

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful end to the week with World Book Day and a Mothering Sunday Workshop led by FOSPS. All pupils enjoyed sharing favourite stories with a buddy from a different class and listening to author Jules Pottle tell us all about Jasper the Spider and Uncle Jack. [Artful Fox Creatives](#)

Thankyou to Mr Wise for organising the World Book Day events.

This week and our upcoming Science week, really showcase the strong team of volunteers, parents and staff we have at St Peter's who work together to give our pupils the best experience they can. We are very grateful for the support and time dedicated to our pupils from all areas of the community. Next week we are excited to welcome in a range of visitors to help us see how science helps us in real life and to take part in some scientific investigations in our classes. We will end the week with Comic Relief—where pupils can wear a red accessory for a donation in the bucket.



## DATES COMING UP

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

Fri 8th	Mothers Day Workshop
Mon 11-15th	Science Week
Mon 11th	Phoenix workshop Oxford Earth Sciences
Mon 11th	Library visit to assembly
Tues 12th	Pegasus swimming Science visitor in Pegasus
Wed 13th	Science visitor in Tucana
Thurs 14th	Science visitor in Pegasus
Friday 15th	<b><i>Cygnus Class assembly</i></b>
Friday 15th	Comic relief—option to wear red accessory for a donation



Well done to Humphrey, Peter and Elsie who won medals in a recent karate competition, Zoey who won the parent's player trophy in football and Aurelia who won player of the week in rugby.

**WRAP AROUND UPDATE:** More information is attached with this newsletter about how to book. If you have any problems with booking, or have any other questions, please email [calmclub@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:calmclub@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk).

Booking is now live for Term 5 and for Term 6. Full details can be found at: [Wrap Around Care Policy March 24.pdf \(stpeters.oxon.sch.uk\)](#) and [Calm Club info summary for parents.pdf \(stpeters.oxon.sch.uk\)](#)

Fabulous FOSPS have been busy as ever!—check out their Spring Newsletter on p.3,4 and 5.



And finally...St Peter's Church have an informal Mothering Sunday service at 10.30am this Sunday to celebrate anyone who has played a nurturing role in our lives.  
Enjoy your weekend,

*Diana*

## WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

<b>Cygnus</b>	Learning new trigraphs (three letters, one sound) 'ear', 'air' and 'ure' in phonics and using them in a variety of words. They have also been practising a special story-song for their first class assembly next week.
<b>Tucana</b>	Learning how to use adjectives in our writing. We have also been learning how different surfaces have an effect on wheels.
<b>Phoenix</b>	About different types of rock, how fossils are formed and had a visit from paleontologist Mary Anning.
<b>Pegasus</b>	We have been editing and improving our writing, working with percentages and enjoying sharing our love of books on World Book Day.



We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Honour who has worked here for over twenty years in various roles. Most recently she has proved invaluable as our KS2 French specialist and as a teaching assistant, particularly supporting work with older pupils on emotional literacy. Mrs Honour is leaving education to focus more on her family life and their farm. We are very grateful for all her hard work and wish her the very best for her future. Mrs Honour's last day will be Thursday 28th March.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Suzanne Rowlands to our teaching assistant team. Mrs Rowlands is an experienced higher-level teaching assistant (HLTA) who brings many skills to our already talented TA team including work on a qualification about dyslexia and running lego therapy. Her passion is English and we are pleased she has offered to run creative writing club for older children which will focus on drama, writing games and inventing stories. She is also leading story club for younger pupils and will share stories, invent stories and use drawing, modelling and play to explore stories. She will start on 15th April and will work mainly across KS2.



We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Steph Kowalski officially onto our staff team as our after-school care provider for Calm Club. As many of you will already know, Mrs Kowalski has worked for many years in school, though employed by the School Lunch Company serving lunches. This role will continue but she will also be planning activities and overseeing care in our school hall or outside in our new wrap around care offer: Calm Club with the support of Mrs Axford or Mr Curtis.

Mrs Williams has been undertaking the Special Education Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) qualification this year and is our school SENDCo. Whilst training has been underway, this role has been shared with Mrs Axford. As the training now heads towards an end point, Mrs Williams will now be the main SEN point of contact and can be contacted on [sendco@stepeters.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:sendco@stepeters.oxon.sch.uk) if you have specific queries related to SEN that cannot be addressed by the class teacher.



Mrs Sarah Smith has kindly volunteered to be our Forces champion alongside her TA work. This will mainly involve her supporting pupils from military families and organising 'forces' and 'forces and friends' events and activities. She will also be a point of contact for military families, particularly during deployment or transition. Please contact her via the school office if you need to.

As usual, I am available on the gate most days, teachers are available at the end of most days and should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns or queries about your child.

They are also contactable via their 'classhomework' email for specific learning-related queries.

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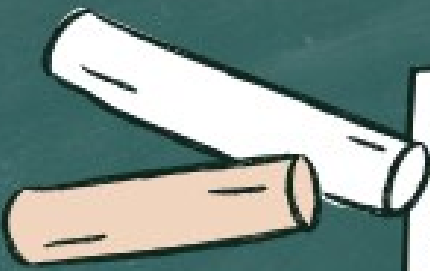
Please note that we may take up to three working days to reply to an email. Any urgent queries can be raised by phoning the office.



Friends of St Peters School Alvescot


# Spring Newsletter

## What's going on?



We have the opportunity of a Tesco Stronger starts Grant, but need your help to fill up the blue token box by the end of March. Please spread the word to anyone who visits the Faringdon Superstore!

We are looking forward to the Mothers day workshop this week and hope you enjoy your special weekend supermums!



