



Summer 2026 - Newsletter 1

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



So here we are — the mighty Summer Term! As you will have seen from my email at the start of term, the weeks ahead are absolutely packed with opportunities, events and experiences for our children. It really is one of the busiest and most exciting parts of the school year.

As we prepare to move to our new catering management team at Educatering, I was also delighted to hear that Sarah, Kirsty and Sian in our kitchen have recently completed further training to enhance the fantastic work they already do every day for our children. Well done to all three of them — and thank you for everything you do behind the scenes for our school community.

Gala Week is fast approaching and we would love as many families as possible to get involved. The Budleigh Salterton Lions Club do an incredible job for our community and deserve our full support. St Peter's will be involved throughout the week, including the Gala Parade and Fayre on Saturday 23rd May, the Pebble Dash Fun Run (I'm not entirely convinced I can keep up with Year 5 and 6!), the Bike Competition, the Youth Club "Fun Fest" on the Wednesday, and the Musical Bingo evening at the Public Hall on Friday 29th May. More details on all of these events will follow shortly.

A huge good luck to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they head into their SATs next week — an important milestone in their primary journey. They have worked incredibly hard, shown real determination and resilience, and are more than ready to show just how much they have learned.

Finally, I was delighted to spot Ariella, Ava, Edward and William appearing on Animal Care Club on [Channel 5](#). What a fantastic experience, and wonderful to see them representing the school so brilliantly.

Please do take a few minutes to read the rest of the newsletter — there are plenty of pupil awards and achievements to celebrate, a football report, community updates and lots more besides. What a great school!!

School Dinners - we have an increasing number of parents not booking and/or paying for their child's school dinners and running up a large amount owing. Going forward, if your child is not booked in for a school dinner, a **charge will be added** to your SchoolGateway dinner money account **each time** a dinner is not booked in. If you need to be shown how to do this, please come to the office with your phone, and we can show you.



Lions Nails Posters...

This was a hotly contested and worthwhile competition. In the end Marnie and Poppy were the overall winners! Well done to them and look out for the posters around the town.



Who's Who? Mr Glyn Cooke (Cookie)



Cookie joined St Peter's in October 2025 after 5 months of retirement, as the new Site Supervisor. His favourite teacher at Primary School was Mrs Bailey, who he still visits when in the Northwest, as she was kind and always had time for everyone. During the school holidays we often used to go past her house on the way to play in the woods and she would always offer us fresh lemonade on the way home. Cookie's favourite subject is woodworking and rugby and as a newbie woodturner, he has already made a trophy for Budleigh Cricket Club and as for rugby, he still tries to play at least once a year. Cookie is a supporter of Exeter Chiefs, but still loves watching his 2 sons play on Saturdays. Cookie love the outdoors and exploring new places when he goes on his motorcycle or in his motorhome for holidays with friends and family. Cookie's favourite books are any from Andy Maslan and Matthew Reilly, who's character Jack West Jr. is an amalgamation of James Bond and Indiana Jones, starting with Seven Deadly Wonders. If Cookie had one wish for school, he would grant a maintenance free, safe learning environment for all, with a sprinkle of self cleaning dust.

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/>

Football Report...

The Year 5 and 6 football team played in a round-robin tournament at ECC on Tuesday. After playing Lady Seawards, Otterton and Drake United, Lymptone, The Beacon and Withycombe, they had two wins, two loses and a draw, which gave them third place out of six.

It was really good to see boys who don't play club football getting a chance. Jax, Josh, Charlie and Healy were all really focused, positive and enthusiastic.

The boys played out of their skins and really did the school proud. Healy doesn't play football for a club, but he was a defensive rock! But man of the tournament goes to Archie C, who gave 200% the whole afternoon. He was a ball of positive energy.





