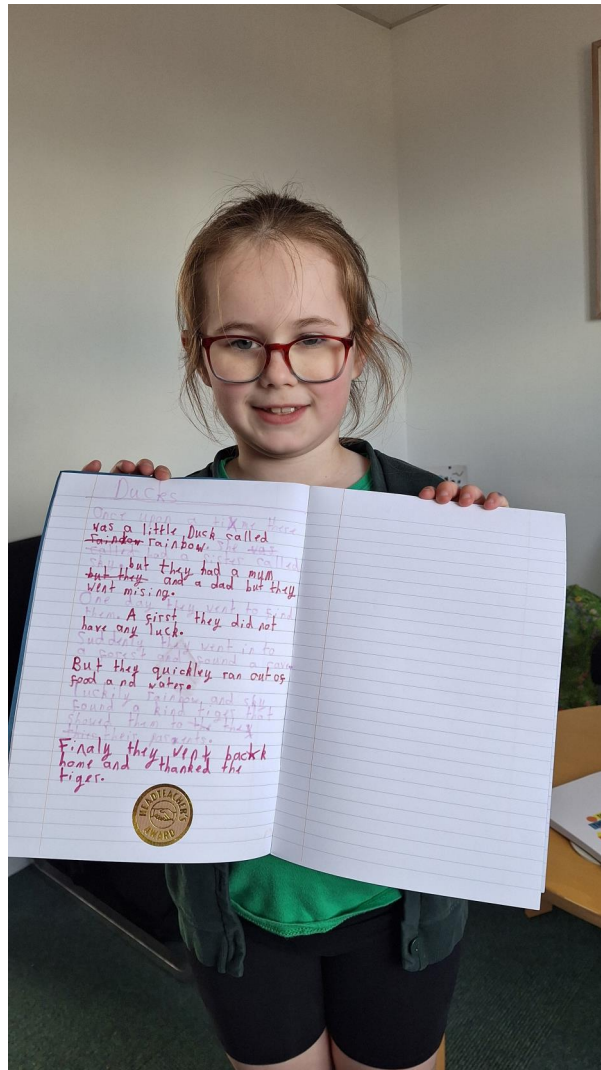
Desserts

Fruit salad





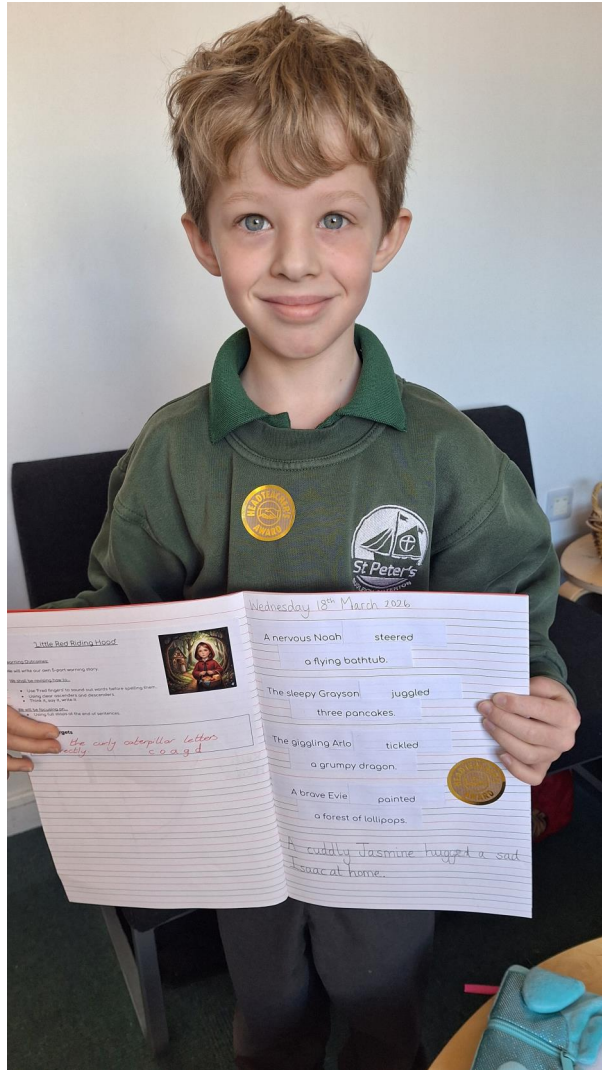




Ducks

Once upon a time there was a little duck called Rainbow. Rainbow had a mum and a dad but they went missing. One day a girl went to feed them. A girl they did not have any luck. Suddenly they went in to a pond and found a new food and water. Found a hole and they found a hole in the ground. Finally they went back home and thanked the tiger.