FOSPS will be running a refreshment table at the School Easter Church Service on the 28th March. With Easter early this year we have moved our fete to May instead, Happy Easter all!

## With thanks....

You raised £120 for the school by donating old clothes to Rags to Riches. Thank you!

When using Easyfundraising your online shopping raised free donations totalling £96.81 for Q4 of 2023! PS - there is now a reminder app for android phones too!

We were successful in a colleague community grant request to Nationwide! The grant will cover lots of great community activities, trips for the children, art workshop and installation and much more. Thank you so much to Jason Beesley for seizing the opportunity of a grant for the school! Does your workplace offer charity grants or Match Fundraising? We would love to hear from you.

## Dates for the Diary -

- ☒ FOSPS Meeting all welcome.  
14th March, 7pm.  
The Plough.
- ☒ May Day Fete  
3rd May, at school, 3-5pm
- ☒ Rags to Riches collection 4th June

## Funding Goals -

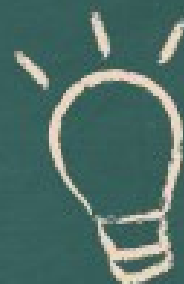
We have several goals for funding at the moment

- Access to music lessons, including a set of instruments and music teacher hours.
- Outdoor learning for all classes monthly, equipment, resources, training and staff hours.
- A new board and sound system in the school hall.
- Yr 6 leavers hoodies

Things FOSPS have recently funded -

- New reading materials
- Playground equipment and storage
- Improvements to outdoor areas (in Spring).

*Thank you!*



Who are the FOSPS Trustees?

Aily, Charlotte, Natalie and Tara.

All working mums of children at the school.

Join our monthly Lotto with a chance to win over £70.  
<https://forms.gle/K847bYdcBFz1LpUM6>



### HELP NEEDED!

May Day Fete volunteers. Would you run a game on the day, lend a hand setting up? Would you like to help with hoodies and leavers event planning? How about coordinating our workshops, for fathers day and christmas?

Do you have other ideas? We need you!

### FOSPS Roles -

See the attached list of roles within FOSPS. We would be happy to discuss any interest you have, we always welcome new volunteers or trustees. It is now a good time to plan ahead for the next school year for any hand over of roles. With plenty of time to learn the ropes.

Easyfundraising Link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersceschoolalvescot>

Contact us at

[friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com)



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## Volunteer Roles

**Would you like to join our friendly team and get involved in planning fundraising and events to benefit the whole school community? We meet 4-6 times a year, usually at the pub – this should be fun along the way!**

Please reach out to Aily Slade or Charlotte Challoner, or email [friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com) to learn more.

### **Trustee Chair.**

- Point of contact for FOSPS, with School and other external.
- Chair AGM and other meetings. Complete annual return.
- Attend trustee meetings, planning and attending future events as part of the team.

### **Trustee Secretary.**

- Take minutes at meetings and distribute them.
- Create posters and newsletters.
- Attend trustee meetings, planning and attending future events as part of the team.
- Take one of the below coordinator roles or other tasks to suit your skill set.

### **Trustee Treasurer.**

- Oversee the Bank account, reconciling against a simple spreadsheet.
- Make payments, reimbursements as required. Pay in cash from events and tuck.
- Attend trustee meetings, planning and attending future events as part of the team.

### **Trustee Team Member x 2 –**

- Attend trustee meetings, planning and attending future events as part of the team.
- Take some of the below coordinator roles or other tasks to suit your skill set.

### **Co-ordinator roles -**

- Donations Coordinator. Organise the tracker of donation requests for large events like Christmas raffle & May Day fete. Write letters and emails requesting donations, call to follow up.
- Workshop co-ordinator. Organise the Mothers & Fathers days and Elfridges events. Sourcing gifts, volunteers and overseeing the bookings.
- Lotto Coordinator. Drive the advertising and sign ups at the start of the school year. Conduct the monthly draws and submit the return.
- Grants Coordinator. Research grant opportunities and complete requests.
- Tuck Team lead – Choosing stock, rotaring volunteers and tracking income and reimbursement.

### **There are other ways to help -**

- Lend a hand at Friday Tuck 2 or 3 times a term? 2.50-3.15
- Volunteer time on event days to lend a hand setting up or clearing down.
- Would you like to make a fun stall game and coordinate it on event day?

- Do you work for a company that offers Match Fundraising? (Banks, High Street shops and supermarkets, will match the amount raised at one of our events!)
- Need a secondary duty, how about helping set up at events, running a stall, grilling bbq or serving at the bar?

- Do you have ideas for fundraising, wish to arrange an event as a one off with the guidance of a trustee, without taking on a full trustee role?

**We would be happy to hear from anyone who wishes to lend a hand, in any capacity.**

St Peter's Church, Alvescot

# *Mothering Sunday Service*

10.30am 10th March



*Everyone is invited*

to this informal service when we will  
celebrate and remember those who  
have played a nurturing and  
caring role in our lives.



## WHY NOT JOIN US?

OUR AIM IS TO IMPROVE LIFE FOR RESIDENTS  
AND WORKERS OF ALVESCOT VILLAGE  
[HTTPS://WWW.ALVESCOT.ORG.UK/](https://www.alvescot.org.uk/)

# The fate of the Fete is in your hands!

## HOW CAN I HELP?

WE NEED INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES  
AND/OR  
WE NEED FETE VOLUNTEERS

COME ALONG ON  
MON 11TH MARCH 2024  
@SCHOOL 6.30PM

PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF US FOR MORE INFO

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**CURRENTLY WE ARE NOT ABLE TO RUN THE FETE THIS  
YEAR AS AVA DUE TO LACK OF TRUSTEES**