Citizens Advice Parent Support Advisers

Parenting is one of the hardest jobs out there, but you don't have to navigate the challenges alone. As your **Citizens Advice Parent Support Advisers**, we're here to help East Devon families tackle everything from debt and benefits to SEND, education, and family separation. Whether you need a listening ear to build your confidence or practical help maximising your income, we offer tailored support through exploratory phone calls or face-to-face meetings at our offices and community spaces. We work closely with you throughout the school year—and provide continued outreach during the holidays—to ensure you always have a

trusted partner in your corner. To get started, simply **speak to a member of staff at your child's school for a referral**, visit <https://www.citizensadviceeastdevon.org/>

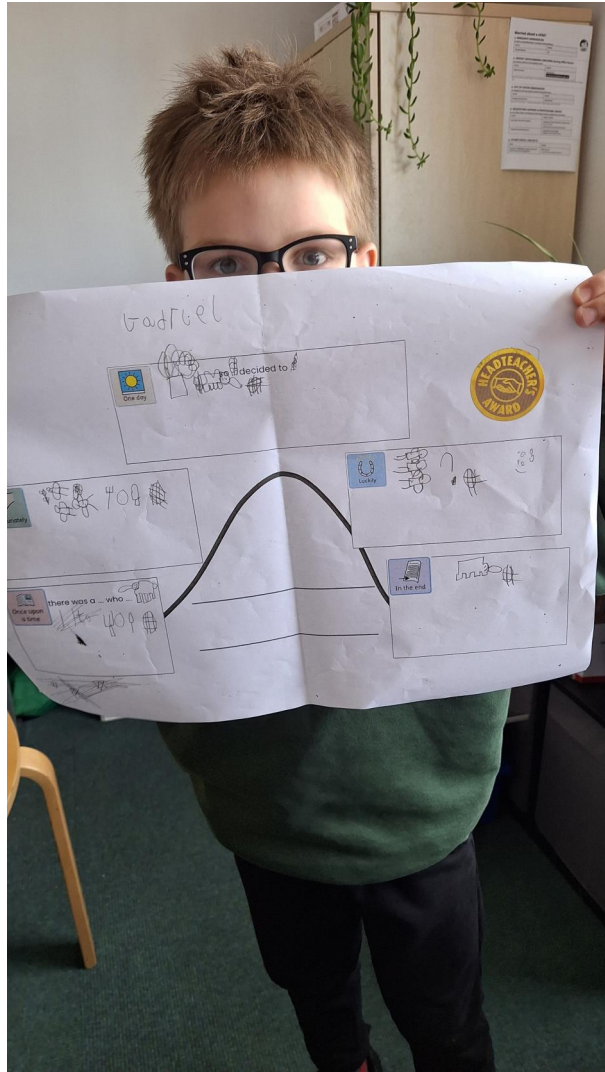
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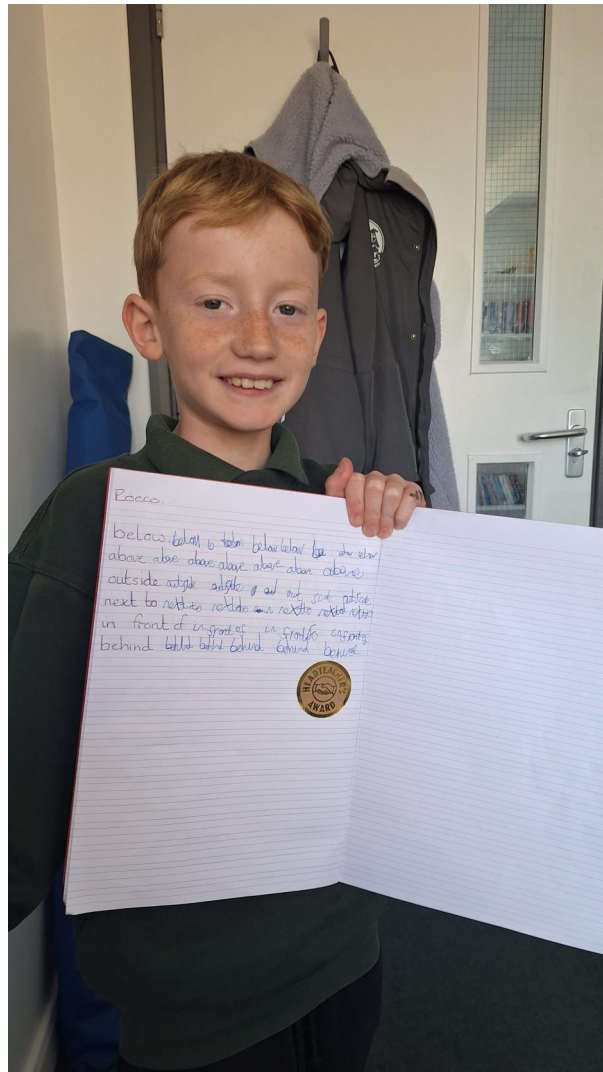
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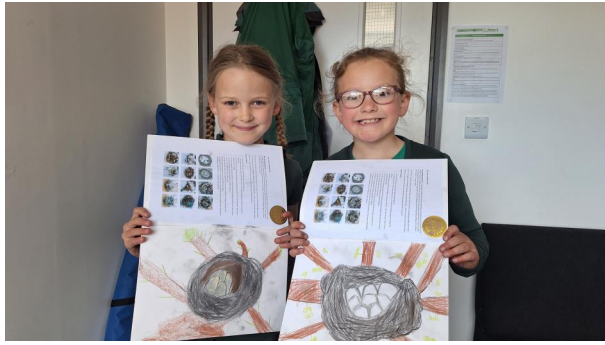