What's Been Happening In School...



It was an absolute joy to take our Key Stage 2 Dance Club to perform at the dance show at South Dartmoor College. Our dance, "Follow the Sun," was inspired by the quote by Walt Whitman: "Keep your face always toward the sunshine — and shadows will fall behind you." The children explored what it means to stay positive and keep moving forward, using flowing movements and warm sunset colours to show the journey from darkness into light. They were fantastic ambassadors for St Peter's — beautifully behaved, supportive of each other backstage (with plenty of glitter and hair help!) and absolutely buzzing after their performance. We are incredibly proud of them. Each ticket raised money for the Nayamba Trust who support education in Zambia.

A huge thank you to parents and carers for helping make the experience possible with transport, food and costumes — we are so grateful for your support. A huge thank you also to Ms Mason from [Dartmoor SSP](#) who supports the children to create the dance and runs the show in many ways! Also to Mrs Walmsley, Mrs James, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Broad for giving up their time to make all of this possible.



We are super proud of Rowan Class and all the effort they have put into their still life art lessons - they have produced some incredible work!!





Pupil Celebrations...



Well done to...Niamh, Elsie, Holly, Wolfe, Zoya, Arno, Willow, Lex, Piper



1 - Well done to Niamh who got silver at her gymnastics club competition and bronze at the southwest championship!



2 - Well done to Elsie who was awarded the Rugby Values trophy at a recent rugby match!



3 - Well done to Holly who entered a team gymnastics competition for a floor routine last weekend and her team won!



4 - Well done to Wolfe who was awarded the TREADS award with his rugby club recently!



5 - Well done to Zoya who completed park run in Battersea Park, London, and set a new PB 12:48!



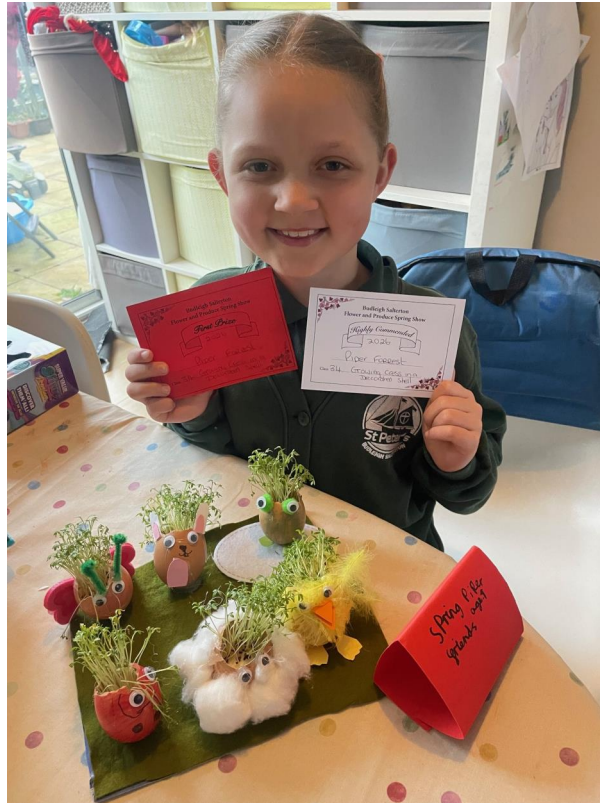
6 - Well done to Arno who was awarded Player Of The Match at his rugby game recently!



7 - Well done to Willow who has taken part in her grading for her next martial arts belt and is now a yellow belt!



8 - Well done to Lex who was awarded the TREDs trophy with his rugby club recently!



9 - Well done to Piper who won first place for growing cress in a decorated shell!



10 - Well done to Amelie and Felicity Seaton and Sophia Street took part in their dance school's show 'Colours' at the Pavilion.



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Coming Up In The School & Community...



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Vacancy

Assistant to the Town Clerk

- Location: Town Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6RJ
- Hours: 20 hours per week (Mon–Fri, some flexibility required)
- Contract: Fixed-term until May 2027
- Salary: £26,824 per year (pro rata)

Budleigh Salterton Town Council is looking for an organised and proactive administrator to support the Town Clerk and help with council administration, community facilities, events, and communications.

- Applications Open: 13 March 2026
- Applications Close: 7 April 2026 (12 noon)
- Interviews: 20 April 2026

• Apply & find full details:
BSTC website: www.budleighsaltertontowncouncil.gov.uk
Enquiries to: clerk@budleighsaltertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Budleigh Salterton Town Council welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

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