

Dear families,

We hope you enjoy reading the weekly newsletter and find it informative and interesting. Prior to September, the newsletter was less frequent. As it exists to inform parents, we would love to hear your views on the frequency of the newsletter going forward. Please complete the Parentmail form sent out alongside this newsletter to help us make the right choice about how often to keep you updated.

Pegasus enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at Pitt Rivers museum in Oxford this week and Tucana are looking forward to heading off to the Oxfordshire museum on the 22nd November.

With the cost of transport increasing hugely, and ongoing traffic problems, we are exploring ways to maintain a good level of curriculum enrichment for our pupils, whilst ensuring costs

remain affordable and cost-effective for school and for parents in the future. Many thanks for your continued support.



Congratulations to Humphrey who competed in an interclub karate competition in Brackley recently. He won three gold medals for the kata, kickmaster and kumite, making it a special day for the whole family. We are proud of you Humphrey. Congratulations to Evie and Phoebe who were both awarded a golden star medal for all their hard work and training for the pod squad in Gymnastics. Keep it up girls! Several pupils also achieved swimming awards this week, so well done to them also.

If you have an achievement outside of school to share, please email the office, and/or bring in your certificate/ medal/photo for Friday's Celebration assembly.

We are all heading off to see the panto on the 15th December—*oh yes we are! Oh no we're not!* We will definitely be going as long as we have enough contributions to make it viable. If you have completed the form to say yes, but not yet completed payment, please do so as soon as you are able. Many thanks. Thanks also to FOSPS who have paid in advance for an ice-cream while we are there. Specific diets will be catered for. **Look out next week for our newsletter detailing all our Christmas events!**

DATES COMING UP

*(parents are welcome at events in **italic bold**)*



12th Nov ***Remembrance Service @war memorial***

14th Nov U11 Hockey—selected pupils

15&16th Nov Bikeability Y6

17th Nov **Children in Need - invited to wear something spotty alongside uniform for a donation.**

20th Nov Road safety week

20th Nov Inflatable football taster day

22nd Nov Tucana class trip

27th Nov U11 Boccia —selected pupils

28th Nov Big Christmas Sing — invited pupils Y3/4

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

- Cygnus** Diwali learning—Learning the story of “Rama and Sita”, exploring mendi patterns on hands and smaller rangoli patterns. Sounds “r” and “h” and tricky words “the” and “they”
- Tucana** In art we have been learning layering techniques using card to create texture and depth. We used this in our remembrance art too.
- Phoenix** Angles in maths; how to punctuate speech in our writing and comparing the everyday lives of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.
- Pegasus** using written methods to multiply in Maths, planning and writing newspaper reports in English, and enjoyed our trip to complement our Topic work on Africa and Benin.

Remembrance Events

Thankyou to all those who have donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. It was lovely to see some of you at the Remembrance service today.

We were very proud of Tobias and Tabitha who represented St Peter's School at RAF Brize Norton's Station service, where it was a privilege to join with approx. 1000 personnel. Tabitha says '*as someone who is not part of a forces family, I understand more now and it is a great honour, but also a risk, which can be a worry for some of my friends*'. Tobias said '*It was a great privilege to represent St Peter's on such an important occasion*'.

We enjoyed welcoming Cpl Joshua Marlow to an assembly to tell us more about his role and why Remembrance is important and lay a wreath. All pupils have spoken thoughtfully about this important event and our thoughts are with families who have lost loved ones at this time. We have reflected on the freedom we have today thanks to the lives of many. Anyone 9+ who would like to explore more could choose to enter a poetry/art competition on this website. [2023-24 Competition — Never Such Innocence](#)

I hope you have a peaceful weekend,

Diana Apple





Standing with Giants creates large-scale outdoor remembrance art installations, made from recycled materials, handmade by volunteers. These installations provide a meaningful space for people to visit and reflect, grieve, and discuss. Bringing people together to remember those who fought for freedom, past and present.



To commemorate and remember those who lost their lives in both World Wars and present-day conflicts, a specially commissioned art installation returns to the East Front Gardens at Hampton Court Palace this November.

The piece includes 125 specially commissioned silhouettes of soldiers, including Indian soldiers who camped in Home Park, Hampton Court. There will also be 79 screen-printed poppy wreaths as part of the installation, representing each year since D-Day.

WHEN

01 - 25 November 2023
10:00-16:00

WHERE

East Front Gardens

STOWE GARDENS

Stowe
Gardens

Walk amongst 200 life-size soldier silhouettes and connect with the natural landscape around Octagon Lake and Sleeping Wood in the idyllic gardens of National Trust – Stowe Gardens.

Our installation alongside our Tommy silhouettes includes 13 new designs, all created from British soldiers who were part of the D-Day landings in 1944.

This moving statement of commemoration, remembrance, and honour offers visitors a space to reflect and connect.

Our installations are handmade and created by our community-based project to raise understanding and appreciation of our freedom and to remember and pay tribute to those who gave their lives so we could live ours today.



Remembrance Service

🕒 12 Nov 2023, 10:50 a.m. for
1 hour, 10 mins

📍 Alvescot St Peter
Mill Lane Alvescot Bampton, OX18
2PT, GB

📌 We mark Remembrance Sunday with a service which starts at the War Memorial at 10.50 am and concludes in St Peter's Church.



🎮 November is International Games Month an annual celebration of games, play, libraries and learning.

We have Stay & Play on Tuesday at 3.30pm, Lego Club on Thursday at 3.30pm and Mystic Games will be here in the library this Friday 10th November at 3.25pm for Games Club and Pokemon trading cards.

Full details in Facebook at [Carterton Library](#) 😊



Wreath-making workshop £30

1st December 7.30 pm

Alvescot Village Hall

To book a place contact Jenny Insch

jennyinsch@gmail.com

07901985622

Deadline 24th November

Proceeds to St Peter's, Alvescot Church Restoration Fund



Alvescot Advent Window Trail



Would you like to brighten up Alvescot in the lead up to Christmas? Why not help produce an Advent window trail?

1. Message or email me to ask for a number jennyinsch@gmail.com, making sure you give me your address. Please respond by 25th November.
2. Create a window display....you choose the theme. There are lots of inspiring ideas online.
3. On your date in December (and every day up to Christmas) illuminate your window.

And/or...

4. Request a map and follow the trail! 🐾

Donations to St Peter's Church, Alvescot, can be made directly via online banking. For the reference please use Advent and your surname.

Account name: Alvescot Parochial Church Council

Sort code: 30-99-78

Account number: 00627597

If you would like to gift aid your donation please contact Jayne Lewin:

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