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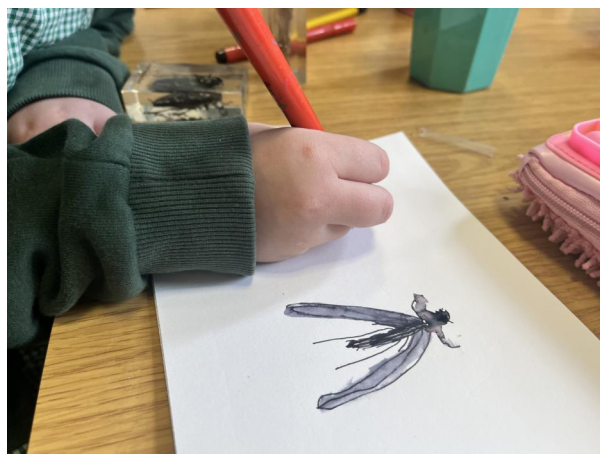




What's Been Happening In School...



Look at the amazing art work our budding artists created with Miss Evans in our afterschool art club today! Amazing insect art!





A huge well done to our amazing quiz team for taking part in the Exmouth Community College Easter Book Quiz! Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time and absolutely loved being welcomed to the college. The dingbats, book chat, and of course the chocolate tasting were definite highlights! A big thank you, as always, to our wonderful parents for transporting the children, and to Mrs Broad and the office team for all the behind-the-scenes admin that makes these opportunities possible. We're so proud of you.



Rowan Class took part in their beach clean, despite the rain! Well done all!



Pupil Celebrations...



Well done to...Heidi, Immie, Polly & Anna, Elsie, Piper & Ariella, Lenny, Mabel, Arno, Olive, Woody, Sofia, Mia, Anika, Elijah, Ariella, Darcie & Albert, Charlie, Tilly, Wolfe, Sophia, Willow, Woody



1 - Well done to Heidi, Immie, Polly & Anna who took part in the annual show performance for their ballet and bop dance class with Starting Pointe recently!



2 - Well done to Elsie, Piper & Ariella who got to attend a girls only rugby event in Teignmouth recently, hosted by England Rugby!



3 - Well done to Lenny who completed his 200 meter swimming achievement recently!



4 - Well done to Mabel who performed in her ballet show recently!



