



End of year special 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year comes to a close, I've been reflecting on all that we have achieved together as a school community.

At our End of Year Awards Service today, I asked the children a simple question: "**How far have you travelled this year?**" Not how many miles they had covered on trips and residential, but how much they had grown as learners, friends and young people. Looking around the hall, the answer was obvious – they have travelled an incredible distance.



Academic

Reading remains at the heart of everything we do because we know it opens doors to every area of learning. Alongside this, our children have continued to flourish through “Talk for Writing” and a curriculum that encourages curiosity, creativity and a love of learning.

Our **Reception and Year 1 phonics outcomes** were once again above the national average, giving our youngest pupils a fantastic start to life at St Peter's. At the end of Key Stage 2, our writing results were also above the national average. While reading and mathematics outcomes were slightly below national figures, they do not tell the full story. Many pupils joined us later in their primary education needing additional support, and the progress they have made is something they, and we, should be immensely proud of.

Beyond the results, our children have designed, built, investigated, performed, painted, written, debated and discovered. From our Art Exhibition and Poetry Slam to author visits,

music and exciting curriculum projects, every child has had opportunities to develop their unique talents and interests.

Growing Character



At St Peter's, everything we do is rooted in Jesus' command to "**Love your neighbour as yourself,**" brought to life through the **Parable of the Good Samaritan.**

The Good Samaritan simply saw someone who needed help and chose kindness. That is the culture we strive to build every day.



Throughout this year I have seen children welcoming new classmates, encouraging friends, leading by example, serving our community and showing respect for themselves, each other and the world around them. During today's awards service, teacher after teacher summed up our school with one simple phrase:

"We take care of each other."

To me, those five words capture everything that makes St Peter's special.

A Year to Remember



What a year it has been.



Our Year 3 sleepover, Year 4's adventures at Escot and Year 6's unforgettable London residential created memories that will last a lifetime. Children represented the school with pride in football, netball, rugby, cross country, dance and athletics, with our cross-country team enjoying particular success.

Beyond sport, children have performed in concerts and productions, cared for our chickens, taken part in Budleigh in Bloom and beach cleans, supported charities, enjoyed author visits, discos, film nights, educational visits, leadership opportunities and so much more.

These experiences matter because they help children discover new passions, build confidence and grow into well-rounded young people.

Looking ahead, we are delighted that the Oak and Ash classroom block will receive a complete refurbishment over the summer, providing an even better environment for learning in September.



Thank You





None of this would be possible without an incredible community.

Thank you to our outstanding staff for everything they give to our children each day. Thank you to our governors, volunteers, PTA, church and wider community for your continued support and generosity.

Finally, thank you to you, our parents and carers. Thank you for trusting us with your children and for the partnership we share. Whether hearing them read, supporting school events or simply encouraging them each morning, you make an enormous difference.

A Personal Reflection



Being Headteacher of St Peter's is a role I never take for granted. Every day I see children growing in confidence, curiosity and character, supported by dedicated staff, supportive families and a community that genuinely cares.

I hope that when our children leave St Peter's, they take with them not only the knowledge they've gained, but also the values that will guide them throughout their lives.

Well done to all of today's award winners—you should be incredibly proud of your achievements.

Thank you for another fantastic year. I wish you all a happy and restful summer, and to our wonderful Year 6 children, every success as you begin the next stage of your journey.

As a thank you for completing our parent surveys, and for the children's excellent behaviour in church today, tomorrow will be a non-uniform day. Please also do come along and swap any uniform you no longer need tomorrow afternoon.

With every good wish,

Steve Hitchcock

Headteacher