



NEWSLETTER WEEK 4 TERM 2

Our school value for this term is thankfulness.

'Always be thankful'.

Thessalonians 5.16

'Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day'

Alice Morse Earle

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy few weeks in school of learning, trips in the local area, beach school and workshops in school. Do not forget to keep up to date with everything that is happening on our Facebook page!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026 OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

If your child is due to start school in September 2026, please make sure you contact Miss Wells and she will ensure that you understand the process for application.

If you know someone who has a child starting school in September 2026, please encourage them to come and have a look around our lovely school.

The deadline for applications is Thursday 15th January 2026.

AGENTS OF CHANGE

This year our children will continue to be agents of change. Each class has chosen a charity or cause that they would like to support this year and will be planning two fundraising activities. The children are presenting their ideas during worship on Monday, so we will share further information with you in our next newsletter.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We have several different events that are happening in the lead up to Christmas, which we hope that you will be able to join us for.

Monday 1st December -Advent Mass is at 9.00am in the church - all welcome.

Friday 5th December - Christmas Disco (book via parentmail)

Tuesday 9th December - Year 6 out at The Mayor's Carol Service

Wednesday 10th December 10.00am in the hall - Penguins and Turtles Nativity - all welcome

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Dinner

Friday 12th December - Breakfast with Fr Christmas (book via parentmail)

Monday 15th December 9.00am - Christmas Carol Service in the church - all welcome

Tuesday 16th December 2.00pm - Christmas Sing-a-long in the hall - all welcome

Friday 19th December 11.00am - Christingle Service in the church - all welcome (school finishes as 1.15pm)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The mental health and well-being of all members of our community is a priority at St Peter's and we are so lucky to be able to employ our own School Counsellor, Michelle Charlton-Taylor. Michelle offers 1:1 and small group therapy for our children, but also provides supervision for staff. Michelle has spaces each week should parents/carers wish to book an appointment to see her. Please do use this wonderful resource!

Michelle can be contacted by email - michelle.ct@st-peters-folkestone.kent.sch.uk

All work undertaken with Michelle is done so in the strictest of confidence.

PARKING

A reminder to parents/carers to refrain from parking on the double yellow lines and zig zag lines outside of school. Please help to keep our children and our community safe.

Parents are not permitted to park in the car park during school hours. Children are often walking near the car park, so this area is for staff only.

Our Mini cadets are currently working with Kent Police to raise awareness around parking outside our school. The Mini Cadets will be outside school with the police in the coming weeks to monitor the parking.

ECO-WARRIORS

Our Eco-Warriors are encouraging the 'write one card' initiative again this year to save paper! They are encouraging the children to write one Christmas card to the class, rather than lots of individual cards. More details to follow in their newsletter.

They are also continuing their battery recycling scheme and crisp packet recycling scheme. Crisp packets can be recycled in the box in the porch area and there is a box to recycle any batteries in the office.

This is all part of their vision to take better care of our planet.

BEACH SCHOOL

Please make sure that your child is appropriately dressed for beach school. Dresses and skirts are not appropriate and neither are crocs. Please make sure that children have old trainers on their feet when going to the beach. At this time of the year, a spare set of clothes is necessary, as children can get quite wet and dirty.

TERM DATES 2025/2026

Term 2 - Monday 27th October - Friday 19th December (finish at 1.15pm)

Term 3 - Monday 5th January - Thursday 12th February

Term 4 - Monday 23rd February - Thursday 2nd April

Term 5 - Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

Term 6 - Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July

INSET DAYS - 13th February, 20th and 21st July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24th November - Sporty Day (wear sports clothes and make a donation to help sponsor Hayley Turrell who is our sports coach, but also plays for Folkestone Invicta football team).

Tuesday 25th November - Year 6 Beach School

Thursday 27th November - Turtles and Dolphins out at The Three Hills Multi skills event

Thursday 27th November - Sharks Anti-Bullying workshop delivered by Kent Police

Friday 28th November - Dress as an Elf for Santa's Workshop Day

Monday 1st December - Advent Mass 9.00am in the Church.

Tuesday 2nd December - Year 5 Beach School

Wednesday 3rd December - Year R and Year 6 height and weight checks

Wednesday 3rd December - ROAR awards ceremony for Shark Class

Wednesday 3rd December - Visit to Folkestone Police Station for our Mini Cadets

Friday 5th December - School Disco

Tuesday 9th December - Year 6 out at The Mayor's Carol Service in St Mary's and St Eanswythe's Church

Wednesday 10th December - Seahorses out at Folkestone Museum (Roman Workshop)

Wednesday 10th December - Penguins and Turtles Nativity Production (10.00am)

Wednesday 10th December - Sharks out at Folkestone Cinema to see Kensuke's Kingdom

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Crafts Workshop for Penguins and Turtles (2.00pm) - Parents welcome to join their children

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner!

Thursday 11th December - Turtles and Dolphins Christmas Workshop at Godington House Ashford (fully funded).

Friday 12th December - Breakfast with Santa (book via parentmail)

Monday 15th December - Carol Service in the church 9.00am (everyone welcome)

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Sing-a-long 2.00pm in the hall (everyone welcome)

Friday 19th December - Christingle Service 11.00am in the Church (everyone welcome)

NO NUT POLICY!

We have several children who have severe nut allergies, so it is essential that parents/carers adhere to this rule. We ask you to check the packets to ensure that items you are putting into your child's packed lunch do not contain nuts. These children also have severe allergies to egg, so we would ask that you refrain from putting hard boiled eggs in your child's lunch box or sandwiches, in order to keep these children safe.

PACKED LUNCHES

No fizzy drinks or chocolate to be sent in for children's lunch and we encourage a healthy lunchbox. Please also remember that only water should be brought in the children's water bottles for the classroom, squash and flavoured waters are not permitted.

HOMEWORK

Homework is due in on Monday 15th December. Don't forget children get a stamp each term they complete their homework, which enables them to access the homework treat in the summer term. As well as homework tasks, children are expected to read daily with an adult at home (at least 4 signatures a week from home in their RED TED books please), in order to collect their RED TED rewards.

Children in Seahorses and Sharks are also expected to complete at least 10 sessions on Spelling Shed each week, Dolphins are expected to complete 5 sessions on Spelling Shed and Turtles are expected to complete 5 sessions on Maths Shed. Some children in Turtles will also be expected to complete 5 sessions on Spelling Shed once they have completed RWI, your child will know if this applies to them. Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) should be completed weekly for children in Year 2 - 6. Children are expected to log 30 minutes (30 sessions) of learning on TTRS each week. If they log more than 35 sessions they will get a certificate!

Supporting your children with their learning at home is so important and part of the home-school agreement.

IROCK

Irock continue to deliver music lessons in school. If you are interested in your child having singing, drumming, keyboard or guitar lessons, please call into the school office for information or take a look at their website [iRock School of Music | In School rock and pop band lessons](#)

EMAIL CONTACTS

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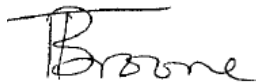
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Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toni Browne'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first letter 'T'.

Mrs Toni Browne (Headteacher)