5 - Well done to Arno who achieved his badges on his ski holiday to France!



6 - Well done to Olive who achieved her badges on her ski holiday to France!



7 - Well done to Woody who rode the red run and the black run (rated "difficult" and "severe" respectively) at Haldon Forest recently!



8 - Well done to Sofia who competed in two tennis tournaments recently and did brilliantly!



9 - Well done to Mia who was awarded principle's performer of the term recently!



10 - Well done to Ani who recently tried out for Sidmouth Surf Lifesaving Club, and managed to pass the swim test to get into the club!



11 - Well done to Elijah who received the player of the match trophy in the U6 rugby team at Exmouth!



12 - Well done to Ariella who received the effort medal at U9 rugby team in withycombe!



13 - Well done to Darcie and Albert! Darcie is excelling in football and Albert received player of the match at his football club recently!



14 - Well done to Charlie who was awarded Member of the Month at LED recently! He was also runner up at the Under 10's Ivybridge Easter open competition and has been invited to represent Devon for Under 10's Devon team county cup in Truro soon!





15 - Well done to Wolfe who came 2nd in the junior Jurassic coast run; 2.5km in 12 minutes 1 second!



16 - Well done to Sophia who recently achieved her stage 5 and water skills stage 2!



17 - Well done to Willow who completed the 2.5km Jurassic Coast run around the LORP in Budleigh recently!



18 - Well done to Woody who achieved a merit in his Grade 3 violin exam recently!

Coming Up In The School & Community...





an invitation
All welcome

WED 27 MAY: 10AM TO 12PM
Public Hall

• Organised by Budleigh Salterton Town Council

The Tortoise and The Hare
a story for Budleigh of the future

- stories and activities
- tips and ideas from local groups
- For young and old - design your Budleigh High Street
- Also, launching "20 is Plenty, & Slowing down for Budleigh's sake"

Refreshment: Launchpad Pop up Cafe

what changes can make Budleigh safer, quieter, greener and cost less?

Adapting for a Changing Future

Thursday
28th May at
6:30pm

Public Hall, Budleigh Salterton

An evening of talks and Inspirations, celebrating community-led climate initiatives in Budleigh Salterton and across the Otter valley. Come and share your priorities for enhancing the environment in the face of evolving climate change.

Just some of the areas for discussion

Protecting our biodiversity, bee-lines, reducing plastics, Improved routes for cycling and walking, planting trees & creating shade, reducing carbon emissions, pesticide removal, reducing waste, outdoor walking, sustainable transport, climate resilience, coastal erosion, regenerative farming, healthy rivers, clean bathing water ...

OTTER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

No cost - just your time.

FOOD & LICENSED BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE.

PLASTIC FREE
BUDLEIGH SALTERTON
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

SIDESHORE SUNSET CINEMA

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

6PM: FINDING NEMO

8.15PM: POINT BREAK

SNACKS & DRINKS AVAILABLE | BRING A CHAIR
MORE DETAILS & BOOKING ON WEBSITE

£8 ADULT. £5 KIDS*
£20 FAMILY TICKET
*AGE 5 TO 15



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ACTIVE SPORTS CAMP



@ St Peters C of E Primary School

📍 Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6QF

🕒 9am - 3.30pm

💷 £20 per child

👤 Ages 5-11 years old

HAF Places available 9am- 1.30pm



TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2026

Give your child an unforgettable school break at our exciting and inclusive Active Sports Camp! Designed to build confidence, encourage teamwork, and introduce a wide range of fun activities, our camp creates a positive environment where every child feels welcome.

Led by experienced coaches, each day is packed with sporting activities, and team challenges that promote friendship and resilience.

www.eequ.org/sportingsteps



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NOW**

Budleigh Churches Partnership

Songs of Praise

Come and sing a selection of
favourite songs and hymns chosen
by local people.

24th May 6pm

Temple Methodist Church Lawn.
Fore St, Budleigh Salterton.
(inside if raining)

Followed by Refreshments



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